

# STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

- Invest in quality companies at a significant discount to their intrinsic value, providing opportunity to deliver strong results over time as solid managements drive both growth in value and reduction in the discount.
- > Seek to excel in Value-driven markets, and to outperform the benchmark on average over time.
- > Outperform the benchmark in up markets.

### **ANNUALIZED RETURNS**

Periods ending 12/31/2023	
Matrix Large Cap Value	R1000 Value

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	Index	
4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr, 2023	12.90%	12.66%	9.47%	
YTD 2023	25.70%	24.53%	11.41%	
1 Year	25.70%	24.53%	11.41%	
3 Years	10.81%	9.74%	8.82%	
5 Years	15.11%	14.00%	10.88%	
10 Years	9.63%	8.56%	8.38%	
Since Inception*	8.51%	7.45%	7.08%	

# PORTFOLIO STATISTICS & CHARACTERISTICS

	<u>Matrix</u>	<u>R1000V</u>
Market Cap - \$wtd. (\$bil.)	651.7	139.2
P/E – 1 year forward	14.76x	14.99x
Annualized Alpha - 5 year**	3.36	
Upside Capture - 5 year**	119.34	
Portfolio Turnover (TTM)	13.27%	
# of Holdings	31	849

# **KEY DIFFERENTIATORS**

- 30+ years of <u>continuity</u> of leadership and philosophy; team averages 20+ years at the firm. Principals have significant personal assets invested alongside clients.
- Eight proprietary intrinsic value models used since the firm's inception allow for identification of undervalued stocks in all industries in all market environments.
- "Go Anywhere" ability allows us to be <u>opportunistic</u>, believing that attractive undervalued investments can surface in any sector at any time. We are not benchmark-driven.
- Research-based, high conviction approach leads to a portfolio of 30-40 names, providing for a favorable mix of performance potential and diversification.
- > Focus on better companies in better industries helps to avoid value traps.
- > Same investment approach also available as an ESG-focused portfolio.

# QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

Matrix's Large Cap Value Portfolio (LCV) showed strong performance results in the 4th quarter and for the year, outperforming the Russell 1000 Value Index in both periods, net of fees.

Performance results in 2023 benefited from investments made in high-quality Technology and Communication Services companies when their share prices were much lower. In the 4th quarter, more stocks in a variety of sectors outside of Technology contributed to the portfolio's strong results. Our holdings in Financials were up double digits across the board in Q4, responding to the solid results they have been reporting and getting a lift from improving investor sentiment as interest rates declined.

In 2024, we expect good but less spectacular results from last year's biggest winners, continued contributions from Financials in a less restrictive interest rate environment, and gains from other areas of the portfolio that lagged in 2023 like Healthcare, Industrials, and Materials.

## **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Microsoft Corporation Alphabet Inc. Class C Meta Platforms, Inc. J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Apple Inc. Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Qualcomm Inc. Morgan Stanley Amazon. Com Inc TE Connectivity LTD.	7.3% 6.1% 5.5% 4.5% 4.2% 4.0% 4.0% 3.9% 3.5% 3.4%	<u>Sectors</u> Communication Services Consumer Discretionary Consumer Staples Energy Financials Healthcare Industrials Information Technology Materials Real Estate Utilities Cash & Equivalent, Other	<u>Matrix</u> 16.1 5.3 0.0 23.2 19.2 7.0 27.7 0.9 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.6	<u>SPY</u> 8.6 10.8 6.1 3.9 12.9 12.6 8.8 28.8 2.4 2.5 2.3 0.3
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### **INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW**

- > Idea Generation large cap universe, financially strong, proprietary valuation modeling
- Research & Valuation attractive discount, profitability, free cash flow, management assessment, franchise growth
- Stock Selection & Portfolio Construction confirm undervaluation, viable path to value creation, diversification, control risk
- > Sale Process consistent, repeatable, unemotional, usually triggered at intrinsic value

