



Beyond the Index: Why Active Management Matters in US Equities

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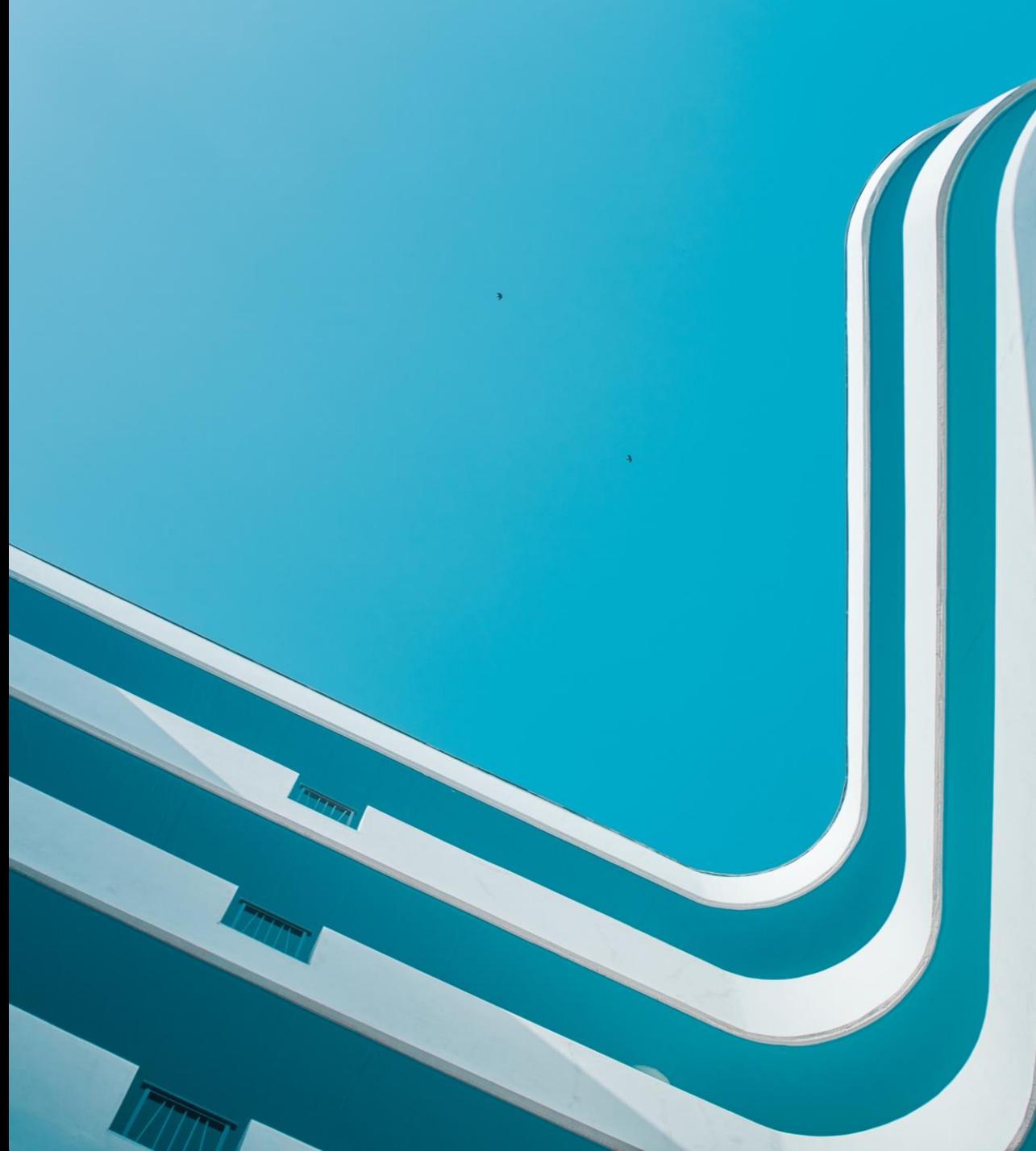
Portfolio Manager, US Large Cap Core Equity

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Macquarie US Core Equity Fund

Everything you need to know in one slide

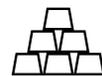


The asset class

US large-cap equities essential for a **diversified portfolio**

US businesses have shown **innovation, profitability, and resilience** in tough times

Active management can deliver the **best-of-the-best** of these businesses



The Fund

Investing in US Equities is **in our DNA**, with roots dating to 1937

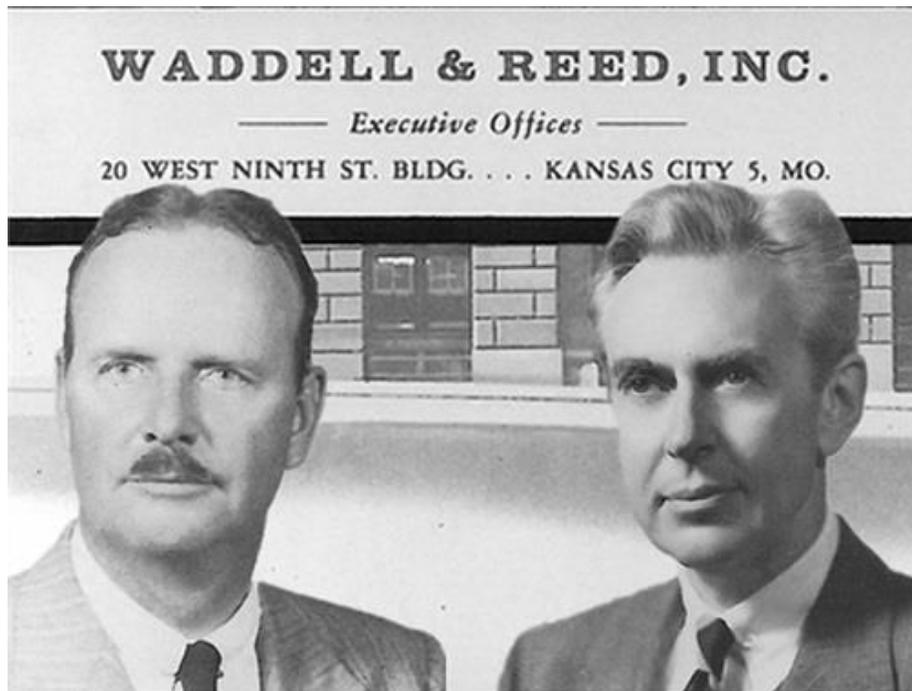
Investment process focused on **quality, change and timeliness**

Protection in drawdowns: **outperformance** in all market drawdowns >20% since PM inception

