



## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 March 2024

# US Large-Cap Core Growth Equity Strategy

**Total Large-Cap Growth Assets:** \$376.6 billion<sup>2</sup> | **Total Strategy Assets:**<sup>1</sup> \$142.6 billion<sup>2</sup>

Figures shown in Canadian Dollars

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Seek to identify high-quality companies with leading market positions in fertile growth fields.
- Integrate fundamental research - emphasize sustainable growth, not momentum growth.
- Focus on high-quality earnings, strong free cash flow growth, shareholder-oriented management, and rational competitive environments.
- Avoid overpaying for growth, while broadly diversifying portfolios, to help manage portfolio risk.

### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Typically 75-125 stock portfolio
- Individual position sizes are typically +/-5% relative to S&P 500 Index and the Russell 1000 Growth Index weightings.
- Sector weights typically range from 0.5X to 3.0X for primary S&P 500 Index sectors and Russell 1000 Growth Index sectors.

### BENCHMARK

- S&P 500 Index
- Russell 1000 Growth Index

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### Paul Greene

- 17 years of investment experience; 17 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.B.A., Stanford Graduate School of Business
- B.S., Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

### PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS

#### Craig Watson, CPA

- 28 years of investment experience; 16 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.B.A., University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School
- B.S., Hampton University

Portfolio Specialists do not assume management responsibilities.

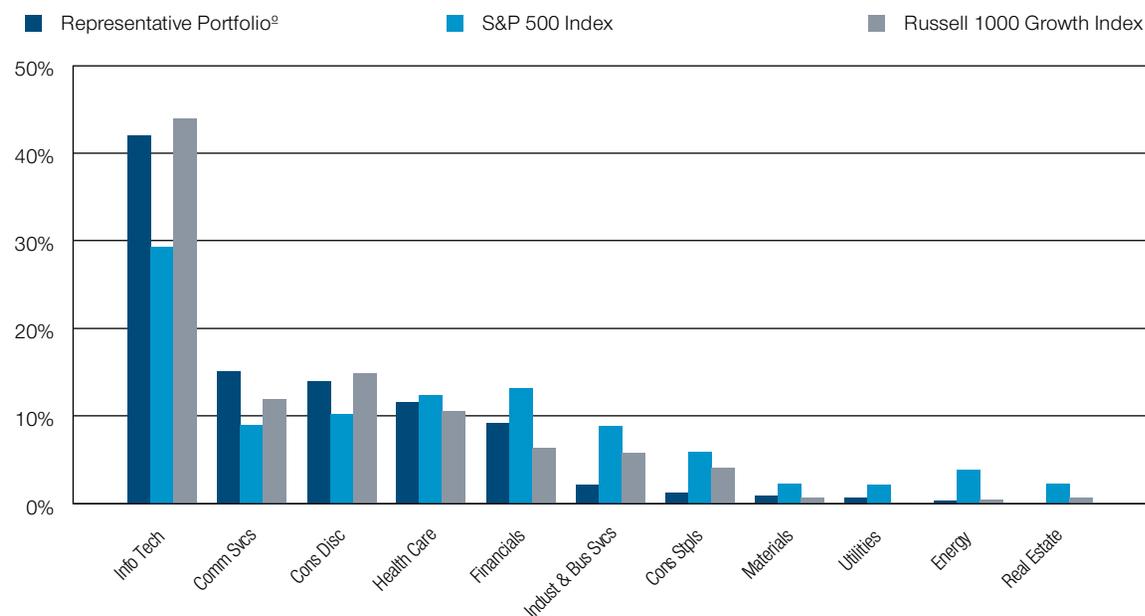
<sup>1</sup> Includes U.S.-registered mutual funds, a variable annuity portfolio, a sub-fund of a Luxembourg domiciled SICAV, Canadian pension pooled funds, a common trust funds, separate accounts, subadvised portfolios, and a college savings portfolio.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under management are calculated in USD and converted to CAD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party.