## MATRIX PARTNERS

DAVID KATZ President, CIO 37 years at Matrix / 39 years in industry

RESEARCH / PORTFOLIO MGMT					
Lon Birnholz *	28/40				
Jordan Posner	18/39				
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\*years at Matrix / years in industry

#### **GENERAL FIRM INFORMATION**

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Firm/Product Assets:	\$1.021 Billion/\$387 Million.
Product Accounts:	233
Investment Style:	US Large Cap Value Equity
Market Capitalization:	Generally \$10 Billion or more
Decision Making:	Bottom-Up Stock Selection
Manager Avg. Tenure:	25 Years
Mgr. Avg. Experience:	38 Years

All data is through (or as of) 12/31/2023 unless otherwise noted. Source: Matrix Asset Advisors, Bloomberg, eVestment Alliance. Additional disclosure pertaining to the information above is displayed in bold on the last pages of this document and is considered to be an integral part of this report.

#### MATRIX ASSET ADVISORS, INC. LARGE CAP VALUE EQUITY COMPOSITE - ANNUAL COMPOSITE REPORT PRESENTATION

		Composite	Assets	Annual Performance Results							
				Composite				3-Year Annualized Standard Deviation			
Year End	Total Firm Assets (millions)	USD (millions)	Number of Accounts	Gross of Fee Return	Net of Fee	S&P 500	Russell 1000® Value Index	Composite Dispersion	Composite	S&P 500	Russell 1000® Value Index
2022	884	210	175	-18.85%	-19.70%	-18.13%	-7.56%	N/A	23.21%	20.87%	21.25%
2021	994	273	172	33.40%	32.16%	28.68%	25.12%	0.6%	20.47%	17.17%	19.06%
2020	791	203	145	14.66%	13.53%	18.39%	2.78%	1.9%	22.08%	18.53%	19.62%
2019	814	202	156	29.55%	28.34%	31.48%	26.52%	0.5%	14.35%	11.93%	11.85%
2018	717	188	173	-10.52%	-11.44%	-4.39%	-8.28%	0.4%	13.30%	10.80%	10.82%
2017	792	235	174	14.99%	13.89%	21.82%	13.64%	0.4%	12.71%	9.92%	10.20%
2016	763	259	182	15.14%	14.04%	11.95%	17.33%	0.5%	13.15%	10.59%	10.77%
2015	679	267	202	-7.59%	-8.53%	1.37%	-3.84%	0.4%	12.75%	10.47%	10.68%
2014	1,044	554	211	13.30%	12.21%	13.68%	13.46%	0.3%	11.73%	8.98%	9.20%
2013	978	537	208	41.19%	39.90%	32.39%	32.54%	0.5%	16.53%	11.94%	12.70%
2012	785	427	218	10.00%	8.93%	16.00%	17.51%	0.2%	19.81%	15.09%	15.51%
2011	874	500	271	-11.61%	-12.52%	2.11%	0.39%	0.6%	23.93%	18.71%	20.69%
2010	1,043	591	308	13.12%	12.02%	15.06%	15.51%	0.5%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2009	1,226	837	306	38.88%	37.60%	26.47%	19.69%	1.4%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2008	1,014	668	343	-38.91%	-39.60%	-37.00%	-36.85%	0.7%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2007	1,606	1,161	407	3.17%	2.14%	5.49%	-0.17%	0.5%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2006	1,658	1,166	392	17.38%	16.25%	15.79%	22.25%	0.4%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2005	1,799	881	430	1.42%	0.41%	4.91%	7.05%	0.9%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2004	1,550	1,006	460	4.62%	3.59%	10.88%	16.49%	0.7%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2003	1,077	582	366	44.65%	43.33%	28.68%	30.03%	1.1%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2002	709	287	298	-20.66%	-21.50%	-22.10%	-15.52%	1.2%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2001	761	266	221	11.72%	10.63%	-11.89%	-5.59%	2.9%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2000	671	186	174	7.82%	6.77%	-9.10%	7.01%	3.0%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
1999	456	179	179	31.35%	30.12%	21.04%	7.35%	3.7%	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

The Large Cap Value Equity Composite contains fully discretionary accounts invested in equity securities of financially strong, U.S. Large Capitalization Companies using a value-oriented strategy. For comparison purposes the Large Cap Value Equity Composite is measured against the S&P 500 Index and Russell 1000 Value Index. The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 publicly traded companies, which are among the largest in the United States. The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000 Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. Composite performance comparisons to the Russell 1000 Index which measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000 Index may be presented for this composite. The minimum account size for this composite is \$250 thousand.

