

Portfolio Commentary

Dividend Growth Portfolio

Market Review

It is easy to forget that just a few months ago the U. S. economy was stronger than it had been in a lifetime. Finding qualified employees was a challenge for most businesses. Restaurants were full and air travel had never been stronger. Most people commuted to work complaining about traffic and public transportation. Our actions to curtail the spread of COVID-19 have turned the economy on its head. Now, market strategists eagerly search for snippets that indicate the economy is recovering from the constraints while hesitantly reading about new cases. Optimism abounds in the stock market while caution prevails in the bond market. As is often the case, the truth probably lies in the middle.

Since the pandemic first arrived on our shores, most everything related to our economy has reacted at hyper-speed. Restrictive economic measures squelched a robust jobs market resulting in a jump in unemployment from a generations-low 3.5% in December to 13.3% in May. Consistent gross domestic product (GDP) readings of 2-3% evaporated as the shut-down intensified. First quarter GDP measured -5.0%, with far worse readings expected for the second quarter.

The scale of the contraction is alarming and points to the aggressive response by the Federal Reserve (Fed). It also demonstrates the importance of the federal government stimulus. The Fed's actions continue and are meant to provide financial market liquidity and support, and to bolster companies until we can fully re-open. But the Fed can't force people to spend or increase aggregate demand.

The federal stimulus packages, on the other hand, were set up to get money into consumers' hands directly. Precision was sacrificed for speed, resulting in quick and substantial pay outs with little regard for effectiveness or oversight.

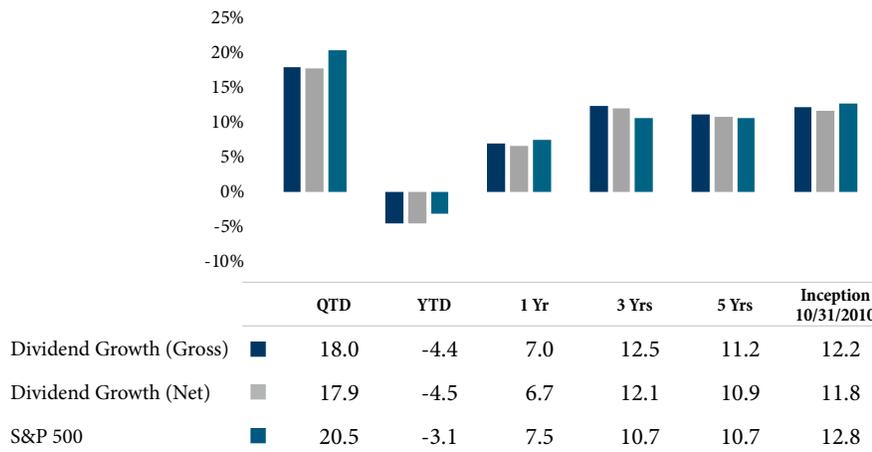
The maelstrom has upended the typical economic indicators which are backward looking and distorted by the shut down and related policy reactions. Hence, the collapse in GDP. Consumers, on the other hand, were forced to re-trench and dramatically reduced spending. At the same time, the stimulus payments bolstered April income levels. Savings soared, an unusual occurrence during a recession. The massive stimulus did much to protect the consumer in April and May. Whether job growth can recover and support the consumer in the summer months remains to be seen.

Performance Overview

The Congress Dividend Growth Portfolio ("the Portfolio") returned 18.0% gross of fees during the Second quarter, while the S&P 500 Index ("the Index") returned 20.5%.

The stocks that made the highest contribution to the Portfolio's quarterly returns were Apple Inc., Cintas Corp., Microsoft Corp., Dollar General Corp., and Home Depot, Inc. The stocks that contributed the least were TJX Companies, Inc., CME Group Inc. Class A, UnitedHealth Group, Inc., NextEra Energy, Inc., and Merck & Co., Inc.

Average Annualized Performance % - as of 6/30/2020



Performance is preliminary and subject to change

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First Quarter 2020 Highlights

Top 5 Stock Contributors and Detractors¹

Contributors

STOCK	AVG. WEIGHT%	CONTRIBUTION%
Apple Inc.	3.34	1.25
Cintas Corporation	2.74	1.22
Microsoft Corporation	3.77	1.00
Dollar General Corporation	3.66	0.96
Home Depot, Inc.	2.82	0.89

Detractors

STOCK	AVG. WEIGHT%	DETRACTION/CONTRIBUTION%
TJX Companies Inc.**	0.08	-0.27
CME Group Inc. Class A	2.46	-0.08
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.*	0.71	-0.05
NextEra Energy, Inc.	3.28	-0.02
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.30	0.06

*Purchase during the quarter. **Sold during the quarter.