## TOP 10 ISSUERS

|                    | % of Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------|--|
| Microsoft          | 13.8%                                      |
| NVIDIA             | 9.8  |
| Amazon.com         | 8.4  |
| Apple              | 7.6  |
| Alphabet           | 7.5  |
| Meta Platforms     | 4.9  |
| Eli Lilly and Co   | 3.4  |
| Visa               | 3.0  |
| UnitedHealth Group | 2.6  |
| MasterCard         | 2.6  |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>63.6%</b>                               |

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION



## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|  | Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup> | S&P 500 Index | Russell 1000 Growth Index |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years) <sup>*° †</sup> | 16.3%                                 | 11.8%         | 16.0%                     |
| Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward) <sup>*° †</sup>        | 34.5X                                 | 24.9X         | 30.3X                     |
| Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges) <sup>°</sup> | 32.8%                                 | 28.4%         | 39.6%                     |
| Price to Book (trailing) <sup>°</sup>                        | 13.1X                                 | 8.2X          | 13.1X                     |
| Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)                   | \$1,675,242                           | \$303,730     | \$831,197                 |
| Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)                  | \$1,854,804                           | \$1,089,689   | \$1,647,754               |
| Number of Issuers  | 79                                    | 500           | 435                       |
| Top 20 Issuers as % of Total                                 | 77.3%                                 | 42.7%         | 65.5%                     |
| Portfolio Turnover <sup>††</sup>                             | 9.8%                                  | -             | -                         |
| Active Share   | 56.1%                                 | -             | -                         |

<sup>°</sup>Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.

Market capitalizations are calculated in U.S. dollars and converted to the currency shown using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party.

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<sup>†</sup>These statistics are based on the Composite's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

<sup>°</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

<sup>††</sup>Portfolio Turnover represents 1 year period ending 12/31/2023.

**PERFORMANCE**

|   | Three Months | One Year | Annualized  |            |           |               |
|---|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
|   |              |          | Three Years | Five Years | Ten Years | Fifteen Years |
| US Large-Cap Core Growth Equity Composite (Gross) | 17.26%       | 47.42%   | 10.52%      | 14.25%     | 17.20%    | 18.35%        |
| US Large-Cap Core Growth Equity Composite (Net)   | 17.12        | 46.71    | 9.98        | 13.69      | 16.62     | 17.77         |
| S&P 500 Index                                     | 13.46        | 29.87    | 14.27       | 15.35      | 15.29     | 16.19         |
| Value Added (Gross)                               | 3.80         | 17.55    | -3.75       | -1.10      | 1.91      | 2.16          |
| Value Added (Net)                                 | 3.66         | 16.84    | -4.29       | -1.66      | 1.33      | 1.58          |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index                         | 14.34        | 38.99    | 15.31       | 18.82      | 18.37     | 18.42         |
| Value Added (Gross)                               | 2.92         | 8.43     | -4.79       | -4.57      | -1.17     | -0.07         |
| Value Added (Net)                                 | 2.78         | 7.72     | -5.33       | -5.13      | -1.75     | -0.65         |

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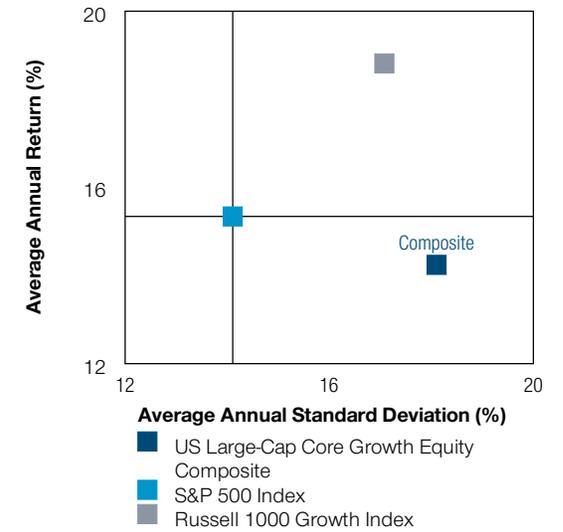
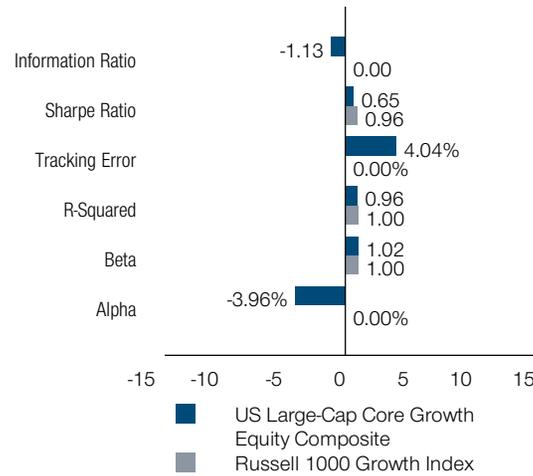
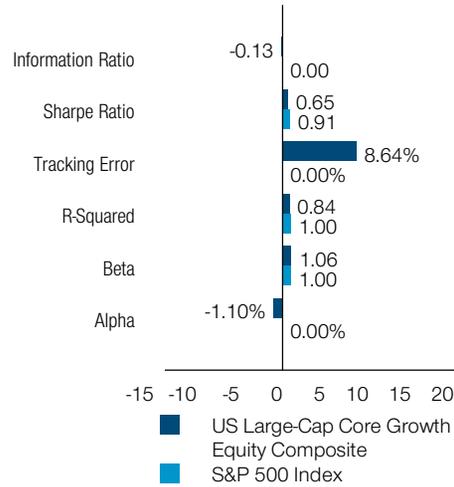
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See GIPS® Composite Report located in this material for additional information.

**RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

Five Years ended 31 March 2024



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**FEE SCHEDULE****US Large-Cap Core Growth Equity Composite**

The US Large-Cap Core Growth Equity Composite seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in common stocks of well established large- and medium-cap blue chip companies with potential for above-average earnings growth. Current income is a secondary objective for this strategy. (Created June 2006, inception December 31, 1995.)

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| First \$60 million            | 50 basis points                 |
| Next \$60 million             | 45 basis points                 |
| Above \$120 million           | 40 basis points on all assets * |
| Above \$230 million           | 33 basis points on all assets * |
| Minimum separate account size | \$60 million.                   |

\* A transitional credit is applied to the fee schedule as assets approach or fall below the break point.

## GIPS® Composite Report

## US Large-Cap Core Growth Equity Composite

Period Ended December 31, 2023

Figures Shown in Canadian dollar

|  | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u>          |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Gross Annual Returns (%)                             | 19.95       | 34.26       | -1.85       | 28.33       | 11.98       | 24.21       | 33.15       | 17.41       | -33.55      | 46.43                |
| Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>                  | 18.43       | 32.56       | -3.12       | 26.70       | 10.55       | 22.64       | 31.47       | 15.91       | -34.44      | 44.60                |
| S&P 500 Index (%) <sup>2</sup>                       | 23.93       | 21.59       | 8.09        | 13.83       | 4.23        | 24.84       | 16.32       | 27.61       | -12.16      | 22.90                |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index (%) <sup>2</sup>           | 23.24       | 26.73       | 3.37        | 21.66       | 7.36        | 29.49       | 36.06       | 26.51       | -23.99      | 38.85                |
| Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds Index (%) <sup>2</sup> | 20.28       | 26.66       | -2.94       | 23.19       | 8.49        | 26.80       | 36.17       | 21.32       | -27.09      | 38.22                |
| Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.                              | 9.67        | 12.17       | 14.26       | 14.63       | 13.96       | 12.76       | 14.96       | 14.31       | 20.02       | 19.36                |
| S&P 500 Index 3-Yr St. Dev.                          | 6.82        | 9.06        | 10.05       | 11.06       | 10.60       | 10.51       | 13.52       | 12.79       | 16.06       | 13.70                |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index 3-Yr St. Dev.              | 7.19        | 9.80        | 11.44       | 12.43       | 12.28       | 12.10       | 14.95       | 14.60       | 19.44       | 17.77                |
| Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds Index 3-Yr St. Dev.    | 8.66        | 10.69       | 12.94       | 13.45       | 12.94       | 11.94       | 14.71       | 14.12       | 19.05       | 17.58                |
| Composite Dispersion                                 | 0.07        | 0.14        | 0.12        | 0.25        | 0.16        | 0.05        | 0.23        | 0.32        | 0.27        | 0.18                 |
| Comp. Assets (Millions)                              | 53,333.2    | 74,616.7    | 71,864.1    | 96,404.4    | 115,237.8   | 149,250.1   | 199,494.5   | 219,251.8   | 122,992.1   | 120,645.1            |
| # of Accts. in Comp.                                 | 30          | 33          | 32          | 39          | 44          | 43          | 45          | 43          | 41          | 32                   |
| Total Firm Assets (Billions)                         | 868.2       | 1,072.9     | 1,095.9     | 1,253.2     | 1,328.5     | 1,579.7     | 1,888.7     | 2,088.7     | 1,676.6     | 1,851.1 <sup>3</sup> |

<sup>1</sup>The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.30%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.**

<sup>2</sup>Primary benchmark is S&P 500 Index and secondary benchmarks are Russell 1000 Growth Index and Lipper Large-Cap Growth Funds Index.

<sup>3</sup>Preliminary - subject to adjustment.

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