Flexible exposure across the style spectrum

A process built through generations of investment expertise

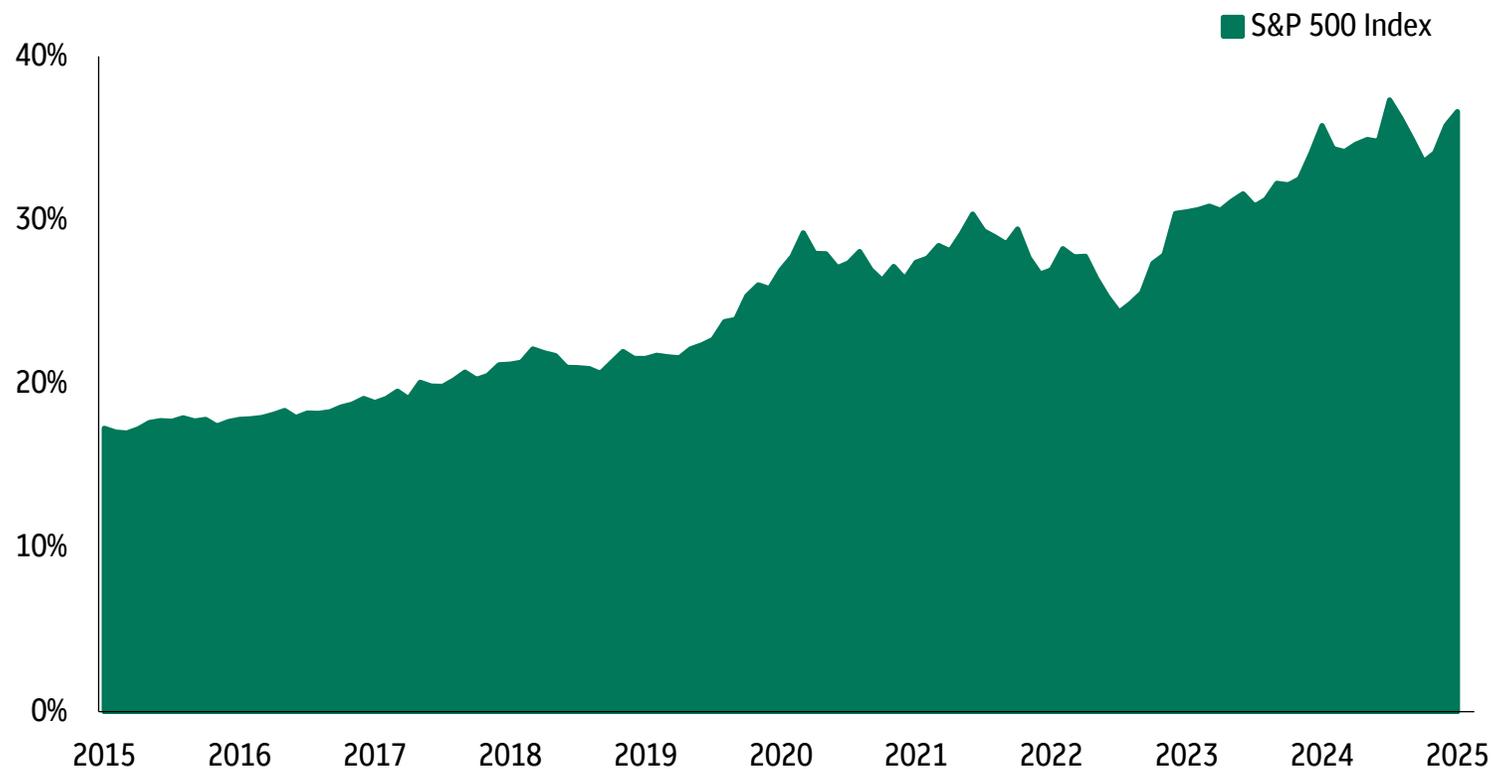
We trace our roots back to **1937**, predating the regulatory inception of the mutual fund business in the United States in 1940.



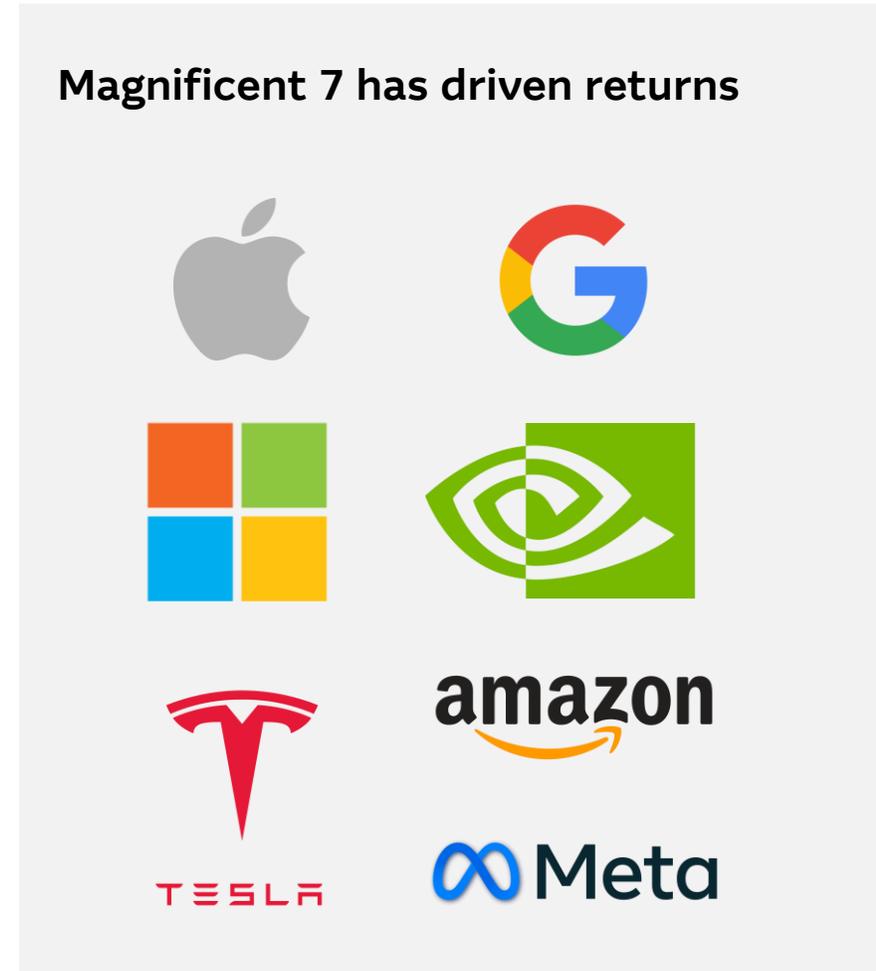
Portfolio Manager Erik Becker, CFA has been with the strategy since 2003, building a differentiated process with compelling results.