Apple Inc. (AAPL) is the world's largest information technology company. Despite significant disruptions to its supply chain and point of sale demand, AAPL reported positive quarterly results fueled by its Services business. Services now accounts for 23% of AAPL's overall sales, an increase from 20% a year ago. This is predominantly because of record sales in the App Store, Video, and Cloud services.

Cintas Corp. (CTAS) provides corporate identity uniforms through rental and sales programs. In its mid-May update, CTAS reported stabilization in the decline rates of its business following a COVID-19 related slowdown. The update also noted that strength in its health care verticals, continued positive free cash flow generation, and reduced variable expenses helped to offset the decline in uniform rental revenues.

Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) is the world's largest software company. MSFT is positioned to be a leading participant in what should be a dramatic acceleration in the adoption of digital technologies, such as hybrid cloud, coming out of the pandemic.

Dollar General Corp. (DG) is a low-priced retailer with over 16,000 locations nationwide. The company's strong sales and improving margins were fueled by a surge in demand for certain products due to COVID-19 and the successful execution of corporate initiatives in both areas. These positive results came despite incremental investments in labor and safety equipment.

Home Depot, Inc. (HD) is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer. HD reported a strong quarter as it benefited from being an essential business during the pandemic. Management reported double digit sales trends at the end of its first quarter that continued into the first two weeks of the second quarter.

TJX Companies, Inc. (TJX) is the leading off-price apparel and home fashion retailer operating through the following segments: Marmaxx, HomeGoods, TJX Canada, and TJX International. The impact of COVID-19 is being felt across the retail landscape as stores are forced to close. The loss of revenue and stress on balance sheets raised the risk of retail companies cutting capital returns. This fear became a reality when TJX, like others, skipped a dividend payment and stopped share repurchases.

CME Group Inc. Class A (CME) provides electronic trading, including the broadest range of global benchmark products across all major asset classes including futures and options. CME offers hedging and risk management capabilities to its customers. The Federal Reserve has indicated that that interest rates will remain at lower levels for the foreseeable future, diminishing the need to hedge against rate movements. CME's interest rate franchise is an important revenue source for the company.

UnitedHealth Group, Inc. (UNH) provides health care coverage, software, and data consultancy services through the following business segments: United Healthcare, OptumHealth, OptumInsight (software and information services), and OptumRx (pharmacy benefits manager). The rise in unemployment paused new business opportunities within its United Healthcare and Optum businesses. However, given its business diversification and integration strategy, UNH should perform well in a dynamic healthcare market moving forward.

NextEra Energy, Inc. (NEE) operates through subsidiaries such as Florida Power & Light Company, one of the largest rate-regulated electric utilities in the U.S., and NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, which is the world's largest generator of renewable energy. NEE has been less impacted by the COVID-19 driven slowdown than its peers in both its renewable energy and regulated utility businesses. However, being a more defensive sector, utilities such as NEE trailed the overall market in a risk on environment.

Merck & Co., Inc. (MRK) is one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. The impact of COVID-19 on its pharmaceutical and animal health businesses forced MRK to lower its outlook during the quarter. Drug pipeline updates for its key drug, Keytruda, were generally positive. However, it did suffer an approval setback for an additional bladder cancer indication.

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2Q 2020 Transaction Summary

Purchased

- UnitedHealth Group, Inc. (UNH) - Health Care
- Nike, Inc. (NKE) - Consumer Discretionary
- Tractor Supply Company (TSCO) - Consumer Discretionary

Sold

- TJX Companies, Inc. (TJX) - Consumer Discretionary

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Nike, Inc. (NKE) is the world's leading designer, marketer, and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment, and accessories. NKE's brand, strong digital assets, and flexible supply chain have helped it navigate the impacts of COVID-19 better than other players in the retail space. Its ability to make tactical changes in a quickly changing environment will deliver benefits over both the short and long term. NKE has a targeted dividend payout ratio which will keep the dividend growing along with earnings.

Tractor Supply Company (TSCO) is the largest operator of rural lifestyle stores, focused on supplying the needs of recreational farmers and ranchers as well as tradesmen and small businesses. TSCO has carved out a solid niche and has proven to be largely immune from the competitive pressures of Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowe's. TSCO has benefitted from being deemed an essential business during the pandemic and from increasing trends of urban to rural migration as well as pet adoption.

Sold

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Outlook

To better measure the current economic environment analysts have turned to non-traditional, high frequency indicators that offer an accelerated snapshot, albeit with less rigor than traditional measures. Consumer engagement with restaurants and traditional shopping venues is increasing. Pent up demand, better weather, and restlessness

are driving people outdoors. Activities deemed "safe" are drawing attention while activities deemed "riskier," such as air travel, remain lackluster.

