



STEWARD LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND

COMMENTARY | QUARTERLY UPDATE: 2Q 2023

Institutional Shares



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Steward Large Cap Growth Fund - Institutional	
Ticker	SJGIX
Inception Date	11/15/2021
Prospectus Dated	8/28/2022
Prospectus Expense Ratio	Gross 0.99% Net 0.75%
Primary Benchmark	Russell 1000 Growth

Top 10 Holdings	
Apple, Inc.	12.33%
Microsoft Corp.	10.93%
Alphabet, Inc.	5.16%
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.42%
NVIDIA Corp.	3.63%
Visa, Inc.	2.82%
Mastercard, Inc.	2.60%
Tesla, Inc.	2.31%
Adobe, Inc.	2.04%
Meta Platforms, Inc.	1.93%
Total % of Portfolio	48.18%

Markets and Performance

Equity markets have benefitted from relatively calm bond markets since late-2022, expectations for policy easing down the road, and acceptable corporate profits. Stock market gains have not been broadly-based and there is the seemingly omnipresent fear that a recession could develop at any time. Supportive liquidity conditions and the ongoing rise in corporate profits should continue to prop up prices until the bond market sells off and/or central banks go too far. The rebound in stocks since late-2022 is now looking extended and at the risk of pausing or reversing out since recent gains have relied on a handful of mega-cap and AI-related stocks.

The Steward Large Cap Growth Fund increased by 12.28% in the second quarter ending June 30, 2023, modestly underperforming the Russell 1000 Growth Index (+12.81%) by 53 basis points. Stock selection and sector allocation were both slightly negative detractors to fund performance. The fund's overweight in both real estate and financial securities was also detrimental to performance. This was somewhat offset, however, by underweighting the staples sector and good stock selection within the real estate sector. Our security holdings that exhibited high profitability, strong management quality and low beta were the ones that hurt performance.

Positive and Negative Contributors to Performance

The best performing stocks for the quarter were Adobe Systems (2.04% of total net assets) and Teradata (1.04% of total net assets). The worst performing stocks in the fund were Ulta Beauty and the underweighting of NVIDIA (3.63% of total net assets). Our bet on down cap names in the fund began working for fund performance in the month of June.

Looking Ahead

Heading into Q3 we remain cautious on the markets for many reasons – the yield curve remains deeply inverted, the money supply is shrinking, corporate profits have peaked, banks are tightening their lending standards, the Fed has raised rates 500 basis points in just over a year and threaten to do more, liquidity conditions are not good, and stocks are not cheap. As such, we expect an economic slowdown, earnings cuts during the quarter, and possibly a recession. In such an environment, stock selection in the fund requires a focus on quality, the ability to deliver earnings and cash flow, and reasonable valuations.

Performance	QTD	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
Steward Large Cap Growth Fund - Institutional	12.28%	22.95%	23.25%	-4.64%
Russell 1000 Growth	12.81%	29.02%	27.11%	-4.85%

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

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