

LOGAN VALUE PORTFOLIOS: LOGAN CONCENTRATED VALUE (LCV) Q1 | 2021 REVIEW¹

MARKET ENVIRONMENT

Two quarters does not a trend make, but for the second quarter in a row value stocks outperformed growth stocks, and decisively so. Specifically, data provided by Russell indicated the Russell 1000 Value Index advanced +11.3% during the first quarter versus a return of +0.9% for the Russell 1000 Growth Index. Over the last two quarters, the Russell 1000 Value Index has outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by 16 percentage points (i.e., 29% versus 13%). LCV also had another good quarter with the gross composite advancing +10.6%, after having advanced +16.4% in the fourth quarter of 2020 (see attached page). The 29% compound return for the prior two quarters was the best quarterly back-to-back performance for LCV in its more than twenty-five year history.

We would note that small and mid-cap stocks in the value universe stood out even more than large cap value stocks. For example, the Russell Mid-Cap Value Index

rose +13.1% during the first quarter. Since that index is included in the Russell 1000 Value Index, it explains why the Russell 1000 Value Index outperformed the Russell Top 200 Value Index by 100 basis points, and helps put LCV's relative performance in context as well.

So why the sudden turnaround in the growth/value dynamic, and will it continue? The answer to the second question is straight forward: nobody knows for sure. Regarding the first question, there are a number of factors, many of which we talked about in our last quarterly letter. The introduction of effective Covid vaccines fundamentally changed the entire world's potential economic trajectory. With that change came a fundamental shift in investors' perceptions about key issues such as consumer spending habits, interest rates, demand for natural resources (e.g., oil), and inflation.

With the world mired in lockdowns for much of last year, investor perceptions about those

issues favored growth stocks that flourished in that environment. For example, interest rates were suppressed for much of last year as the Federal Reserve kept short term rates near 0% and they expressed their intent to keep them there for the foreseeable future. With both short and longer term interest rates suppressed, the valuation of growth stocks continued to expand because more of their value is derived from growing and often distant cash flows than is typically the case with value stocks, and investors were discounting those future cash flows at very low rates thereby raising the present value. But as the path for widespread vaccine distributions became easier to envision, circumstances changed. Most notably, an expanding economy paired with a new \$1.9 trillion government spending package that appeared to pour fuel on an already lit fire led longer term interest rates to climb dramatically. Indeed, Bloomberg termed the first quarter performance of Treasury bonds the worst since 1980.

¹LOGAN CONCENTRATED VALUE results discussed herein should be read in conjunction with the attached performance and disclosures

Not surprisingly, that negatively affected growth stocks' relative performance as just explained, and at the same time rising rates helped financial stocks (which make up more than 20% of the Value Indexes). Financial stocks often benefit when rates rise as the steepening yield curve tends to improve their margins. Moreover, when interest rates rise at a measured pace (which is still an open question) it can be reflective of a generally improving economy which would likely inure to the benefit of most stocks in the LCV portfolio.

Similarly, oil prices rose with improving demand, but they also got a boost after OPEC decided not to increase supply when they met in early March, contrary to general expectations. According to Bloomberg, Brent crude ended the quarter at just under \$63 per barrel, up from just below \$52 per barrel at December 31, 2020. It was not surprising that energy stocks performed well in such an environment.

As we ponder the question of if value will continue to perform better than growth on a relative basis, we again emphasize that trying to guess is a somewhat futile exercise, especially over short periods like months or quarters. Having said that, we do take some comfort in looking at the valuation disparity between the two groups in relation to historical norms. Using data from Factset, the Russell 1000 Growth Index was selling at a P/E on expected 2021 earnings of 30.1X, as compared to the 18.9X P/E for the Russell

1000 Value Index. Over the last ten years, those numbers have averaged approximately 18.6X and 14.0X, respectively. While disparities like that can last for some time, we do believe mean reversion is a force to be reckoned with. Moreover, Factset indicates the respective earnings growth rates for the Value and Growth indexes over the three years ending in 2023 are: 30.0%, 16.6% and 9.7% for Value and 19.8%, 13.6% and 12.2% for Growth. So at the moment, if an investor were to "pay up" for earnings growth over the near term horizon, he or she would have an eye more toward Value than Growth. Though again we emphasize that while there is ample evidence of a favorable environment for value stocks relative to growth stocks, it is far from certain as to the outcome. That is why we continue to encourage investors to methodically maintain their allocation strategies and not try to time the shifting winds.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

As they did in the fourth quarter, the changing economic landscape, along with fiscal and monetary policy had a profound impact on various sectors of the market and on the LCV portfolio. For example, according to Bloomberg, the rate on 10-year Treasuries increased from .91% at December 31, 2020 to 1.74% at March 31, 2021 (and a low of .31% in March 2020). Similarly, as noted above oil prices increased almost 22% over the same time period.

Like the fourth quarter of 2020, the financial and energy sectors were two of the stronger sectors both within the value index and within the LCV portfolio. Financials were further aided towards the end of the quarter when the Federal Reserve lifted its restrictions on most banks increasing their dividends and resuming stock buybacks (we expect to see the bank stocks in the portfolio act accordingly). For the portfolio, the best performing stocks were holdings within those two sectors.

The sectors which were least helpful to the portfolio's performance last quarter were consumer staples, industrials and health care. Consumer staples were the most significant drag on relative performance with two of the stocks held in that sector registering the poorest absolute stock price performance. Nevertheless, both of those stocks reported earnings that beat analysts' estimates. In our estimation, it would appear that the stock market's rotation away from defensive

oriented consumer staples in general during the quarter explained the stocks' performances more so than anything specific to the stocks themselves.

