

**Integrity Micro Cap Value Equity Strategy
First Quarter 2024 Performance Summary**
Commentary Highlights:

- Relative performance was about breakeven. Financials and industrials were the largest sources of contribution, mostly from stock selection.
- Health care was the most significant negative largely due to our underweight allocation. Weak stock selection in technology was an additional headwind.
- Sector allocations were a negative due to the sizeable underweight to health care, mainly biotechs, which materially outperformed.
- RadNet, Inc (RDNT), Heritage Insurance Holdings, Inc (HRTG), and DXP Enterprises, Inc (DXPE) were the three largest contributors.
- Not owning Cleanspark, Inc (CLSK), not owning Avidity Biosciences Inc (RNA), and Comtech Telecommunications Corp (CMTL) were the three largest detractors.

Top 5 Holdings – Representative Account

12/31/2023			3/31/2024		
Ticker	Name	Weight	Ticker	Name	Weight
BKD	Brookdale Senior Living Inc.	1.58	BKD	Brookdale Senior Living Inc.	1.41
RDNT	RadNet, Inc.	1.37	RDNT	RadNet, Inc.	1.40
CMCO	Columbus McKinnon Corporation	1.22	CMCO	Columbus McKinnon Corporation	1.36
ICHR	Ichor Holdings, Ltd.	1.19	ICHR	Ichor Holdings, Ltd.	1.32
NTST	NETSTREIT Corp.	1.19	NTST	NETSTREIT Corp.	1.26

Comments

No changes to the top five holdings.

Sector Weights – Representative Account

	12/31/2023	O/U	3/31/2024	O/U
Communication Services	4.33	1.28	4.48	1.51
Consumer Discretionary	13.73	3.84	13.23	4.14
Consumer Staples	0.00	-1.15	0.00	-1.11
Energy	6.47	-0.66	7.42	0.06
Financials	25.40	-4.03	24.02	-2.63
Health Care	6.39	-12.29	5.78	-15.85
Industrials	17.80	4.96	19.49	5.78
Information Technology	12.08	4.46	12.08	3.89
Materials	6.67	2.54	6.27	2.26
Real Estate	4.63	-0.70	4.48	-0.17
Utilities	0.70	-0.04	0.71	0.12

Comments

The weight to consumer discretionary, financials, and health care decreased. The weight to energy and industrials increased.

In consumer discretionary, we sold Solo Brands, Inc. Class A (DTC) and Genesco, Inc. (GCO). We exited Solo Brands, Inc. Class A (DTC) following a negative earnings preannouncement and an unexpected CEO transition. We sold Genesco Inc. (GCO) on execution concerns following a guidance cut. Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (WWW) and PlayAGS, Inc. (AGS) were replacements. We bought Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (WWW) as the company has a new CEO focused on de-leveraging and improving operations. PlayAGS, Inc. (AGS) trades at a discount to peers, with a management team focused on de-leveraging and revenue diversification.



Financials lagged, and this resulted in a lower absolute weight. Banks underperformed after a strong rally and reduced expectations for near-term interest rate cuts.

Our health care weight declined as we eliminated Community Health Systems, Inc. (CYH). Cashflow conversion has been weak and could drive liquidity concerns with a highly levered balance sheet.

In energy, we purchased Ardmore Shipping Corporation (ASC), which has significant spot market exposure to capitalize on higher tanker rates. Longer voyages from the Red Sea disruptions, lower new-builds, and higher utilization continue to support a robust tanker market. Strong free cash generation supports the 6.2% dividend yield. We did harvest some gains in Teekay Tankers Ltd. Class A (TNK).

Strong stock selection and outperformance of the group led to the higher industrials weight. We added three new holdings and purged three positions. Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. (THR) trades at a discount to peers after a recent pullback. It has diversified away from the more volatile and cyclical oil and gas markets. Thermon Group Holdings, Inc. (THR) should benefit from electrification and decarbonization efforts. Liquidity Services, Inc. (LQDT) continues to increase its registered buyers and auction participants, highlighting the value of its platform. It has a superior balance sheet with net cash that allows for accretive deals. Higher shipping rates due to Red Sea disruptions and limited fleet growth should lead to improving results at Pangaea Logistics Solutions Ltd. (PANL). It has a solid balance sheet and has consistently outperformed industry benchmarks thanks to a cargo-first focus and asset-light strategy. We exited Hawaiian Holdings, Inc. (HA) to take our gains as it is being acquired and there are concerns the deal may be blocked by regulators. SP Plus Corporation (SP) and Sterling Check Corp. (STER) were eliminated. They are being acquired.

