# LARGE CAP GROWTH STRATEGY

CONGRESS ASSET

MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLP

Strategy Inception 1/1/1985

First Quarter 2024

#### Firm Overview

Founded	1985
Investment Professionals	27
Enterprise Assets*	\$22.6 bn
Total Strategy Assets*	\$7.2 bn

<sup>\*</sup>Totals include model management assets.

Characteristics <sup>1</sup>	Representative Large Cap Growth Account	Russell 1000 Growth Index	S&P 500
P/E - Trailing 12 Months	34.2x	31.9x	26.3x
Yield %	0.79	0.72	1.30
Number of Equity Holdings	40	440	503
1 Yr. Turnover %	27.3		

#### **Key Investment Tenets**



- Positive revenue and earnings growth
- Strong competitive position in stable, expanding industry



- Positive earnings
- Free cash flow positive
- Established profit margins



- Management focused on core business and aligned with stakeholders' interests
- Prudent use of debt and leverage



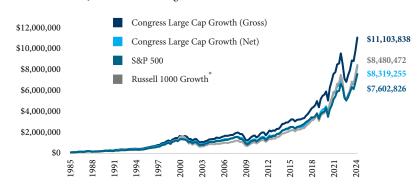
Evaluate relative to history, peers, and economic conditions

## **Portfolio Construction**

- 35 to 45 securities
- Industry exposure not to exceed 25% and no more than 5% to any one security, in general
- Fully invested with a cash allocation not in excess of 5%
- Average annual turnover of 25-50%

Risk Return 1/1/1985 - 3/31/2024	Large Cap Growth (Gross)	Large Cap Growth (Net)	Russell 1000 Growth Index	S&P 500
Standard Deviation %	16.13	16.11	19.03	16.34
Beta	0.80	0.80	1.00	0.82
Sharpe Ratio	0.64	0.59	0.53	0.57
Alpha	2.18	1.42		1.02
Upside Capture %	90.4	87.9	100.0	89.4
Downside Capture %	74.1	76.3	100.0	81.6

#### Growth of \$100,000 1/1/1985 through 3/31/2024



# Average Annualized Performance % as of 3/31/2024

Performance is preliminary and subject to change at any time.

	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception 1/1/1985
Large Cap Growth (gross)	12.0	12.0	39.1	12.6	16.4	14.6	12.7
Large Cap Growth (net)	11.9	11.9	38.7	12.2	15.9	14.1	11.9
Russell 1000 Growth <sup>°</sup>	11.4	11.4	39.0	12.5	18.5	16.0	12.0
S&P 500	10.6	10.6	29.9	11.5	15.0	13.0	11.7

Data is as of 3/31/2024. Sources throughout this presentation: Congress Asset Management, FactSet, Russell Investments, and Morningstar Direct. The information throughout this presentation is for illustrative purposes and is subject to change at any time. Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy or sell a particular security. Actual holdings may vary by client. This information is supplemental to the GIPS Report. Performance returns of less than one year are not annualized. This managed account strategy involves risk, may not be profitable, may not achieve its objective, and may not be suitable or appropriate for all investors. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, and fees of this strategy carefully with their financial professional before investing. 'The information shown is for a representative account as of 3/31/2024. Actual client account holdings and sector allocations may vary. Frank Russell Company ("Russell") is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Neither Russell on its licensors accept any liability for any errors or omissions in the Russell Indexes and/or underlying data contained in this communication. No further distribution of Russell data is permitted without Russell's express written consent. Russell does not promote, sponsor or endorse the content of this communication.

## Top 10 Active Holdings<sup>1</sup> as of 3/31/2024

Total:	37.5
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	3.2
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.3
Alphabet Inc. Class A	3.3
DexCom, Inc.	3.4
Costco Wholesale Corporation	3.5
Synopsys, Inc.	3.5
Eli Lilly and Company	3.7
Microsoft Corporation	3.8
Eaton Corp. Plc	4.2
NVIDIA Corporation	5.6

<b>Investment Committee</b>	Company Tenure			
Matt Lagan, CFA Committee Chair	2003			
Dan Lagan, CFA Committee Co-Chair	1989			
Martine Elie, CFA	1999			
John O'Reilly, CFA	2001			
Nancy Huynh	1998			
Emma Szkutak	2023			

# GICS Sector Allocation<sup>1,2</sup> vs. Benchmark % ex Cash as of 3/31/2024



Comm Svcs	Cons Disc	Cons Staples	Energy	Financials	Health Care	Industrials	Info Tech	Materials	Real Estate	Utilities
7.7	12.9	5.0	3.5	6.9	13.5	9.0	35.6	5.8		
12.0	14.9	4.1	0.5	6.4	10.6	5.8	44.0	0.7	0.8	0.1
9.0	10.3	6.0	3.9	13.2	12.4	8.8	29.6	2.4	2.3	2.2

