

**PERFORMANCE** (AS OF 03/31/2021)

	1Q 2021	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Riverbridge Large Cap Growth (Gross)	-0.95%	-0.95%	49.20%	19.97%	17.92%	14.83%	9.25%
Riverbridge Large Cap Growth (Net)	-1.06%	-1.06%	48.51%	19.40%	17.26%	14.17%	8.01%
Russell 1000® Growth	0.94%	0.94%	62.74%	22.80%	21.05%	16.63%	8.79%

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

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- In a period driven by expectations of improved economic activity and inflation, the Russell 1000® Growth index rose slightly
- Strategy underperformed its benchmark for the quarter, due to market participants' preference for companies expected to benefit from accelerating economy and continued monetary and economic stimulus
- In the equity markets, concerns about rising inflation may continue to offset optimism about economic reopening; in an inflationary environment, Riverbridge portfolio companies should thrive thanks to strategic market positions which give them pricing power

**MARKET COMMENTARY**

The first quarter of 2021 was bifurcated into two distinct periods. The first half of the quarter featured a continuation of the COVID rally which started in November of 2020, further bolstered by expectations of improving economic activity as a result of accommodative monetary policy and a Federal stimulus package. Market participants speculated that consumer-related firms and those in other financially sensitive lines of business such as Energy, Materials, and Industrials would benefit from governmental support, as well as from accelerating COVID-19 vaccine administration.

The second half of the quarter was more volatile, particularly in small- and mid-cap portion of the equity market. Stocks in these portions of the market declined due to rising interest rates and the general expectation of inflation. Commodity-based instruments performed well.

For the full quarter, in the Russell 1000® Growth index, the Communication Services, Health Care, and Industrials sectors drove the bulk of performance. Information Technology was the index's worst performing sector, declining slightly.

**STRATEGY COMMENTARY**

The Riverbridge Large Cap Growth strategy trailed its benchmark for the first quarter, declining approximately one percent compared to the one percent rise in the Russell 1000® Growth index. The portfolio's Industrials and Health Care holdings were the primary detractors from relative performance.

The portfolio's underperformance in the first quarter was consistent with historical patterns. Investors generally demonstrated a willingness to accept risk, as evidenced by the strong performance of economically sensitive and commodity-based investments and - even more dramatically - by the so-called "Reddit traders" who conspired to bid up a group of companies struggling to survive with the intent of causing a short squeeze. Riverbridge's investment approach, on the other hand, favors companies we believe will grow their earnings power regardless of the broader economic environment.

During the latter part of the quarter, market participants shifted their focus to fears of inflation. This caused technology stocks, many of which have long growth horizons, to lag the broader market. While this sentiment shift impacted the relative performance of the Riverbridge Large Cap Growth strategy during the quarter, should the rate of inflation rise as anticipated, we believe our portfolio companies are well positioned. They typically have strategic advantages which create enduring relationships with their customers and give them the ability to raise prices to cover increasing input costs.

For example, Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI) delivers substantial value to its customers through its expertise in complex analog semiconductor applications. The company's high-end engineers have experience and expertise which is not easily replicated, because the ADI's reputation and strategic customer relationships allow it to attract and retain top talent. This allows the company to focus on market segments which value high performance and reliability such as industrial, automotive, and communications, and as such are willing to pay for ADI's differentiated capabilities.

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## OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, we expect the speculative nature of the first quarter to persist. The economy should continue to strengthen as more states reopen following mass vaccination efforts. Central banks and governments will continue their attempts to catalyze the global economy. Investors will carefully monitor moves in interest and inflationary rates. A rise in interest rates will suppress those investments with the longest anticipated durations. An increase in inflation will dampen the multiples that investors will be willing to pay for investments as they fear an inflationary erosion of earnings. Eventually, investors will pivot away from the short-term market catalysts to the underlying fundamental prospects of their investments.

The Riverbridge investment team is pleased with our portfolio positioning as we look ahead. While in the short-term our portfolios may continue to lag more speculative investments, our portfolio companies are exhibiting high degrees of fundamental strength. A new economic normal is about to emerge. This new normal will favor companies that are creating efficiencies and skilled management teams with the ability to adapt to fast-changing market conditions.

In general, Riverbridge's portfolio companies have a head start. Many of our investments provide products or services that their customers find indispensable. Furthermore, our companies enable their customers to operate more efficiently and become more adaptable. These characteristics have our team confident that our portfolios are positioned to fundamentally flourish.

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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)
2020	33.97	33.34	38.49	<5	0.18	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
2011	-0.45	-0.87	2.64	11	0.65	17.45	17.75	36.0	2,558.0	576.6	3,134.6

**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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