

# QUARTERLY UPDATE: 1Q 2022

## STEWARD LARGE CAP CORE FUND COMMENTARY



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### Steward Large Cap Core Fund - Institutional

Ticker	SJCIX
Inception Date	11/18/2021
Net Expense Ratio	0.75%
Primary Benchmark	Russell 1000

### Top 10 Holdings

Microsoft Corp.	6.61%
Apple, Inc.	5.43%
Alphabet, Inc. Class A	3.40%
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.21%
Visa, Inc.	1.66%
Intel Corp.	1.53%
Cisco Systems, Inc.	1.51%
American Express Co.	1.35%
Prologis, Inc.	1.32%
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	1.29%
<b>Total % of Portfolio</b>	<b>26.30%</b>

### Markets and Performance

The S&P 500 suffered its first quarterly decline since the depths of the pandemic in Q1 of 2020, returning -4.60% for Q1 2022. The Russell 1000 Growth Index returned -9.04%, meaningfully lagging the Russell 1000 Value Index which returned -0.74%. The Steward Large Cap Core Fund (Institutional shares) returned -6.90% for the quarter, underperforming its Russell 1000 benchmark by 176 basis points (bps). The majority of the underperformance occurred in March. The Fund was hurt by the strong rebound in high growth companies as investors turned back to focus on growth and defensives as the yield curve flattened causing recession concerns.

### Positive and Negative Contributors to Performance

Underperformance came entirely from sector weightings as stock selection attribution registered positive for the fund. Our underweight in energy (took profits too soon) and overweight in technology and consumer staples were the biggest negative contributors to performance. Best stock contributors were Kohl's (0.85% of total net assets) and AmerisourceBergen (1.03% of total net assets) as well as underweighting Meta Platforms, Inc. (0.24% of total net assets). Worst stocks were Lowe's (1.29% of total net assets) and PVH Corp. (0.74% of total net assets).

### Looking Ahead

The Fund is positioned for slowing, but positive economic growth and earnings. As such, we hold more value and cyclical names than growth and defensive names. Largest sector overweights are technology, financials, and consumer discretionary; largest underweights include healthcare, industrials, and consumer staples.

Trailing Returns	Qtr	YTD	Since Inception
Steward Large Cap Core Fund - Institutional	-6.90%	-6.90%	-5.94%
Russell 1000	-5.13%	-5.13%	-4.55%

Index returns shown assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

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