The market has been changing: Concentration in the S&P 500 Index has risen in past years

Top 10 weights monthly: 10-years ending June 30, 2025

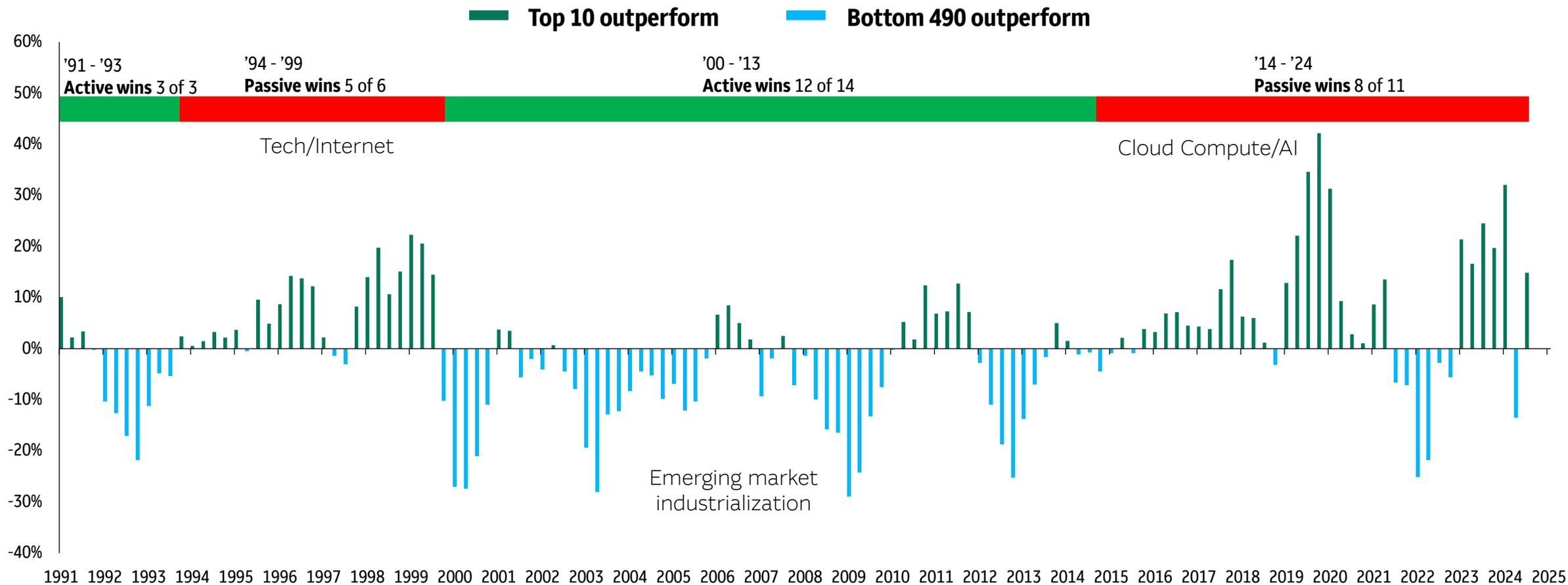


Magnificent 7 has driven returns



When performance is broad, active managers tend to outperform

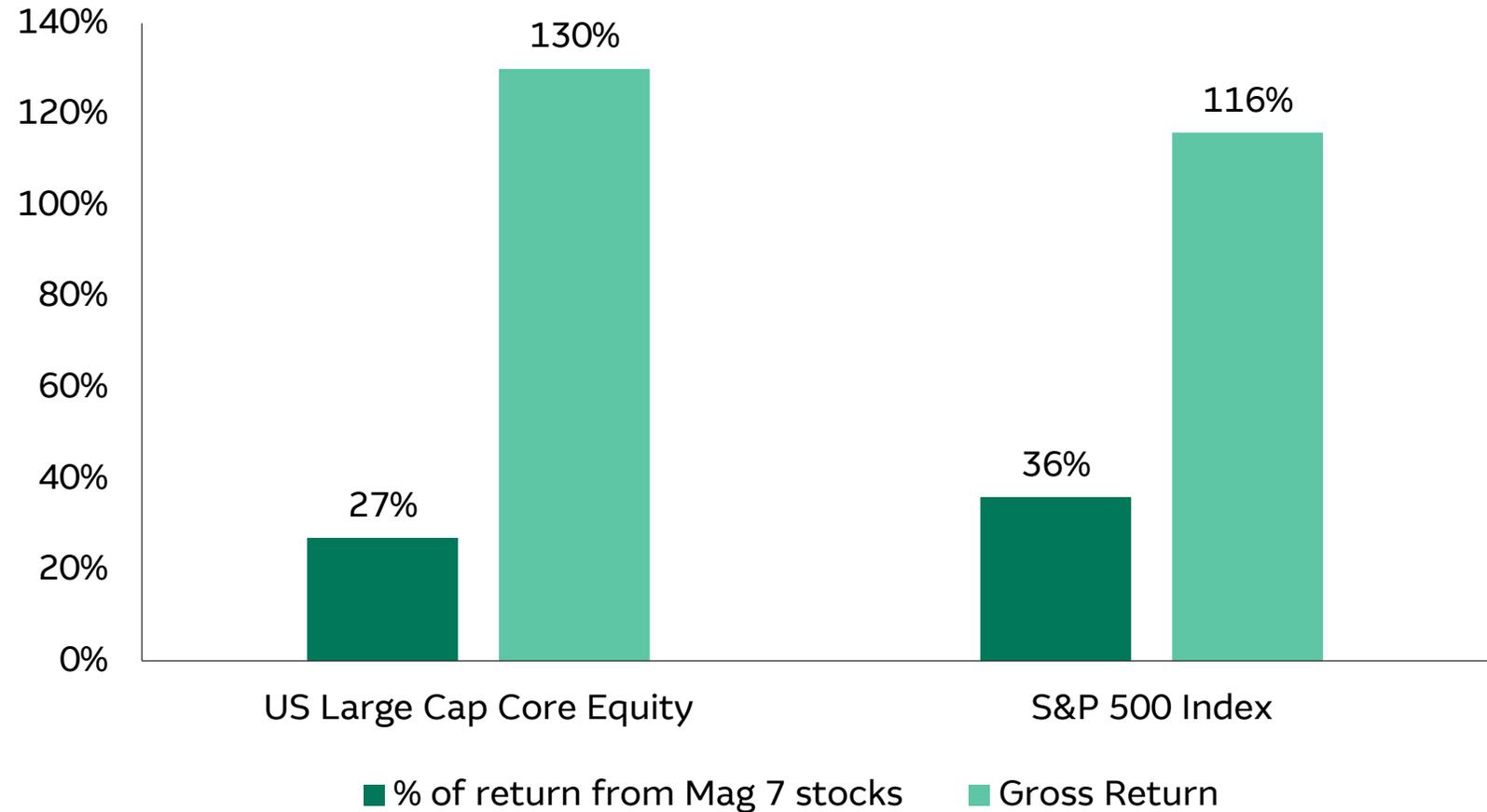
Return Spread between the Top 10 largest index weights and Bottom 490 stocks in the S&P 500 Index



Source: Macquarie, FactSet. Data as of 6/30/2025. Data quoted is past performance and current performance may be lower or higher. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
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Looking beyond the Mag 7 stocks...

