

EDGEWOOD
MANAGEMENT LLC

View from Edgewood

1Q 2019 COMMENTARY

The Edgewood Large Cap Growth Composite gained 16.2% in the first quarter (net-of-fees). The S&P 500 Total Return Index and the Russell 1000 Growth Index returned 13.65% and 16.1% respectively in the same period. This marked the best quarterly gain for the S&P 500 since the third quarter of 2009; a stark turnaround from the steep decline in the last quarter of 2018.

The markets overreacted in the fourth quarter to rising interest rates and a slowdown from the temporary surge to corporate profits due to the 2018 tax bill, with the market bottoming on Christmas Eve. The S&P 500 gained approximately 21% from that point to the end of the first quarter. In a way the first quarter was an extension of the rising market we saw in 2018 with some more positive news added to the mix. This mainly came in the form of a hold on further interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve, certainly in the first half of this year and potentially for all of 2019, depending on economic conditions. As the economy slowed late in the year the market came to believe the Fed was being too aggressive in the face of what has proven to be very benign inflation data. Even with a 50 year low in the unemployment rate the CPI and other gauges of price stability have stayed subdued.

This hold by the Fed led to a rally in the bond market with the ten year treasury yield declining from a high of 3.25% to a low of 2.35% in late March; many believed last fall that rate was heading to 4%. It closed the quarter at 2.48%. This is important and has a much broader effect on the economy than the Fed Funds Rate, which the Federal Reserve actually controls. Most mortgage rates are set off of the ten year rate, and they have dropped substantially since the beginning of the year. In addition, lower long term interest rates increase the attractiveness of equities relative to fixed income instruments.

The other side of the recent drop in interest rates and the Fed's halt is the perception that they are signaling a slowdown in the economy drastic enough that it could lead to a recession. The strength in the job market seems to have slowed, but that is to be expected this far into a recovery. While GDP growth will probably not be close to the 3.1% of 2018, a slower growth rate takes enough pressure off of the economy that wages rise slowly but steadily and the risk of overheating is lessened. The decline in mortgage rates will help the housing market, so the expansion could be further extended. For a few weeks the yield curve was inverted, with the Fed Funds rate actually being higher than the ten year treasury yield. If it persists, it has been a reliable recession predictor, but as of the beginning of the second quarter the inversion has ended.

Clearly there are always risks to consider; a stalemate or failure of the U.S. China trade negotiations are not to be discounted. However, assuming no external shocks, we believe the current moderation in the pace of expansion could be one that allows for inflationary pressures to dissipate while not driving economic growth into negative territory. This scenario should be positive for growth stocks as their superior bottom line results could be all the more notable relative to their more cyclical and slowing counterparts.

Our goal at Edgewood Management is to deliver clients sustainable long-term performance by investing in companies Edgewood considers to be high-quality growth companies.

FIRM OVERVIEW

Founded	1974
Employees	37
Total Assets	\$29.2 Billion (as of 3/31/2019)
Ownership	100% Employee Owned
Investment Strategy	Large Cap Growth Equity
Separate Account	\$5 Million Minimum*

*Please refer to Edgewood's Form ADV Part 2A and 2B Brochure regarding account minimums.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

ALAN W. BREED President & Portfolio Manager Years of Experience.....	35yrs
LAWRENCE G. CREEL Partner & Portfolio Manager Years of Experience.....	33yrs
ALEXANDER M. FARMAN-FARMAIAN Partner, Vice Chairman & Portfolio Manager Years of Experience.....	32yrs
PETER JENNISON Partner & Portfolio Manager Years of Experience.....	33yrs
KEVIN R. SETH Partner & Portfolio Manager Years of Experience.....	35yrs
NICHOLAS A. STEPHENS, CFA Partner & Portfolio Manager Years of Experience.....	34yrs

INVESTMENT APPROACH

Edgewood's Large Cap Growth Equity strategy pursues long-term capital growth through a portfolio of 22 stocks of large-sized companies that are distinguished by their financial strength, levels of profitability, strong management, and an ability to deliver long-term earnings power. Our goal is to purchase companies that trade at discounts to their fair value and believe that, over time, the stock prices of high-quality companies will rise to reflect the true value of the underlying company. The Large Cap Growth Equity strategy's performance is typically benchmarked against the S&P 500 Index over a full-market cycle.

INVESTMENT PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS

Edgewood's Large Cap Growth Equity strategy pursues a bottom-up investment process to construct a portfolio of U.S. large-cap growth companies. The investment team looks for potential investments across the economy where it can find growth irrespective of the sector or industry.

Edgewood's investment process focuses on two distinct areas:

Stock Selection – The team's investment process begins by identifying companies that are distinguished by their financial strength, levels of profitability, strong management, and an ability to deliver long-term earnings power. The team searches for companies that are well positioned for long-term growth, driven by demand for their products and services, trading at discounts to their fair value, and are at an early stage in their profit cycle to benefit from the increased cash flows produced by the profit cycle.

Capital Allocation – Based on the investment team's fundamental analysis of a company's profit cycle and using a five-year discount to present value model, portfolio holdings evolve through three phases: Phase One investments are in the early part of their profit cycle and will warrant a more sizeable weighting once their profit cycle begins to grow; Phase Two investments are companies that are being increased to a larger weighting due to the relative attractiveness of their valuation which are moving through the strongest part of their profit cycle; and Phase Three investments are companies that are being reduced to a lesser weighting because they are nearing the team's estimate of full valuation or their profit cycle has begun to deteriorate.

