

EDGEWOOD  
MANAGEMENT LLC

## View from Edgewood

2Q 2023 COMMENTARY

The Edgewood Management Large Cap Growth Composite returned +11.2% for the second quarter 2023 and has returned +28.1% year-to-date, net of fees. The S&P 500 Total Return Index returned +8.7% and +16.9%, while the Russell 1000 Growth returned +12.8% and +29.0% for the comparable periods.

The Federal Reserve finally paused its relentless rate hike campaign at its June meeting. CPI has fallen from 9% in June 2022 to 4% in May 2023. The Fed's rate hikes have had some effects on this, but as we have said several times, monetary policy takes a while to work. The steep decline in inflation is also due to supply chains normalizing and energy markets responding and rerouting supplies after the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the West's energy embargo. We believe the major effects of the Fed's efforts have yet to be felt; they are talking about a one month pause, but the June CPI and employment data will be a big factor in that decision. We should also keep in mind, however, that squeezing the last 2% out of inflation, to get to the Fed's 2% target, will take a while with rates likely remaining at current levels for longer than currently expected by some.

We believe that artificial intelligence (AI) will add to U.S. and world productivity growth over time and will put a ceiling on inflation for quite some time. While there is much talk about ChatGPT, the true economic benefits from using AI will come in applications used by many companies and institutions to increase productivity and automate the more mundane aspects of work. This will take time, and it is probably not a large factor in the Federal Reserve's near-term inflation concerns; we expect the next several years will reveal large and small applications that many may not even be aware involve AI, but are taking costs out of corporate income statements.

Many technology stocks have rallied this year on AI-related news. One of our long-time holdings provides technology used in the chip clusters needed to train AI systems and a number of the portfolio companies have positioned themselves as leaders in various AI applications. These companies have benefited from the expansion of AI technology and future earnings are forecasted to increase as a result.

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## FIRM OVERVIEW

Founded	1974
Employees	41
Total Assets	\$34.2 Billion (as of 6/30/2023)
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	40yrs
LAWRENCE G. CREEL	
Partner & Portfolio Manager	
Years of Experience	37yrs
ALEXANDER M. FARMAN-FARMAIAN	
Partner, Vice Chairman & Portfolio Manager	
Years of Experience	35yrs
PETER JENNISON	
Partner & Portfolio Manager	
Years of Experience	38yrs
KEVIN R. SETH	
Partner & Portfolio Manager	
Years of Experience	39yrs
NICHOLAS A. STEPHENS, CFA	
Partner & Portfolio Manager	
Years of Experience	39yrs

## 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 6/30/2023\*

MARKET CAP (IN BILLIONS)	EDGEWOOD (%)**	COMPANIES (#)
Less than \$30	6	2
\$30-\$75	13	3
\$70-\$125	21	5
\$125+	56	11

\*Rounded to the nearest percentage

\*\*For the equity portion of the portfolio

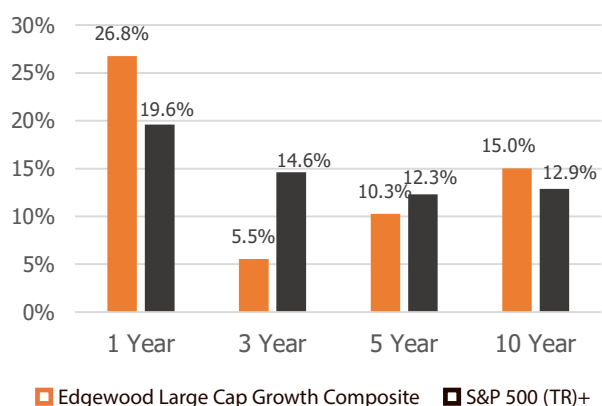
## FIVE LARGEST HOLDINGS AS OF 6/30/2023\*

ASML Holding N.V.	ServiceNow Inc.
Netflix Inc.	Visa Inc.
NVIDIA Corp.	

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Portfolio holdings are shown in alphabetical order.

## NET LARGE CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE RETURNS (%) AS OF 6/30/2023



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 6/30/2023\*

	EDGEWOOD	S&P 500	COMMENTS
Market Cap Mean (Billions)*	\$361bn	\$648bn	Focused on Growth
Number of Holdings	21	503+	Concentrated Portfolio
Most Recent Quarter YoY EPS Growth	10%^	-16%	Focused on Earnings Growth
Sales Growth <sup>1</sup> (3 Years Historical)*	12%	10%	Focused on Revenue Growth
LT EPS Growth*	15%	10%	Earnings Outlook

\*All portfolio characteristics produced by Refinitiv and are rounded to the nearest whole number with the exception of the Most Recent Quarter YoY EPS Growth which is calculated by Edgewood.

<sup>1</sup>Most recent quarter YoY EPS (year over year earnings per share) growth figures reflect the period ended 3/31/23 with the exception of Adobe, Nike, Intuit, NVIDIA, and Lululemon whose fiscal quarters differ. These numbers are calculated based on company earnings reports excluding the impact of non-recurring items that are not indicative of the underlying business. Blackstone's EPS figure is actually Distributable Earnings per share as we believe it is the most relevant valuation metric. Illumina's growth rate in the most recent quarter is calculated using reported adjusted operating profit which removes the effect of Grail dilution on YoY comparisons. We believe this metric is most representative of underlying business growth. ILMN's most recent quarter YoY adjusted EPS growth rate is -93%. When including ILMN's EPS growth rate of -93%, the portfolio weighted average for the quarter YoY EPS growth is 8%. American Tower's EPS figure is actually Adjusted Funds from Operations per share as we believe it is the most relevant valuation metric.

\*2022-2024 earnings estimates for the S&P 500 (\$202, \$202, \$225 respectively) and Russell 1000 Growth earnings estimates for 2022-2024 (\$89, \$89, and \$102 respectively) along with the current quarter year over year earnings per share growth and 5-year estimated growth rates are based on most recently available information provided by Bloomberg. Refer to slide 7 for definitions of the S&P 500 Total Return Index and Russell 1000 Growth Index.

+Provided 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. Russell 1000 Growth Index performance produced by Russell Investments.

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION AS OF 6/30/2023\*

Business Services	15.8%
Medical Technology	15.7
Consumer Discretionary	15.4
Financials	15.3
Information Technology	11.9
Media & Advertising	6.3
Semiconductor Mfg.	5.3
Consumer Staples	4.4
Cash	4.0
Wireless	3.1
Healthcare	2.8

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

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Edgewood Management LLC: Large Cap Growth Composite Net Performance Returns				
	Ending June 30, 2023			
	1 Year	3 Year Annualized	5 Year Annualized	10 Year Annualized
Edgewood Large Cap Growth Composite	26.77%	5.54%	10.28%	15.03%
S&P 500 (TR) Index	19.59%	14.60%	12.31%	12.86%
Russell 1000 Growth Index	27.11%	13.73%	15.14%	15.75%

Note: Returns are shown in US 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 Large Cap Model of generally 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.

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