

**PERFORMANCE** (AS OF 06/30/2022)

	2Q 2022	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Riverbridge Large Cap Growth (Gross)	-21.67%	-30.83%	-24.85%	6.38%	10.02%	12.30%	7.98%
Riverbridge Large Cap Growth (Net)	-21.78%	-31.02%	-25.23%	5.87%	9.50%	11.64%	6.79%
Russell 1000® Growth	-20.92%	-28.07%	-18.77%	12.58%	14.29%	14.80%	7.90%

Periods greater than one year are annualized; Inception Date: 12/31/1997

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Inflation and rising interest rates continued to roil equities, pushing the Russell 1000® Growth and S&P 500® indices into bear market territory
- Strategy slightly underperformed its primary benchmark for the quarter but outperformed in June as market participants began to contemplate a slowing economy and the increasing possibility of a recession
- While it is futile to predict when the market will bottom, history suggests the second half of the year following a difficult start tends to be strong

**MARKET COMMENTARY**

The second quarter of 2022 concluded a first half which was memorable for investors for all the wrong reasons. Accelerating inflation and rising interest rates roiled the financial markets. The selling spared few asset classes. Equities experienced their worst first half since 1970. Many bond indices experienced their worst start in history.

Rates of inflation have hit levels not seen in 40 years. The Federal Reserve has made it abundantly clear that they will take any actions necessary to control inflation, even if doing so induces a recession. During the second quarter, the Fed implemented its largest interest rate increase since 1994. The central bank has also signaled that it intends to raise rates several more times this year.

In response to these events, equities declined sharply, officially moving into bear market territory. Long-duration growth assets suffered the most, as market participants discounted the present value of future earnings. For the full quarter, economically sensitive companies and sectors outperformed, and market participants favored companies with lower valuations and lower expected growth rates. These trends reversed in June, however, indicating a possible shift to more defensive and quality companies as fears of a recession increased.

In the Russell 1000® Growth index, every sector experienced negative returns, with Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, and Information Technology the worst performers. Though down from their highs, elevated commodity prices helped the Consumer Staples, Utilities, and Energy sectors outperform the index for the second quarter in a row.

**STRATEGY COMMENTARY**

The Riverbridge Large Cap Growth strategy declined more than 21 percent and slightly underperformed its primary benchmark, the Russell 1000® Growth, in the second quarter. After continuing to lag the broader market in April and May, however, the portfolio picked up nearly 3 percent of relative performance in June as market participants began to grapple with projections of slowing economic growth and potentially a recession.

The strategy's worst performing sector on a relative basis was Health Care. Two portfolio companies saw their stocks impacted by potential competitive threats from new market entrants, and others continue to grapple with short-term supply and labor constraints. As supply and demand normalize coming out of the pandemic, we believe our Health Care companies remain well positioned to deliver innovation, improved outcomes, and cost savings to an ecosystem in critical need of all three.

The strategy's best relative performance sector was Consumer Discretionary. Our consumer holdings tend to focus on value-based retailers, which many market participants expect to gain share in an environment where customers are being squeezed by inflation and a deteriorating economic outlook. Our customary avoidance of more discretionary spend categories such as leisure products and luxury goods was a further benefit to relative performance.

Throughout the portfolio, we continue to witness our companies exhibit both the culture and financial strength to invest in their capabilities and secular growth opportunities regardless of the broader economic environment.

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Whether we are entering a low growth or recessionary environment, we expect our portfolio companies to consistently build their earnings power thanks to their distinct value propositions and prudent, internally funded investment in their sustainably differentiated solutions.

A portfolio company that embodies enduring earnings power creation is Danaher (DHR), an operator of businesses in verticals such as life sciences, diagnostics, and dental. Using a rigorous set of management tools called the Danaher Business System, the company acquires, incubates, and optimizes companies across a wide variety of end markets. By eliminating waste, creating efficiencies, and driving continued innovation, Danaher adds values for both customers and the companies it acquires across an entire supply chain. We believe the company is ideally positioned as a leader in a variety of long-term secular growth industries and possesses the financial strength to sustainably build its earnings power for years to come.

## OUTLOOK

It is futile to attempt to predict when the market will bottom. History, however, suggests that longer term investors may be at a favorable point. Most of the market pain has likely already been suffered as the equity markets are a forward-looking indicator. Valuations have become more attractive. Investor expectations are low. Most expect the economy, consumer confidence, and other economic indicators to worsen before they improve. The benefit of pessimism is there is likely a greater probability of an upside surprise than downside risk.

Riverbridge portfolio companies are well positioned fundamentally in this economic environment. In a period whereby wage and other input cost inflation is becoming a formidable growth obstacle, many of our portfolio companies deliver goods and services which help corporations control costs, operate more efficiently, and make better decisions. While it is difficult to forecast economic activity levels, market bottoms, and geopolitical risks, the Riverbridge investment team is confident that our companies will continue to build their earnings power by leveraging their strategic market positions. Maintaining a long-term focus is a tremendous advantage in these less certain times.

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## LARGE CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE

Year	Gross-of-Fee Return (%)	Net-of-Fee Return (%)	Russell 1000® Growth Return (%)	Portfolios	Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Year Ex-Post Std. Dev.	Russell 1000® Growth 3-Year Ex-Post Std. Dev.	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Ttl Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	Advisory Only (\$Millions)	Ttl Firm Assets & Advisory Only (\$Millions)
2021	20.13	19.58	27.60	<5	N/A	16.04	18.17	1.0	9,408.0	6,149.6	15,557.6
2020	33.97	33.34	38.49	<5	N/A	17.23	19.64	0.8	8,478.1	4,896.5	13,374.6
2019	30.34	29.72	36.39	<5	N/A	11.95	13.07	0.9	5,378.3	2,633.2	8,011.5
2018	0.43	-0.05	-1.51	<5	N/A	11.08	12.13	0.7	4,737.1	1,842.0	6,579.1
2017	22.77	22.06	30.21	<5	N/A	9.52	10.54	0.6	5,047.9	1,791.1	6,839.0
2016	9.41	8.41	7.08	<5	N/A	10.18	11.15	0.6	4,686.7	1,546.6	6,233.3
2015	5.95	5.23	5.67	<5	N/A	10.34	10.70	0.3	5,030.8	1,202.4	6,233.2
2014	8.04	7.41	13.05	<5	N/A	8.83	9.59	0.2	5,523.2	1,215.6	6,738.8
2013	36.63	36.00	33.48	<5	N/A	11.44	12.16	34.2	5,718.3	1,085.7	6,804.0
2012	12.16	11.38	15.26	10	0.44	14.25	15.65	38.1	3,225.7	650.8	3,876.5

**NOTE:** Prior to 10/01/2007, the returns presented for the Large Cap Growth Composite represent the returns of the Large Cap Growth Wrap Composite and represents pure gross of fee performance, gross of all management fees and transaction costs. The Large Cap Growth Wrap performance presented above represents pure gross of fee performance, gross of all management fees and transaction costs. All accounts in the Large Cap Growth Wrap composite have a bundled-fee arrangement. The bundled-fee includes broker fees, investment advisor fees, custodian fees and any administration fees. The firm's management fee for Large Cap Growth Wrap is based on wrap account agreements and is approximately annual 2%. The investment strategy employed is similar for both composites. Since the Large Cap Growth Composite did not have any accounts in it prior to 10/1/2007, we have appended the history of the Large Cap Wrap Composite to demonstrate our experience managing a large cap growth investment strategy. This information is being provided as supplemental information.

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