In technology, we are moving on from Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (CMTL) and Lantronix, Inc. (LTRX) as their turnarounds have taken longer than expected. Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (CMTL) announced a surprise CEO change, the third in just over two years. A recent CEO change likely extends the turnaround timeline at Lantronix, Inc. (LTRX). We swapped proceeds into Infinera Corporation (INFN), which is well positioned to benefit from an optical networking recovery.

**Top Contributors/Detractors (Quarter ended 3/31/2024) – Representative Account
Contribution to Return Relative to Benchmark**

Best			Worst		
Ticker	Name	Total Effect	Ticker	Name	Total Effect
RDNT	RadNet, Inc.	+0.47	CLSK	Cleanspark, Inc.*	-0.53
HRTG	Heritage Insurance Holdings, Inc.	+0.35	RNA	Avidity Biosciences Inc.*	-0.45
DXPE	DXP Enterprises, Inc.	+0.33	CMTL	Comtech Telecommunications Corp.	-0.32
MOD	Modine Manufacturing Company	+0.33	SSP	E. W. Scripps Company Class A	-0.31
CRAI	CRA International, Inc.	+0.28	RRGB	Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc.	-0.29

*Not Owned

Comments

Despite news of a strategic investment, shares of Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (CMTL) lagged on the lack of a finalized debt refinancing and cautious demand commentary from communications equipment peers. Despite better-than-expected earnings results, E. W. Scripps Company Class A (SSP) lagged on softer-than-expected political advertising guidance and the suspension of their preferred stock dividend payment. Cautious demand commentary from peers also contributed to the underperformance. Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (RRGB) reported disappointing earnings and guidance as results lagged on tough comparisons and weather disruption.

**Attribution – Representative Account
Q1 2024**

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selection in technology was an additional headwind. Sector allocations were a negative due to the sizeable underweight to health care, mainly biotechs, which materially outperformed.

Within financials, an underweight to banks helped as the group underperformed after a strong rally and reduced expectations for near-term interest rate cuts. First Internet Bancorp (INBK) was a substantial positive. Better-than-expected results and outlook as net interest margins improved led to a gain of 44%. Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. (DCOM) was a notable detractor due to worries about its rent-regulated multi-family exposure. Strong consumer demand and better margins led to stellar results at EZCORP (EZPW). Our insurance holdings were a significant contributor. Heritage Insurance Holdings, Inc. (HRTG) rebounded 63% as strong results were driven by improved pricing and lower weather/catastrophe losses. Similar dynamics led to a 33% gain for HCI Group, Inc. (HCI).

Industrials were a sizeable contributor. DXP Enterprises, Inc. (DXPE) was the largest positive. It advanced 59% due to improved margins and the closure of three small acquisitions that enhance margins and growth. CRA International, Inc. (CRAI) rebounded 52% after reporting exceptional results as client activity increased. Strong execution and year-end budget flushes benefitted Willdan Group (WLDN) earnings. Interface, Inc. (TILE) rallied thanks to lower input costs, share gains, and continued debt paydown.

Performance in consumer discretionary was a small positive. Modine Manufacturing Company (MOD) gained 59%. It reported another strong quarter and announced an acquisition to further expand its data center exposure for HVAC systems. Latham Group Inc. (SWIM) shares rallied 51% as expectations for Federal Reserve interest rate cuts started to be priced into the market. It makes residential vinyl pools, which are sensitive to financing costs. Conversely, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (RRGB), Solo Brands, Inc. Class A (DTC), and OneWater Marine Inc. Class A (ONEW) were disappointments. Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (RRGB) reported disappointing earnings and guidance as results lagged on tough comparisons and weather disruption. Solo Brands, Inc. Class A (DTC) negatively preannounced earnings and an unexpected CEO transition. OneWater Marine Inc. Class A (ONEW) reported disappointing earnings as boat inventory levels remain elevated.

Real estate and energy were very minor positives, as our holdings slightly outperformed.

The lack of biotech ownership was the most sizeable negative in health care. The average biotech was up almost 23%, which cost us 245 basis points. RadNet, Inc. (RDNT) and Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. (COLL) were the main highlights. RadNet, Inc. (RDNT) reported a strong quarter, with top- and bottom-line-beating estimates driven by strong volume trends. It also reiterated upbeat guidance. Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. (COLL) was up 26% as results exceeded estimates.