Companies are wading deeper into re-opening. Corporate spending focused on improving communication tools such as networks and collaborative software continued throughout the lock down period. Spending on safety equipment and measures to allow re-opening are now accelerating. Bolstered by the Fed and government support and strong credit markets, companies are flush. The strong cash position should support the necessary corporate investment that allows firms to stay relevant in our competition driven system. Undoubtedly, some entertainment and travel activities will take longer to return preventing a full recovery until safety is more assured.

While difficult to see at this moment, some habits and practices developed in response to the pandemic may be laying the groundwork for future technologies and growth. Telemedicine, for example, may be a cost effective alternative to traditional doctor's visits. Video conferencing and remote work arrangements may be cost efficient and environmentally friendly.

Even as consumer and business spending begins to improve, challenges remain for state and municipal governments where shrunken tax receipts are beginning to bite. We anticipate another fiscal stimulus program to help localities weather the storm. In this charged political environment, however, the size and timing remain uncertain.

The scope and severity of the economic collapse continues to demand Fed attention. The Fed initiated or expanded nine programs over the past few months. One result: the Federal Reserve balance sheet will likely reach \$9 trillion by year end, more than double its size during the Financial Crisis. The expanded balance sheet supports financial assets by directly buying bond issues and improving stocks comparative risk adjusted return. The Fed actions have also enlarged the money supply by close to 25% over the past year. These assets are parked in bank accounts and money market funds that the Fed hopes will either be spent or invested as consumers and businesses feel more comfortable.

Combined, the effects of the federal government stimulus plans and the Federal Reserve actions will have long-term consequences for taxes, spending, inflation, and other government policies. The current low level of interest rates, however, mitigates the immediate concerns. Inflation, a key driver of interest rates, remains subdued and is unlikely to rise materially as energy prices and wage pressures have subsided.

The stock market's recovery from its March lows was exceptionally fast. Similar to the post 2008 financial crisis, the recovery was spurred by the Fed when it backstopped the markets by claiming new financial powers, forcing investors to re-interpret risk and re-engage with stocks. Today is similar, except the Fed has expanded its powers and become a larger force. Investors, recognizing the uniqueness of the situation, are looking past 2020 earnings and looking for consistent progress in the re-opening process. Regional spikes of infections or a second wave could alter the market's path.

The pandemic and our comprehensive response have tested our country's mettle. But COVID-19 is a global experience, sparing no country or market. The U.S. response was not perfect, and in many cases we failed to protect our most vulnerable. We are great at self-criticism, however, and in the long run our abilities to adopt and change will be to our collective benefit. To be sure, our domestic financial markets are the most liquid, fair, and safe in the world. COVID-19 will pass in time and the U.S. economy will recover. Maintaining a three to five year time horizon is more important now than ever.

Congress Asset Management Co. Dividend Growth Composite 11/1/2010 - 12/31/2019

Year	Total Return Gross of Fees %	Total Return Net of Fees %	S&P 500 Re- turn % (dividends reinvested)	Composite Gross 3-Yr annualized ex-post St Dev (%)	S&P 500 3-Yr annualized ex-post St Dev (%)	Number of Portfolios	Gross Disper- sion %	Total Com- posite Assets End of Period (\$ millions)	Total Firm Discretionary Assets End of Period (\$ millions)	Total Firm Assets End of Period # (\$ millions)
2019	33.7	33.2	31.5	11.1	11.9	394	0.86	205	8,445	12,528
2018	-0.9	-1.2	-4.4	10.3	10.8	359	0.36	161	7,102	10,234
2017	19.7	19.3	21.8	9.7	9.9	321	0.64	157	7,272	10,546
2016	13.6	13.2	12.0	10.1	10.6	254	0.46	119	5,693	8,139
2015	-2.8	-3.2	1.4	10.3	10.5	174	0.38	81	5,941	7,094
2014	11.6	11.2	13.7	8.6	9.0	111	0.29	65	6,328	7,449
2013	29.3	28.8	32.4	10.7	11.9	60	0.39	44	6,489	7,467
2012	8.9	8.6	16.0	n/a	n/a	24	0.80	12	6,755	7,498
2011	8.3	7.9	2.1	n/a	n/a	6	n/a	2	6,329	7,014
10/31/10 – 12/31/10	6.7	6.7	6.7			≤5	n/a	0.1	6,416	6,678

#The “Total Firm Assets” column is provided as supplemental information and also includes unified managed account (UMA) assets

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