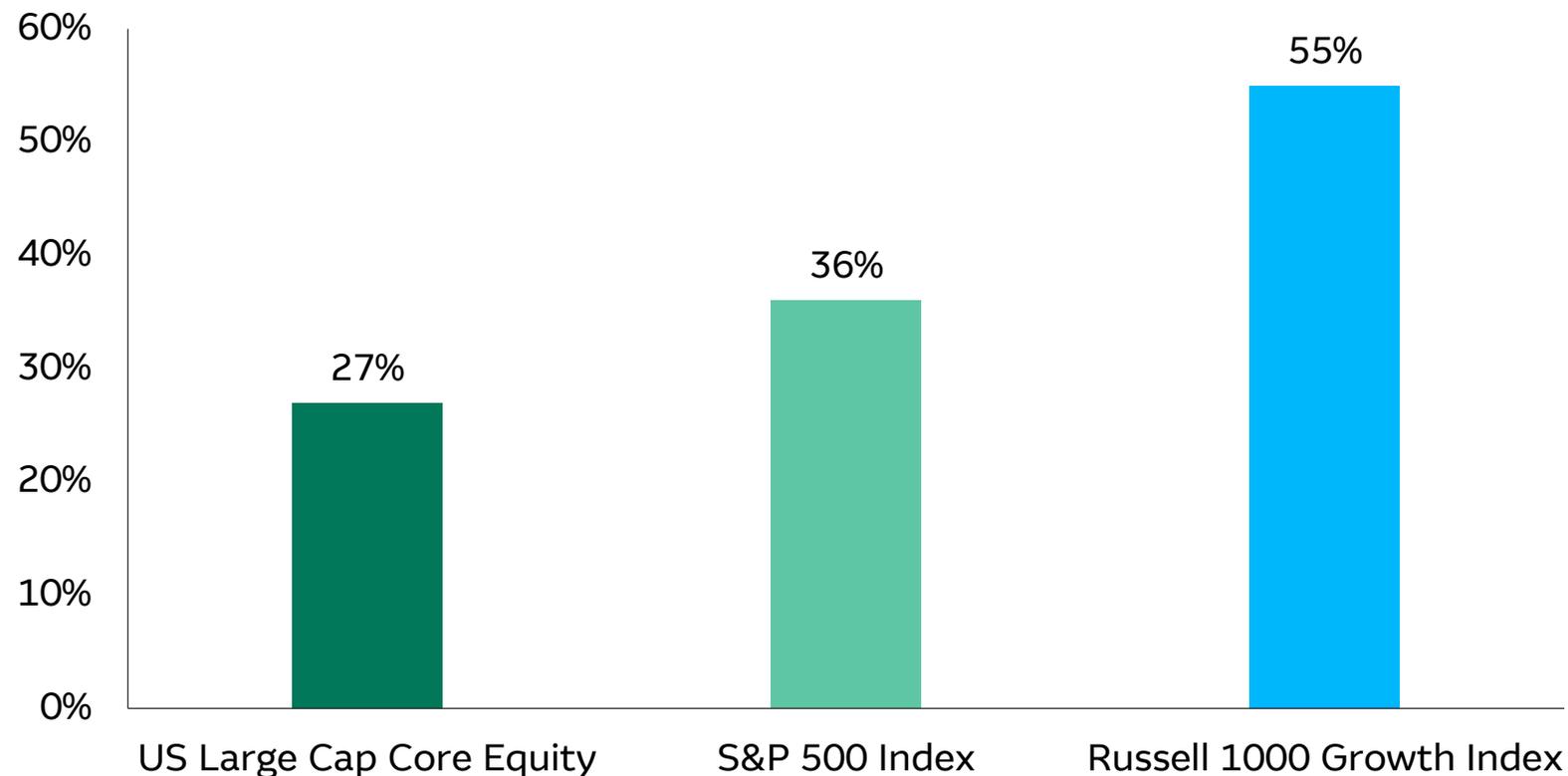
Contribution to return by “Mag 7” Stocks* 5-years ending 6/30/25



Supplemental. Source: FactSet, Macquarie. The portfolio information shown is that of a representative US Large Cap Core Equity portfolio.
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...Macquarie US Core Equity Fund offers more diversified returns

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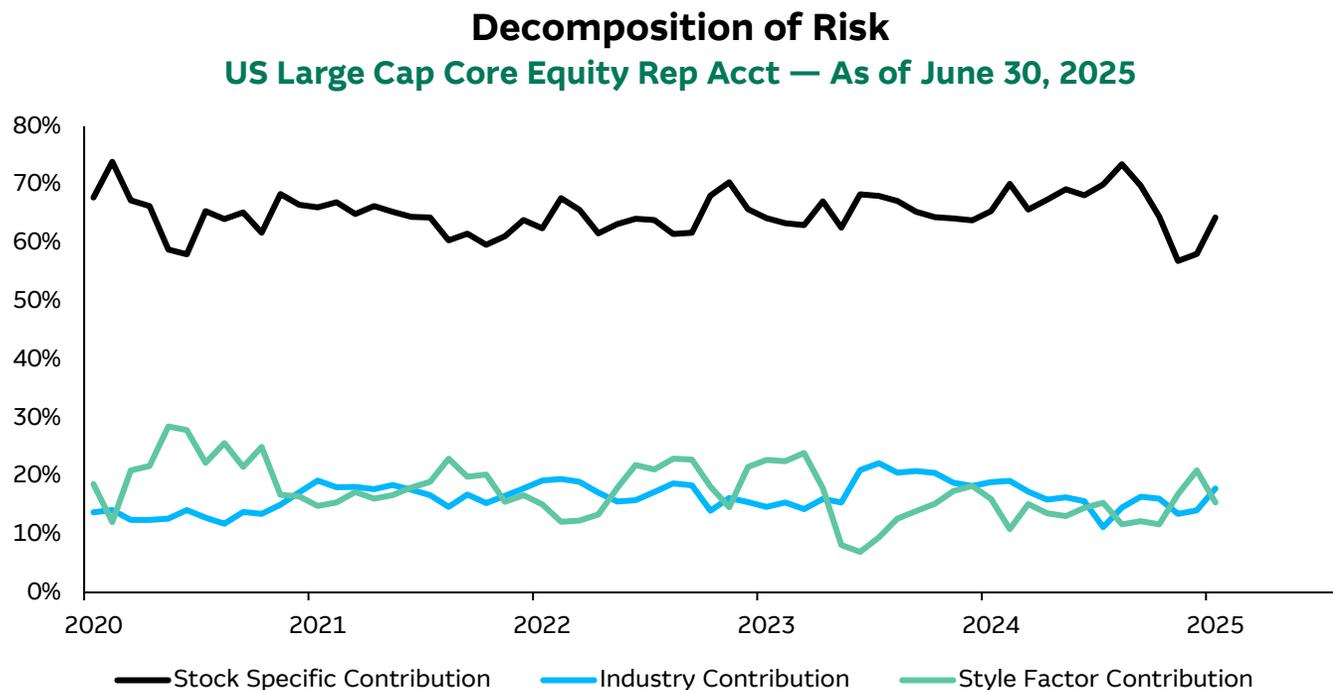
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We believe our approach to managing portfolio risk is unique

We anticipate that most of the attribution will be driven by stock and industry specific deviations from the benchmark, rather than style deviations.