<sup>1</sup>The information shown is for a representative account as of 3/31/2024. Actual client account holdings and sector allocations may vary. <sup>2</sup>0.77% Cash and/or cash equivalents.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of the Large cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values. S&P 500 Index is a market capitalization-weighted index based on the results of approximately 500 widely held common stocks. PIC Ratio is the ratio of a company's searing price to the company's earning ser share. Market Capitalization measures the number of outstanding common shares of a given corporation multiplied by the latest price per share. Yield is determined by dividing a stock's annual dividends per share by the current market price per share. Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends. Standard Deviation is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. It is used by investors as a gauge for the amount of expected volatility. Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the portfolio's historical adjusted performance. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance, given the level of risk as measured by Beta, where Beta measures sensitivity to benchmark movements. Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the entire market or a benchmark. Upside Capture Ratio measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only months that are positive in the benchmark. An Upside Capture Ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only months that are negative in the benchmark. A Downside Capture Ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only months that are negative in the benchmark. A Downside Capture Ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's over

Congress Asset Management Co. Large Cap Growth Composite 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2022													
Year	Total Return Gross of Fees %	Total Return Net of Fees %	S&P 500 Return % (dividends reinvested)	Russell 1000 Growth Return % (dividends reinvested)	Composite Gross 3-Yr annualized ex-post St Dev (%)	S&P 500 3-Yr annualized ex-post St Dev (%)	Russell 1000 Growth 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Number of Portfolios	Gross Dispersion %	Total Composite Assets End of Period (\$ millions)	Total Firm Discretionary Assets End of Period (\$ milions)	Total Firm Advisory-On- ly Assets End of Period (\$ millions)	Total Firm Assets End of Period # (\$ millions)
2022	-21.6	-21.9	-18.1	-29.1	21.2	20.9	23.5	171	0.86	242	10,083	6,799	16,882
2021	26.1	25.6	28.7	27.6	16.4	17.2	18.2	154	0.92	205	12,778	8,018	20,796
2020	28.0	27.5	18.4	38.5	17.3	18.5	19.6	150	1.27	258	10,746	5,523	16,269
2019	34.4	33.9	31.5	36.4	11.5	11.9	13.1	114	0.82	207	8,445	4,083	12,528
2018	2.5	2.1	-4.4	-1.5	10.5	10.8	12.1	80	0.30	136	7,102	3,132	10,234
2017	27.2	26.6	21.8	30.2	9.9	9.9	10.5	78	0.58	111	7,272	3,274	10,546
2016	5.6	5.1	12.0	7.1	10.7	10.6	11.2	81	0.43	98	5,693	2,445	8,139
2015	2.8	2.2	1.4	5.7	11.1	10.5	10.7	28	0.49	65	5,941	1,153	7,094
2014	10.1	9.5	13.7	13.1	10.1	9.0	9.6	30	0.47	89	6,328	1,121	7,449
2013	30.5	30.0	32.4	33.5	12.5	11.9	12.2	35	0.50	233	6,489	978	7,467

#The "Total Firm Assets" column includes unified managed account (UMA) assetsCongress Asset Management claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS\*) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Congress Asset Management has been independently verified for the periods 1/1/96 — 12/31/22. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedure for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Large Cap Growth Composite has had a performance examination for the periods 1/1/96 — 12/31/22. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Composite Characteristics: The Large Cap Growth Composite was created on January 1, 1993 and the inception date of the composite is January 1, 1985, which reflects the first full month in which an account was fully invested in the strategy and met the inclusion criteria. The composite includes all fully discretionary portfolios with a value over \$100 thousand (US dollars) managed in the large cap growth style for a minimum of one full month. The large cap growth strategy invests in the equity of high-quality companies with market capitalizations greater than \$5 billion exhibiting consistent earnings growth. The strategy may also invest from time to time in equity securities with capitalizations between \$1 billion and \$5 billion. Accounts with wrap commissions are excluded from the composite. Prior to January 1, 2016, the composite minimum was \$500 thousand (US dollars). Prior to September 1, 2005, the composite data be accounts, private client accounts, or accounts with less than \$1 million. The primary composite benchmark is the \$8P\$ old long. The secondary benchmark is the Russell 1000 Growth Index. The benchmark returns are not or independent verifiers. Closed account data is included in the composite as mandated by the standards in order to eliminate a survivorship bias. A list of composite descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds, and a list of limited distribution provided in the composite as mandated by the standards in order to eliminate a survivorship bias.

Calculation Methodology: Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. Gross of fees returns are calculated gross of management and custodial fees and net of transaction costs. Prior to 2007 net of fees returns were calculated by reducing gross returns by 1/4th of the highest management fee in the Large Cap Growth Composite, which was 1.00%, applied quarterly. Effective January 1, 2007, net of fees returns are calculated using actual management fees. The composite results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and other earnings when appropriate. Accruals for equity securities are included in calculated using in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite in the composite of the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite is not in compliance with GIPS.

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