Technology was a detractor due to weakness within software and communications equipment. In software, we did not own Cleanspark, Inc. (CLSK), a bitcoin mining company, which was up more than 92%. In communications equipment, Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (CMTL) and Lantronix, Inc. (LTRX) hurt performance. Despite news of a strategic investment, shares of Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (CMTL) lagged on the lack of a finalized debt refinancing and cautious demand commentary from communications equipment peers. Lantronix, Inc. (LTRX) issued weaker-than-expected guidance resulting from excess inventory at customers and a product pushout. Kimball Electronics, Inc. (KE) also hindered performance as demand softness coupled with changing customer production schedules and delivery date requirements pressured results. Semiconductors were a modest positive as we did not own some of the worst performers.

Performance in materials was a very minor negative. Radius Recycling Inc. Class A (RDUS) was hurt by lower scrap volumes and pricing.

Performance in communication services was about breakeven. PubMatic, Inc. Class A (PUBM) was a notable winner. It reported strong earnings and guidance, powered by growth in monetized impressions and emerging revenue streams. However, this was offset by E. W. Scripps Company Class A (SSP). Despite better-than-expected earnings results, it lagged on softer-than-expected political advertising guidance and the suspension of their preferred stock dividend payment. Cautious demand commentary from peers also contributed to the underperformance.

Outlook

*And all that is now
And all that is gone
And all that's to come
And everything under the sun is in tune
But the sun is eclipsed by the moon*

– Pink Floyd

We had to have an “eclipse” reference this month. It was either Pink Floyd or Bonnie Tyler (“Total Eclipse of the Heart”). Classic rock won out.

Anticipation of Federal Reserve interest rate policy seems to eclipse everything else in the market. The first quarter of 2024 witnessed a reversal of some of the rate-cut euphoria of Q4 2023. The Q4 2023 expectations for significant rate reductions weighed on Q4 portfolio performance. The portfolios benefitted in Q1 from some lessening of those expectations.

We are not sure when or by how much the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates. Furthermore, while not the most likely, we don't completely discount the possibility of zero cuts this year or further increases down the road. We were happy to hear Federal Reserve Chairman Powell state something we have been harping on for some time. Interest rates are not going back to pre-pandemic levels. The post-2008 interest rate environment was unique, not normal. Powell does not think it is likely that we would return to long-run rates that are in the 2% range. He also doesn't see long-term rates around the world returning to levels at or below zero.

Money-losing, long-duration equities have been a big beneficiary of ultra-low interest rates. We've written in the past about the high concentration of these companies in our value benchmarks and our significant underexposure to them. These stocks react favorably to rate reduction expectations. We continue to look for companies that meet our investment criteria and respond favorably to lower rates. We have found some investments, but not enough to completely offset our underexposure.

The upcoming Russell rebalance holds a sliver of good news. Some of the value indexes will likely see the weight of non-earners slightly decrease. Our lead risk analyst, Mike Wayton, projects that non-earners would decrease by approximately 1.6 percentage points in the Russell 2000® Value Index, by almost 1% in the Russell Midcap® Value Index benchmark, and remain roughly the same in the Russell 2500™ Value Index. The exposure will still be significant, but we will take any relief we can find.

Mike also estimates the rebalanced benchmarks will have slightly lower betas, smaller growth rates, and lower valuations. In short, they will be more value-like. The Russell rebalance is scheduled for Friday, June 28. The first official, preliminary index membership lists are expected to be released on Friday, May 24. We will have more certainty around these characteristics as well as sector weights at that time.

Here in Cleveland, we are within the path of totality of the April 8, 2024 eclipse. The last time this happened was 1806. The next occurrence will be 2444. That's about as rare as seeing near-zero to negative interest rates. We don't know if it will be 400 years before zero rates happen again, but we don't think it will be soon. As we have stated before, we believe “normal” rates could provide the catalyst to reverse the significant underperformance of small-caps vs. large-caps and value vs. growth. Time will tell. In the meantime, we will continue to apply our flexible value strategy, searching for undervalued stocks with a catalyst, keeping a close eye on the risk in our portfolios, and striving for consistent, long-term performance for our clients.