~80% of portfolio tracking error over past 5-years is tied to intentional stock/industry positioning

We actively monitor “non-standard” measures of portfolio risk (such as correlation to AI theme) below



SP500 Correlations/Weights - 9/2/25

Period (trading days)	Index weight	Number of securities over 50% correlated w/ NVDA in bench	Active weight
21D	35.0	48	-3.7
42D	12.0	9	-2.1
63D	11.7	8	0.0
126D	63.1	188	-3.6
252D	37.5	59	7.7

Data as of 6/30/2025. Sources: Barra, FactSet. The portfolio information shown above is that of an US Large Cap Core Equity representative portfolio. Chart is for illustrative purposes only. **The performance quoted represents past performance and does not predict future returns.**

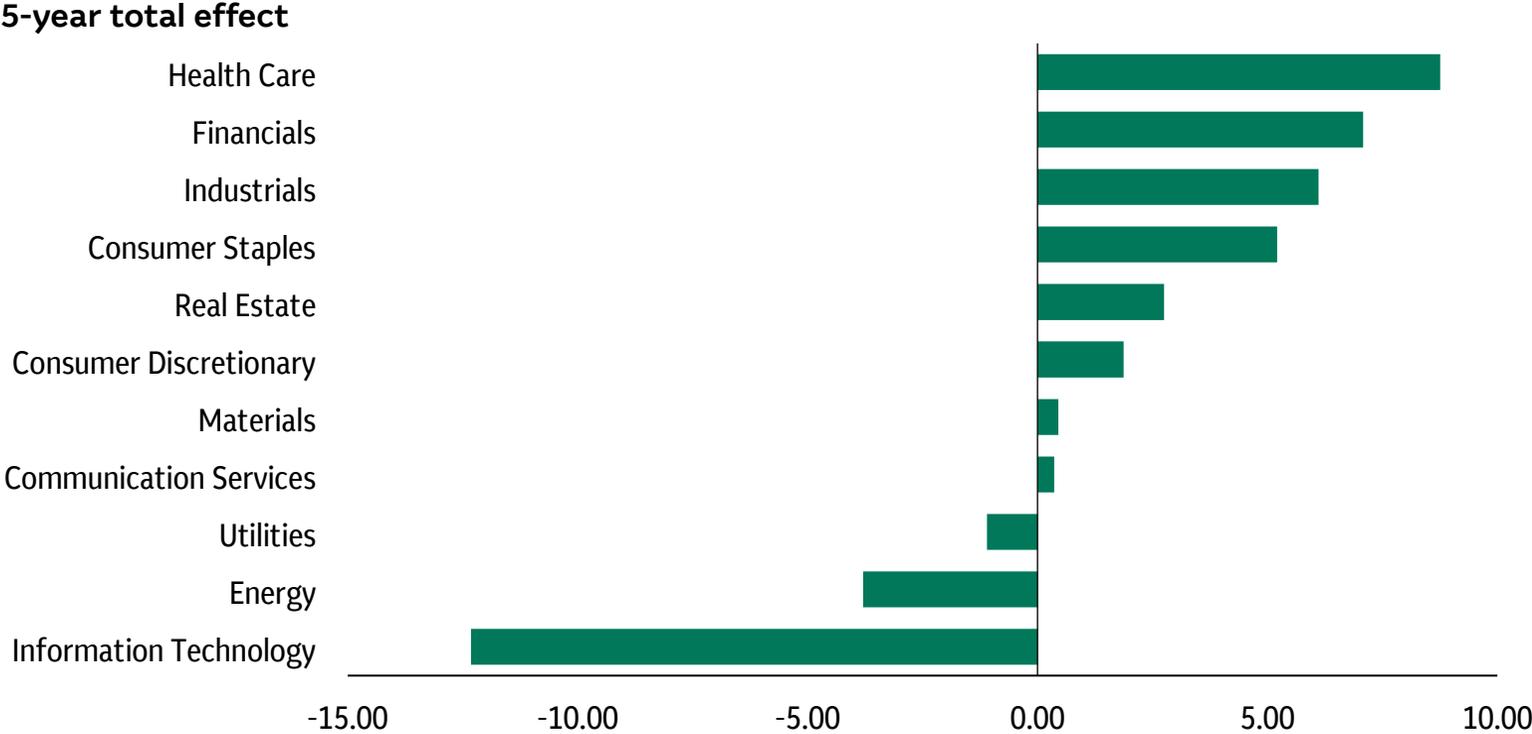
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Distinct returns relative to index

Idiosyncratic nature of portfolio on exhibit over trailing 5-years as of June 30, 2025

Security selection effects are positive in 8 of 11 market sectors over trailing 5-years (gross of fees) and strongest in out-of-favor/value market sectors (financials, health care, consumer staples and industrials)



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Our approach:

- Actively Managed
- Change-Focused
- Built for Today's Market



- Flexible exposure across the large-cap spectrum
- Proven track record in volatile markets
- A differentiated alternative to passive indexing



Broad Opportunity, Sharply Focused

We follow change across sectors, investing in evolving companies, not just labels like 'growth' and 'value'



Built to Protect in Down Markets

Outperformed in all 20%+ drawdowns since 2006



More Flexible than the Index

Participates in mega-cap upside but not dependent on it

Process – Disciplined and repeatable

Our analysis seeks to marry 3 concepts

1. Quality

- Industry / sub-sector leadership
- Stable to improving industry structure
- Through cycle returns > cost of capital



2. Change / Catalyst

- Embedded strength meets new momentum
- Underappreciated growth or re-rating potential
- Asymmetric risk/reward



3. Timeliness

- Market inefficiencies create windows of opportunity
- Entry points/valuation matter
- Price momentum builds quickly in quality names



Process – (Quality + Catalyst + Timeliness = Results)

Company	Quality	Catalyst	Results	
	<p>Largest Do-It-Yourself auto parts retailer in North America.</p> <p>Exhibited strongest ROA among peers along with near-best in group organic sales growth.</p>	<p>Increase share in Do-It-For me segment, previously underserved by the company</p> <p>Committed to hub and mega hub investment strategy (aimed at commercial customers)</p> <p>Significantly catalyzed commercial growth while seeing a re-valuation in equity value</p>	<p>Purchased: 1Q 2019</p> <p>P/E: ~14x</p>	<p>Return: 339%</p> <p>P/E: ~26x</p>

