



STEWARD LARGE CAP CORE FUND

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Institutional Shares



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Steward Large Cap Core Fund - Institutional	
Ticker	SJCIX
Inception Date	11/15/2021
Prospectus Dated	8/28/2022
Prospectus Expense Ratio	Gross 0.89% Net 0.75%
Primary Benchmark	Russell 1000

Top 10 Holdings	
Microsoft Corp.	5.60%
Apple, Inc.	5.43%
Alphabet, Inc.	2.31%
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.01%
Visa, Inc.	1.90%
Mastercard, Inc.	1.74%
Coca-Cola Co.	1.70%
Pepsico, Inc.	1.64%
ConocoPhillips	1.43%
Amgen, Inc.	1.42%
Total % of Portfolio	25.18%

Markets and Performance

We have entered a high-risk zone as a consequence of the largest rise in inflation in 40 years, rising policy rates, several developed market countries having excessive debt levels, some poorly-timed fiscal actions and the awakening of the bond vigilantes. In this environment, stocks and bonds both declined for the third consecutive quarter, the longest streak in almost 50 years. The Steward Large Cap Core Fund was down -4.20% in the third quarter, outperforming the Russell 1000 -4.61% by 41 basis points. Outperformance came from both sector weights and stock selection.

Positive and Negative Contributors to Performance

Good performance came from underweighting communication services and stock selection within healthcare; this was somewhat offset by poor stock selection in technology. Our best stock performance came from Cardinal Health (1.11% of total net assets), ConocoPhillips (1.43% of total net assets) and H&R Block (1.01% of total net assets); worst stocks were Intel (1.07% of total net assets), Tesla (underweight) (1.08% of total net assets) and HP, Inc. (1.03% of total net assets).

Looking Ahead

Economic growth is slowing globally, but it is not collapsing. We do anticipate that the Fed will continue to hike rates and move into restrictive territory by year-end, increasing the probability of a recession in 2023. We expect volatility in both directions in the fourth quarter. Earnings are likely to disappoint as the Fed continues to tighten, raising the recession probability ever higher. We favor below beta, above average yields and high quality companies. Our largest sector overweight is technology (especially software and services) while our largest sector underweight is communication services.

Performance	QTD	YTD	Since Inception
Steward Large Cap Core Fund - Institutional	-4.20%	-25.05%	-24.28%
Russell 1000	-4.61%	-24.59%	-23.88%

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

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