INTEGRITY MICRO CAP VALUE EQUITY – REPRESENTATIVE ACCOUNT

TOP 10 ACTIVE OVERWEIGHTS

Ticker	Company Name	Active Weight
BKD	Brookdale Senior Living Inc.	1.41
RDNT	RadNet, Inc.	1.40
VECO	Veeco Instruments Inc.	1.13
HCI	HCI Group, Inc.	1.08
BHE	Benchmark Electronics, Inc.	1.06
EZPW	EZCORP, Inc. Class A	1.02
HLIT	Harmonic Inc.	0.99
COLL	Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	0.97
DHIL	Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.	0.92
ICHR	Ichor Holdings, Ltd.	0.91

TOP 10 ACTIVE UNDERWEIGHTS

Ticker	Company Name	Active Weight
CLSK	Cleanspark, Inc.	-1.31
UEC	Uranium Energy Corp.	-0.95
CRNX	Crinetics Pharmaceuticals Inc.	-0.94
RNA	Avidity Biosciences Inc.	-0.69
PLAB	Photronics, Inc.	-0.63
GEO	GEO Group Inc.	-0.62
POWL	Powell Industries, Inc.	-0.48
ACMR	ACM Research, Inc. Class A	-0.44
DYN	Dyne Therapeutics Inc.	-0.44
FDMT	4D Molecular Therapeutics, Inc.	-0.43

INTEGRITY MICRO CAP VALUE EQUITY – REPRESENTATIVE ACCOUNT

NEW POSITIONS

Ticker	Company Name
AGS	PlayAGS, Inc.
ASC	Ardmore Shipping Corp.
INFN	Infinera Corporation
LQDT	Liquidity Services, Inc.
PANL	Pangaea Logistics Solutions Ltd.
THR	Thermon Group Holdings, Inc.
WWW	Wolverine World Wide, Inc.

CLOSED POSITIONS

Ticker	Company Name
CMTL	Comtech Telecommunications Corp.
CYH	Community Health Systems, Inc.
DTC	Solo Brands, Inc. Class A
GCO	Genesco Inc.
HA	Hawaiian Holdings, Inc.
LTRX	Lantronix, Inc.
SP	SP Plus Corporation
STER	Sterling Check Corp.



Composite Performance (%)

As of December 31, 2023

	Quarter	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception (02/01/11)
Integrity Micro Cap Value Equity (Gross)	16.87	16.14	16.14	12.84	11.99	8.95	11.97
Integrity Micro Cap Value Equity (Net)	16.58	14.99	14.99	11.72	10.87	7.86	10.86
Russell Microcap [®] Value Index	16.30	8.86	8.86	6.93	9.54	6.87	8.99

Past performance cannot guarantee future results. Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized; returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

A GIPS[®] Report is provided at the end of this document.

Integrity Micro Cap Value strategy focuses on micro-cap companies that are currently trading below our estimate of intrinsic value and are characterized by improving investor sentiment.

Index returns are provided to represent the investment environment during the periods shown. Index returns include the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains but do not include transaction costs, management fees or other costs. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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VICTORY COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE

INTEGRITY MICRO CAP VALUE EQUITY STRATEGY

Year Ending	Gross Return	Net Return	Benchmark	3yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%) Composite	3yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%) Benchmark	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion	Composite Assets (mm)	Total Franchise Assets (mm)	Total Firm Assets (mm)
12/31/2023	16.14%	14.99%	8.86%	22.86%	23.49%	≤5	N/M	\$113	\$5,355	\$145,153
12/31/2022	-10.73%	-11.63%	-16.70%	30.38%	27.99%	≤5	N/M	\$128	\$4,691	\$135,073
12/31/2021	38.58%	37.20%	34.84%	28.82%	26.41%	≤5	N/M	\$198	\$5,308	\$163,030
12/31/2020	-0.29%	-1.27%	6.34%	29.53%	26.39%	≤5	N/M	\$160	\$4,331	\$144,348
12/31/2019	22.93%	21.71%	21.28%	16.69%	16.07%	≤5	N/M	\$224	\$5,326	\$147,934
12/31/2018	-14.69%	-15.54%	-11.96%	16.99%	16.55%	≤5	N/M	\$137	\$4,659	\$51,500
12/31/2017	12.13%	11.02%	11.09%	15.53%	15.47%	≤5	N/M	\$182	\$6,283	\$60,297
12/31/2016	31.06%	29.75%	30.59%	16.47%	16.71%	≤5	N/M	\$198	\$6,031	\$42,934
12/31/2015	1.08%	0.07%	-5.77%	14.28%	14.67%	≤5	N/M	\$110	\$5,182	\$30,889
12/31/2014	5.56%	4.52%	3.65%	13.26%	14.31%	≤5	N/M	\$117	\$5,164	\$33,679

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Market Value	Annual Fee
First \$15,000,000	1.00% (Min. Annual Fee: \$50,000)
Next \$35,000,000	0.90%
Next \$50,000,000	0.80%
Thereafter	0.75%
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