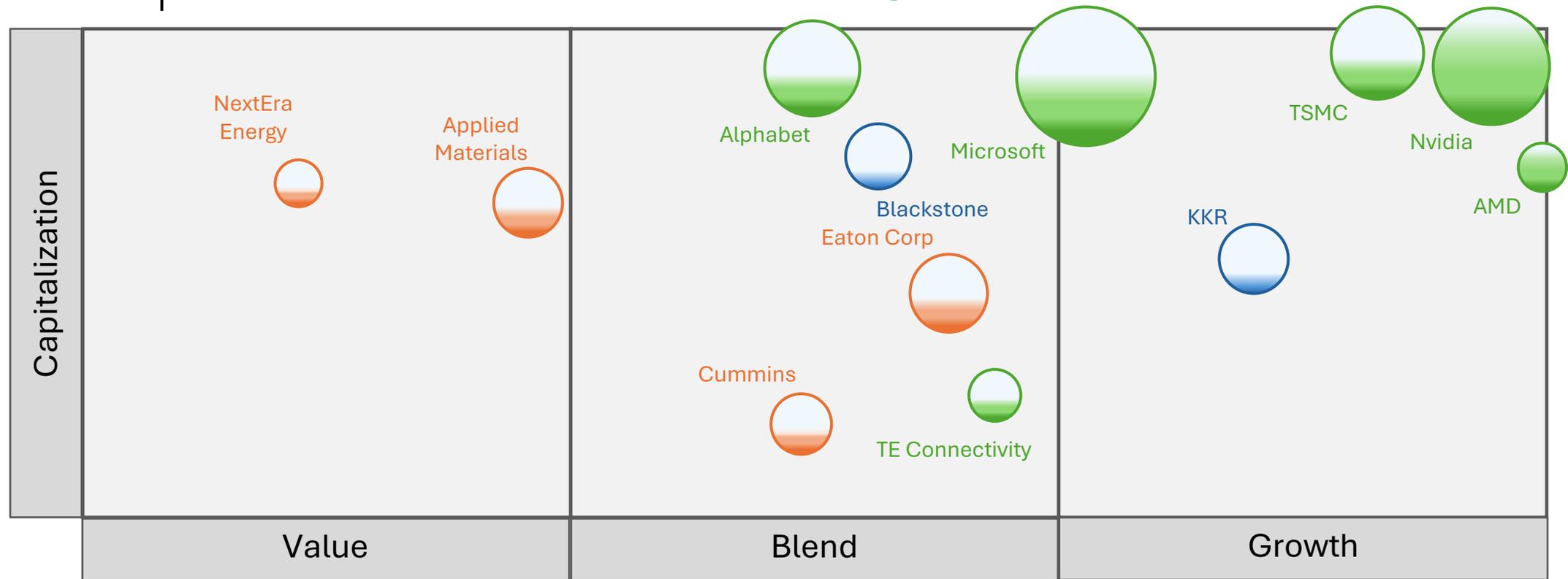
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Process - (Quality + Catalyst + Timeliness = Results)

Company	Quality	Catalyst	Results	
	<p>Largest direct marketer of auto and home insurance.</p> <p>Strong brand and lowest cost distribution model versus agent-led rivals allowing for long-term share gains; Highest ROE among peers</p>	<p>Earnings halved in 2021 as the result of the return of driving post-Covid.</p> <p>➕ Provided a cyclical entry point; auto insurers aggressively began to raise price to recapture lost margin/profitability.</p>	<p>➕ Purchased: 3Q 2021</p> <p>P/E: ~17x on depressed earnings</p>	<p>Return: 194%</p> <p>P/E: ~15x</p>

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Catalyst driven opportunities across the value to growth spectrum... Theme: Artificial Intelligence

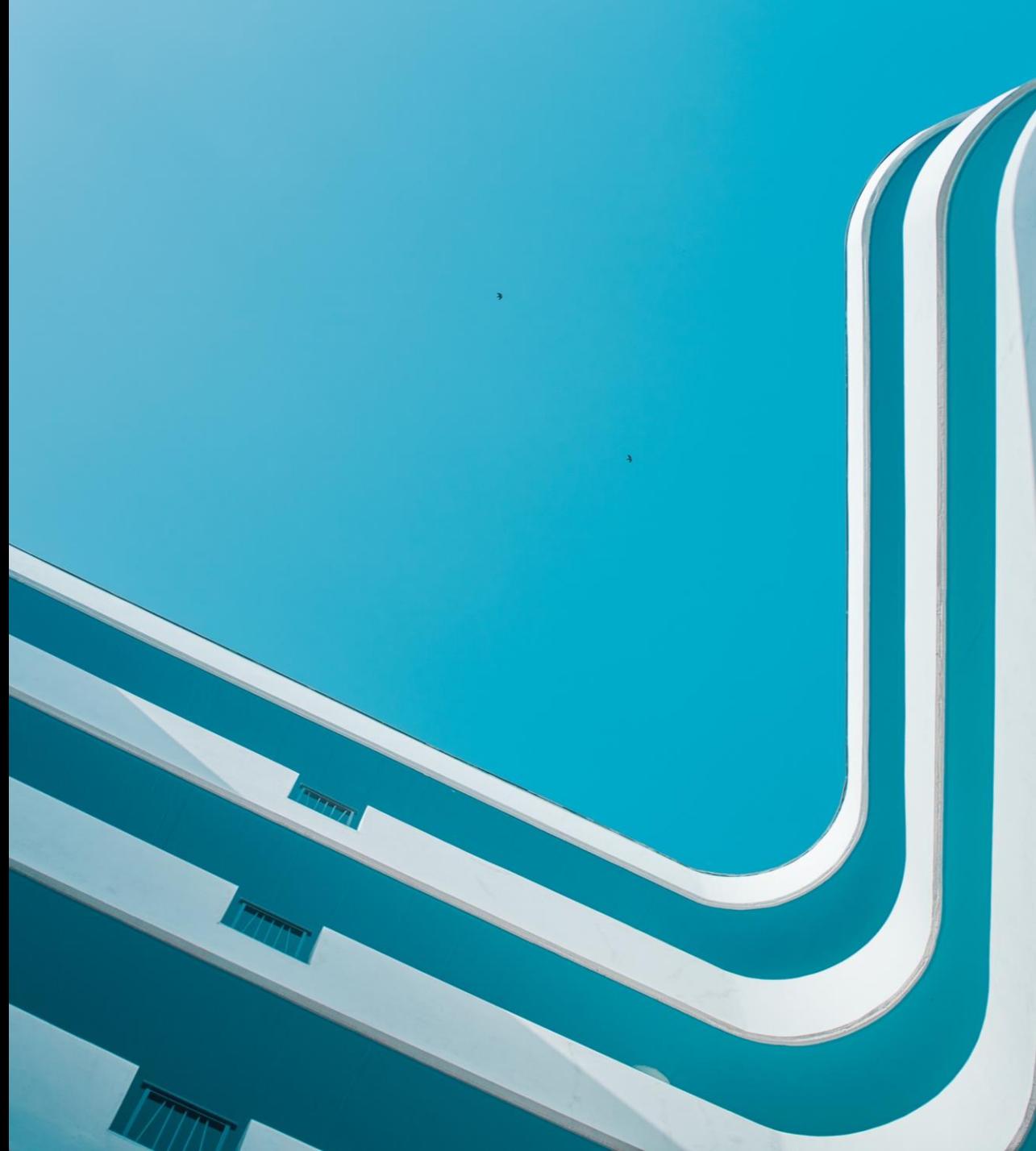


- Industrial Power / Infrastructure
- Compute Infrastructure / Enabling Semis
- Financing

- Size of bubble = Position size
- Shading of bubble = level of contribution / correlation to AI

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Appendix



Tenured portfolio management team

US Large Cap Core Equity



Erik R. Becker, CFA
Portfolio Manager
26 yrs exp



David Borberg, CFA
Client Portfolio Manager
29 yrs exp

Global Research (for Kansas City-based teams)



Nathan Brown, CFA
Director of Research
26 yrs exp.