PORTFOLIO OUTLOOK

For the second consecutive quarter value stocks outperformed growth stocks. We would also note that according to research from Bank of America, February was the single best month for value stocks relative to growth stocks since March 2001. As value in general seems to have found its footing, LCV has also performed well.

As we look ahead we are encouraged at the near term environment as it relates to value stocks. Specifically, with a very large spending bill being layered on top of an already recovering economy, it would appear any economic retrenchment is a good ways off. That may well translate into firming, if not rising interest rates, and higher energy prices. Nevertheless, some of the more defensive names in the portfolio may lag should investors look to more economically sensitive stocks to invest in. But in the grand scheme of things, we still view the portfolio as being conservatively valued with an attractive dividend yield of just below 4% and a P/E on estimated 2021 earnings of 15.4X.

What could change the dynamics currently in place? Most notably would be a new strain or strains of Covid that leads to renewed shutdowns. That appeared to be a possibility as the first quarter was drawing to a close, and should that become more pervasive, all bets are off. But as we have learned over the last year, and as we have always espoused, investing based on short term

trends is a difficult endeavor, and usually unprofitable. So as the saying goes, "trust the process."

Thank you for your continued confidence and investment in LCV. As always, please call or email us if you have any questions.

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The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000

Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap growth segment.

The Russell Midcap Value Index measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book value ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell Top 200 Index measures the performance of the 200 largest companies (63% of total market capitalization) in the Russell 1000 Index, with a weighted average market capitalization of \$186 billion. The median capitalization is \$48 billion; the smallest company in the index has an approximate capitalization of \$14 billion.

**FIVE LARGEST
PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

	% OF PORTFOLIO
Philip Morris International Inc.	9.5%
AT&T Inc.	8.8%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	8.6%
U.S. Bancorp	8.2%
Cisco Systems, Inc.	7.9%

**LONG-TERM
TRACK RECORD**

	TOTAL RETURN NET OF FEES	TOTAL RETURN GROSS OF FEES	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE
QTD	10.4%	10.6%	11.3%
1 Year	36.8%	37.9%	56.1%
3 Year	3.6%	4.5%	11.0%
5 Year	6.5%	7.4%	11.7%
10 Year	8.7%	9.6%	11.0%
20 Year	6.2%	7.1%	7.7%
Since Inception [†]	8.2%	9.0%	9.1%

Annualized Returns (as of 3/31/2021). Time period greater than YTD is annualized.

[†]Inception of (12/31/1995)

Reference performance disclosure

LOGAN AUM+AUA

Strategy AUM	\$193M
Strategy AUA	\$110M
Firm AUA	\$1,391M
Firm AUM	\$2,298M
Total Firm AUM+AUA	\$3,689M

Numbers are subject to rounding differences

AUA has a one month data lag

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Performance Disclosure

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Logan Capital Management, Inc.
Performance Results: Concentrated Value Composite
December 31, 1995 through March 31, 2021

Year	Total Return Net of Fees	Total Return Gross of Fees	Russell 1000 Value Index	Number of Accounts	Composite Dispersion Gross of Fees	Composite 3- Yr Gross Std Dev	Russell 1000 Value Index 3-Yr Gross Std Dev	Composite 3- Yr Gross Sharpe Ratio	Assets in Composite (\$millions)	% of Firm Assets	Firm Assets (\$millions)
YTD 2021	10.4%	10.6%	11.3%	27	N.M.	19.4%	19.7%	0.2	\$11	0.5%	\$2,301
2020	-11.1%	-10.4%	2.8%	28	0.1%	19.1%	19.6%	-0.1	\$10	0.4%	\$2,240
2019	19.3%	20.3%	26.5%	40	0.3%	11.7%	11.9%	0.6	\$17	0.8%	\$2,050
2018	-8.2%	-7.4%	-8.3%	37	0.2%	11.1%	10.8%	0.6	\$13	0.9%	\$1,431
2017	13.7%	14.7%	13.7%	40	0.1%	12.1%	10.2%	1.0	\$15	0.9%	\$1,590
2016	17.9%	19.0%	17.3%	52	0.3%	12.5%	10.8%	0.8	\$18	1.3%	\$1,401
2015	3.9%	4.7%	-3.8%	52	0.2%	11.9%	10.7%	0.9	\$17	1.2%	\$1,398
2014	4.9%	5.7%	13.5%	49	0.4%	9.3%	9.2%	1.4	\$15	0.8%	\$1,816
2013	22.3%	23.3%	32.5%	52	0.3%	9.8%	12.7%	1.8	\$18	0.9%	\$2,061
2012	8.4%	9.2%	17.5%	47	0.4%	12.6%	15.5%	1.1	\$10	0.5%	\$1,932

Annualized Returns (03/31/2021)

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3 Year	3.6%	4.5%	11.0%
5 Year	6.5%	7.4%	11.7%
10 Year	8.7%	9.6%	11.0%
Since Inception [†]	8.2%	9.0%	9.1%

[†]Inception 12/31/95

N.M. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

Performance Disclosure

LCV

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The strategy invests in 10-15 very large cap stocks with strong balance sheets, strong cash flows and relatively high dividend yields. ADR's may be included in the portfolio (generally less than 20%). Turnover is typically 30-50% annually. Only accounts paying commission fees are included. As of September 30, 2014 the minimum account size for the composite is \$75,000. Prior to this date there was no minimum account size.

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