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The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance was calculated using the highest management fee of 1%, applied quarterly. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for accounts in the composite the entire year, gross of fees. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance and preparing GIPS® reports are available upon request.

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#### **DEFINITIONS: & DISCLOSURES**

**Gross Rate of Return** is the total rate of return on an investment before the deduction of any fees, commissions, or expenses. Returns for more than a year are often annualized, which provides the geometric average return of an investment for each year over a given time period.

**Net Rate of Return** is the total rate of return on an investment after the deduction of any fees, commissions, or expenses. Returns for more than a year are often annualized, which provides the geometric average return of an investment for each year over a given time period.

**The S&P500° Index** is a broad-based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general. You cannot invest directly in an index.

**The Russell 1000° Value Index** measures the performance of those Russell 1000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

**Price to Earnings Ratio**, also called the P/E ratio, tells investors how a company is valued in the market. The P/E ratio simply the stock price divided by the company's earnings per share for a designated period like the past 12 months. The price/earnings ratio conveys how much investors will pay per share for \$1 of earnings.

**EPS Growth Long Term Forward** illustrates the growth of earnings per share over time. EPS growth rates help investors identify stocks that are increasing or decreasing in profitability.

**Portfolio Turnover (TTM)** is a measure of how quickly securities in a fund are either bought or sold by the fund's managers, over a given period of time. The rate of turnover is important for potential investors to consider, as funds that have a high rate can also have higher fees to reflect the turnover costs.

**Alpha** ( $\alpha$ ) is a term used in investing to describe an investment strategy's ability to beat the market, or its "edge." Alpha is thus also often referred to as excess returns. Alpha is often used in conjunction with beta (the Greek letter  $\beta$ ), which measures the broad market's overall volatility or risk, known as systematic market risk.

**Upside Capture Ratio** is the statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in up-markets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has risen.

**Annualized Return** is calculated as the equivalent annual return an investor receives over a given period. The Global Investment Performance Standards dictate that returns of portfolios or composites for periods of less than one year may not be annualized. This prevents "projected" performance in the remainder of the year.

**Market Capitalization Weighted** It is calculated as the sum of the total value of each company's outstanding shares multiplied by its share price, weighted by the position size in the portfolio.

**Market Capitalization Median** the midpoint of market capitalization (market price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) of the stocks in a portfolio. Half the stocks in the portfolio will have higher market capitalizations; half will have lower.

Large Cap Universe refers to-companies with a market capitalization value of more than \$10 billion.

Free Cash Flow indicates the amount of cash generated each year that is free and clear of all internal or external obligations

**Franchise Growth** refers to the growth and vitality of a company's business within its industry, especially as a strong competitor and as a key supplier.

Intrinsic Value is an estimate of what an asset is worth.

**Top 10 Holdings** The Securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. Actual portfolio holdings may very for each client and there is no guarantee that a particular client's account will hold any or all of the securities identified. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable.

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Note: Returns less than a one-year period are not annualized. All portfolio information (Top 10 Holdings, Portfolio Characteristics, Sector Allocation and Portfolio Statistics) is supplemental to the GIPS<sup>®</sup> Composite Report, which is considered an integral part of this presentation.

#### \*Inception date of 1/1/1999.

\*\* Portfolio statistics for annualized alpha, information ratio and upside capture are calculated for five years through 12/31/2023 and are gross of fees, unless stated otherwise.

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