MARKET CAP DISTRIBUTION AS OF 3/31/2019*

MARKET CAP (IN BILLIONS)	EDGEWOOD (%)**	COMPANIES (#)
\$20-\$40	11	3
\$40-\$75	32	8
\$75-\$125	21	4
\$125+	34	7

*Rounded to the nearest percentage

**For the equity portion of the portfolio

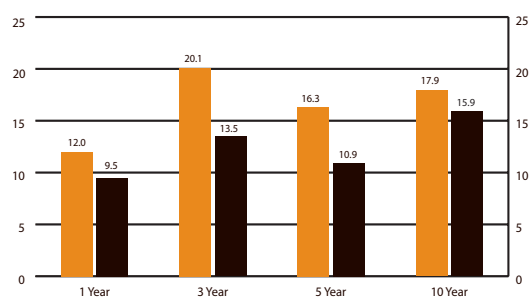
FIVE LARGEST HOLDINGS AS OF 3/31/2019*

Alphabet Inc.	PayPal Holdings Inc.
American Tower Corp.	Visa Inc.
Equinix Inc.	

*The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for advisory clients, and the reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified were or will be profitable

Portfolio holdings are shown in alphabetical order.

NET LARGE CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE RETURNS (%) AS OF 3/31/2019



■ Edgewood Large Cap Growth Composite ■ S&P 500 (TR)+

Performance is rounded to the nearest tenth. Returns are net of management fees. Returns shown here are annualized. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

+The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index with no expenses which covers 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies of US markets. It is a capitalization-weighted index calculated on a total returns basis with dividends reinvested.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 3/31/2019

	EDGEWOOD	S&P 500 ²	COMMENTS
Market Cap Mean (Billions)	\$187bn ¹	\$52bn ¹	Focused on Growth
Number of Holdings	22	505 ²	Concentrated Portfolio
Most Recent Quarter YoY EPS Growth	21% ³	18% ¹	Focused on Earnings Growth
Sales Growth ¹ (3 Years Historical)	20%	7%	Focused on Revenue Growth
LT EPS Growth ⁴	16%	9%	Earnings Outlook

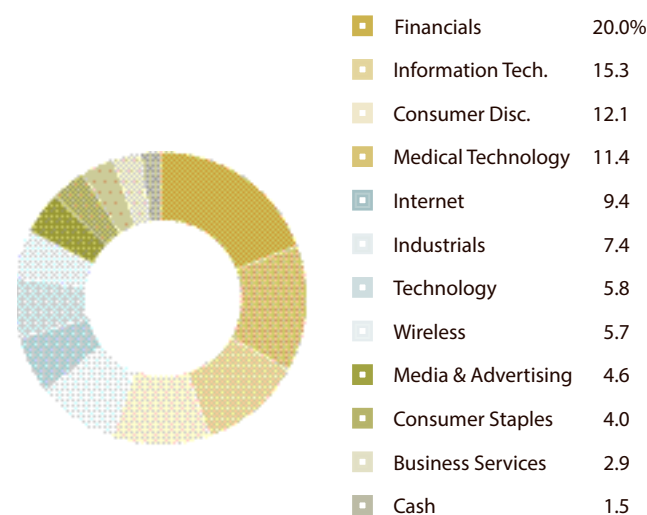
¹Provided by Bloomberg and are rounded to the nearest whole number.

²Provided by S&P Dow Jones Indices. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index with no expenses which covers 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies of US markets. It is a capitalization-weighted index calculated on a total returns basis with dividends reinvested.

³Edgewood's calculation using (i) Adjusted Funds from operations per share figures for American Tower and Equinix's EPS figures as we believe they are the most relevant valuation metric and (ii) Netflix's YoY EPS Growth is excluded from the portfolio average as we feel that it artificially inflates the average growth rate of the portfolio.

⁴Bloomberg estimates using the weighted average calculation methodology for Edgewood and the index fundamental value methodology for the S&P 500.

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION AS OF 3/31/2019*



*Sectors defined by Edgewood's Investment Committee and are rounded to the nearest tenth.

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The S&P 500 Growth Index is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of those stocks within the S&P 500 Index that exhibit strong growth characteristics.

EDGEWOOD MANAGEMENT LLC: LARGE CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE (Ending March 31, 2019)

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR ANNUALIZED	5 YEAR ANNUALIZED
Edgewood Large Cap Growth Composite	11.97%	20.09%	16.32%
S&P 500 (TR) Index	9.50%	13.51%	10.91%
Russell 1000 Growth Index	12.75%	16.53%	13.50%

Note: Returns are shown in U.S. dollars. Composite returns are net of fees.

Edgewood Management LLC is a registered investment adviser specializing in growth oriented investment management. The Edgewood Large Cap Growth Composite is comprised of individual and institutional accounts that invest in Edgewood's portfolio of 22 large capitalization growth companies chosen by using fundamental analysis and an internal valuation discipline. The composite returns are benchmarked to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500") and the Russell 1000 Growth Index ("R1000 Growth"). The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index with no expenses which covers 500 industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies of US markets. It is a capitalization-weighted index calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The R1000 Growth measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth rates and dividends are reinvested. The S&P 500 Growth Index is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of those stocks within the S&P 500 Index that exhibit strong growth characteristics.

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