Mathew Berns 20yrs exp
Communications, Hardware, Consumer



Reza Saghir 20yrs exp
Internet, IT Consulting, Advertising



Tina Xiaoshan Kou 19yrs exp
Healthcare Equipment, Life Sciences, Medical Supplies



Victor Lee, CFA 16yrs exp
Consumer Discretionary, Semiconductors



Christopher Bubeck, CFA 15yrs exp
Software



Mark Dennis, CFA, CPA 14yrs exp
Financials



Alejandra Lobo Rodriguez, CFA 13yrs exp
Consumer Staples, Retail



Ashkahn Negahban, CFA 6yrs exp
Energy, Materials



Adam Still 5yrs exp
Transportation, Aerospace & Defense



Roderick Ma 4yrs exp
Healthcare Providers, Biotech, Pharmaceuticals



Joshua P. Brown 22yrs exp
SMID Specialist



Nick Bolmer, CFA 15yrs exp
SMID Specialist



Ryan Rutkowski 15yrs exp
International



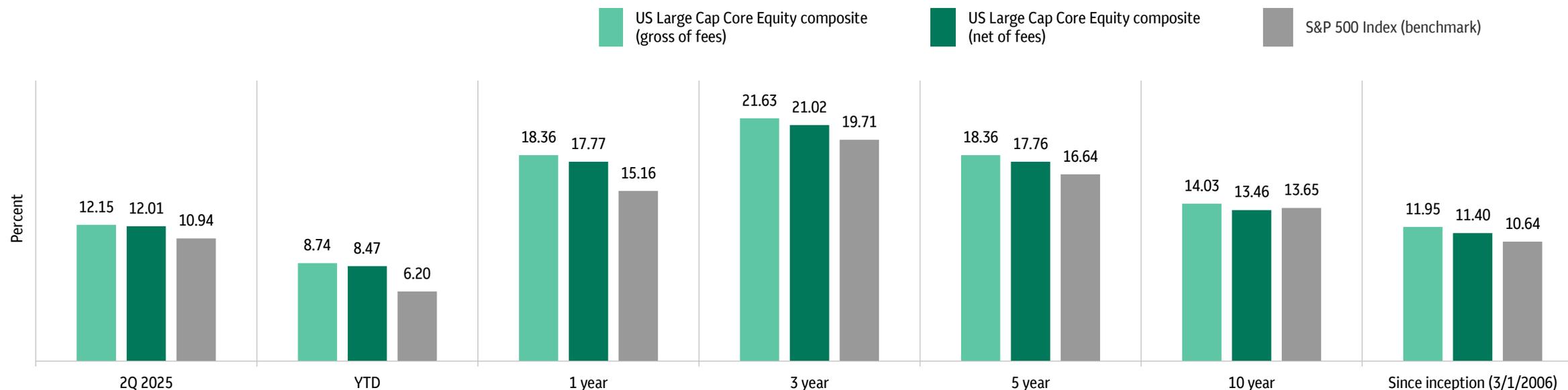
Josh Kilmer 2yrs exp
Building Products, Distributors, Homebuilding, Household Durables, Trading Companies



Derek Hamilton 29yrs exp
Global Economist

Composite performance

Periods ending June 30, 2025



Calendar Year Total Returns	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
US Large Cap Core Equity (gross)	27.07%	24.83%	-16.49%	30.39%	22.96%	32.27%	-3.57%	21.85%	4.51%	0.46%
US Large Cap Core Equity (net)	26.44%	24.21%	-16.91%	29.74%	22.35%	31.61%	-4.05%	21.24%	3.99%	-0.04%
S&P 500 Index	25.02%	26.29%	-18.11%	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%	-4.38%	21.83%	11.96%	1.38%
US Large Cap Core Equity (gross) +/- Index	2.05%	-1.46%	1.62%	1.68%	4.56%	0.78%	0.81%	0.02%	-7.45%	-0.92%
US Large Cap Core Equity (net) +/- Index	1.42%	-2.08%	1.20%	1.03%	3.95%	0.12%	0.33%	-0.59%	-7.97%	-1.42%

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Source: Macquarie

Portfolio - Equity holdings by active weight

Macquarie US Large Cap Core Equity Fund — As of June 30, 2025

Active Weight		Active Weight		Active Weight	
3.5	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR	1.3	HCA Healthcare Inc	0.5	Danaher Corporation
3.4	Howmet Aerospace Inc.	1.2	Crown Holdings, Inc.	0.5	JPMorgan Chase & Co.
2.4	CME Group Inc. Class A	1.2	Zebra Technologies Corporation Class A	0.5	TE Connectivity plc
2.3	AT&T Inc	1.2	Ally Financial Inc	0.2	ConocoPhillips
2.1	Abbott Laboratories	1.2	Morgan Stanley	0.2	Netflix, Inc.
2.0	Costco Wholesale Corporation	1.2	Linde plc	0.2	Alphabet Inc.
2.0	AutoZone, Inc.	1.0	Blackstone Inc.	0.2	Microsoft Corporation
1.9	Fiserv, Inc.	1.0	Cummins Inc.	-0.1	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated
1.8	Capital One Financial Corp	1.0	Home Depot, Inc.	-0.1	Meta Platforms Inc Class A
1.7	Progressive Corporation	1.0	Sherwin-Williams Company	-0.2	Broadcom Inc.
1.6	Eaton Corp. Plc	1.0	Aon Plc Class A	-1.7	NVIDIA Corporation
1.6	Applied Materials, Inc.	0.9	Mastercard Incorporated Class A	-2.7	Apple Inc.
1.6	GE Aerospace	0.8	Vulcan Materials Company		
1.6	Allstate Corporation	0.8	Seagate Technology Holdings PLC		
1.6	American Express Company	0.8	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated		
1.5	SAP SE Sponsored ADR	0.8	NextEra Energy, Inc.		
1.4	KKR & Co Inc	0.7	Amazon.com, Inc.		
1.3	Salesforce, Inc.	0.5	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.		

Portfolio's Active Share¹ = 60.0%

¹Active share describes the share of the portfolio holdings that differ from the S&P 500 Index. Holdings based by issuer. Holdings and weightings are current as of the date indicated and are subject to change. Some securities may no longer be in the portfolio. This should not be considered a recommendation to buy, hold, or sell any security, and should not be relied on as research or investment advice. Unless otherwise stated, the source of data and holdings information is Factset.

Portfolio - Top 10 stock holdings

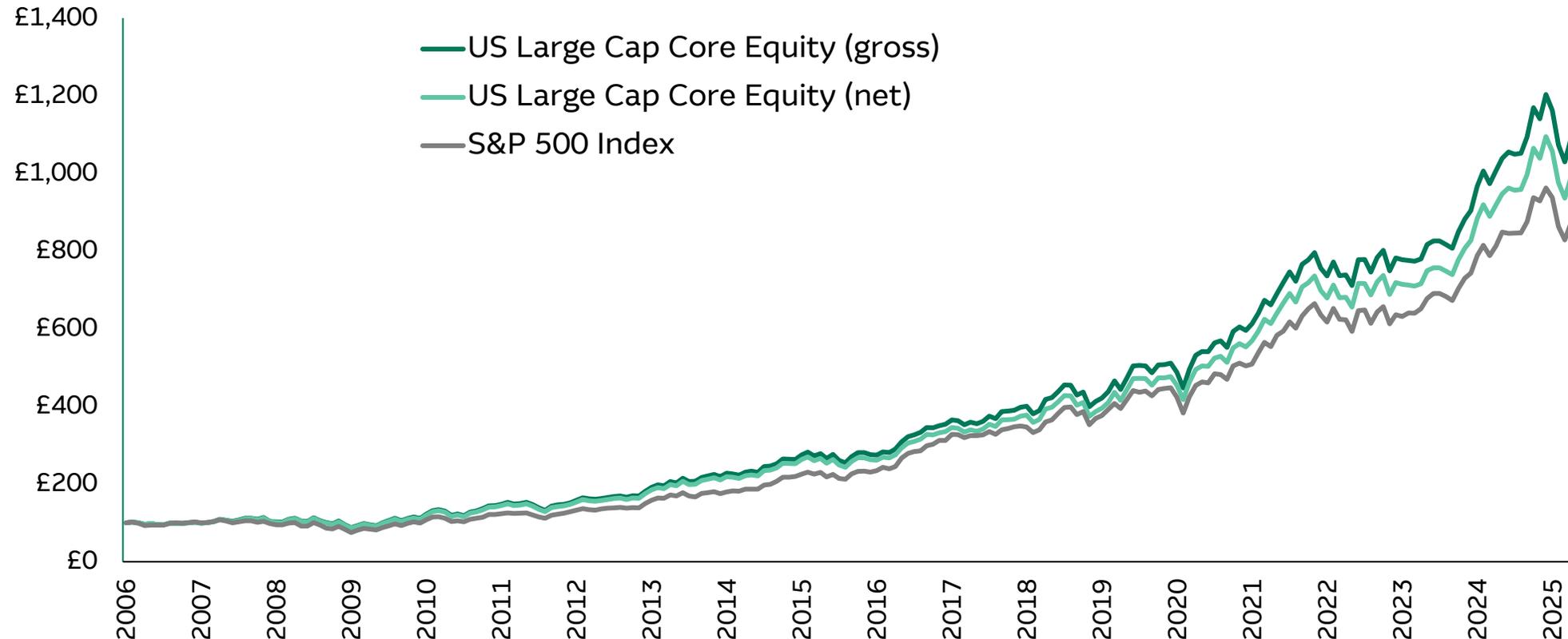
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	Security	Sector	Portfolio weight (%)
	Microsoft Corporation	Information Technology	7.21
	NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	5.64
	Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	4.64
	Howmet Aerospace Inc.	Industrials	3.55
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR	Information Technology	3.50
	Alphabet Inc. Class A	Communication Services	3.37
	Apple Inc.	Information Technology	3.12
	Meta Platforms Inc Class A	Communication Services	2.96
	Costco Wholesale Corporation	Consumer Staples	2.85
	AT&T Inc	Communication Services	2.72
	Total		39.56%

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Our history of excellence has rewarded clients

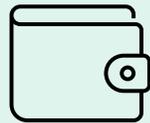
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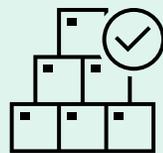
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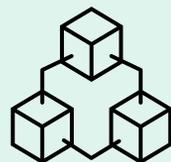
The strategy is subject to the following risks:



The value of the portfolio may fall as well as rise, and you may not receive back the amount invested.



As a class, equities carry higher risks than bonds or money market instruments.



Because the strategy expects to hold a concentrated portfolio of a limited number of securities, the strategy's risk may be increased because each investment has a greater effect on the strategy's overall performance. We maintain a diversified portfolio representing a number of different industries, which helps to minimize the impact that any one industry could have on the portfolio.

GIPS composite statistics and performance

US Large Cap Core Equity

Period end	Composite return "pure" gross-of-fees (%)	Composite return net-of-fees (%)	S&P 500 Index return (%)	Composite internal dispersion (%)	3-year annualized standard deviation (%)		As of December 31		
					Composite	S&P 500 Index	Number of portfolios	Composite assets (\$mm)	Total firm assets (\$mm)
2024	27.1	26.4	25.0	0.1	17.6	17.4	6	5,929	495,289
2023	24.8	24.2	26.3	0.2	17.9	17.5	6	5,446	507,406
2022	-16.5	-16.9	-18.1	n/a	20.9	21.2	7	5,345	484,894
2021	30.4	29.7	28.7	n/a	17.2	17.2	5	6,350	501,794
2020	23.0	22.4	18.4	n/a	18.4	18.5	5	5,569	n/a
2019	32.3	31.6	31.5	n/a	12.7	11.9	5	5,254	n/a
2018	-3.6	-4.0	-4.4	0.5	11.4	10.8	7	4,934	n/a
2017	21.8	21.2	21.8	0.1	11.1	9.9	12	6,699	n/a
2016	4.5	4.0	12.0	0.7	12.0	10.6	28	8,268	n/a
2015	0.5	0.0	1.4	0.4	11.9	10.5	32	9,897	n/a

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GIPS composite statistics and performance

US Large Cap Core Equity

Performance results are shown as total returns, net of dividend withholding taxes, assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, are presented before and after the deduction of model investment advisory fees, and are calculated in US dollars. The returns of some accounts in the composite may include income from securities lending. The Investment advisory fees are described in Part 2 of the ADV. The US Large Cap Core Equity fee schedule is as follows: first \$50 million, 0.50%; next \$50 million, 0.40%; amounts over \$100 million, 0.35%. Net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable advisory fee from the monthly gross composite return since inception. Some clients may utilize a performance-based fee, therefore actual fees paid may be higher or lower than the maximum fixed fee. Management fees, and any other expenses incurred in the management of the account, will reduce your return. The actual fee schedule may vary. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. A list of composite and limited distribution pooled fund descriptions and a list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request. **The performance quoted represents past performance and does not predict future returns.**

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark over the preceding 36-month period. This measure is not required to be presented for annual periods ended prior to 2011 or when 36 monthly composite returns are not yet available.

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