

The Composite increased 1.18%, net of fees, during the quarter compared to a 2.70% increase in the Russell Midcap Index and a 1.37% increase in the Russell Midcap Value Index.

The Composite's holdings in the consumer discretionary, financials, and health care sectors provided the largest contribution to absolute return, while the energy and consumer staples sectors were the primary detractors.

The Composite's underperformance relative to the Russell Midcap Index was primarily driven by security selection in the information technology, industrials, and energy sectors. This was partially offset by security selection in the consumer discretionary sector and an underweight allocation to the energy sector.

Best Performers

- Insurance broker **Willis Towers Watson PLC** reported solid quarterly results with organic growth across all of its businesses. The company had underperformed in recent quarters, leading to reduced expectations and a positive reaction to the most recent results.
- Shares of rental and leasing services company **Aaron's, Inc.** rose amid a continuation of recent performance, including growth in year-over-year net income and earnings per share.
- Household durables manufacturer **Whirlpool Corp.** delivered excellent results in its North American division, with fundamentals remaining strong and the competitive environment stabilizing. Latin America and Asia produced solid results as well, though Europe remains challenged with struggling volumes and significant margin compression.
- Medical device manufacturer **Boston Scientific Corp.** reported excellent quarterly results despite a temporary recall for its Lotus trans-catheter aortic valve. Margins were under pressure due to the recall and new product launches, but organic growth was significantly above investor expectations.
- Shares of homebuilder **NVR, Inc.** rose after the company reported good quarterly results as increased demand, low supply of existing homes, and higher prices have been providing a favorable environment for homebuilders. The company also continues to be one of the most efficient operators in the industry.

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Worst Performers

- Shares of oil and gas exploration and production company **Cimarex Energy Co.** underperformed amid a faster-than-expected increase in shale drilling activity and a large rebound in oil production from Libya and Nigeria. These factors have increased the risk that oil inventories may not normalize in the near future.
- Shares of food products manufacturer **Post Holdings, Inc.** underperformed amid a disappointing outlook for its eggs business, a higher-than-expected acquisition price for British cereal company Weetabix, and general volume weakness in the food industry.
- Shares of regional bank **BankUnited, Inc.** declined amid broader concerns surrounding delays in tax and regulatory reforms. Additionally, the company's first-quarter results called into question management's loan growth guidance for the full year.
- Freight transportation management company **Hub Group, Inc. (CIA)** reduced full-year guidance as it became clear that intermodal pricing for 2017 would be well below prior expectations, largely due to the continued oversupply of capacity in the competing truckload market. We believe this issue is transitory and expect a more favorable pricing environment in 2018 as new regulations help constrain the supply of truckload capacity.
- Shares of industrial and construction supplies distributor **Fastenal Co.** fell amid concerns surrounding the industry pricing environment within industrial distribution.



New Positions

We initiated a position in the largest global electronic equipment distributor, **Avnet, Inc.**, when its shares declined below our estimate of intrinsic value due to near-term challenges from consolidation in its supplier base. Despite these headwinds, we believe Avnet has a strong balance sheet and a durable business in the long term. **Verisk Analytics, Inc.** is a specialized data and analytics provider that serves customers in the insurance, energy, and financial services industries. We believe Verisk possesses unique data assets that allow it to provide high and recurring value to its customers and that it has a large cross-selling opportunity over the next several years.

Eliminated Positions

We eliminated our position in financial technology company **Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.** as the shares approached our estimate of intrinsic value. We received shares of automobile shopping services provider **Cars.com, Inc.** following the spinoff from TEGNA, Inc., which we then sold due to low confidence in the company's ability to reaccelerate revenue growth in a profitable manner.

PERIOD & ANNUALIZED RETURNS (%)

Inception Date: December 31, 2013

| | SINCE INCEPTION | 3-YR | 1-YR | YTD | 2Q17 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------|-------|------|------|
| MID CAP COMPOSITE | | | | | |
| Gross of Fees | 9.70 | 8.61 | 18.02 | 4.49 | 1.33 |
| Net of Fees | 9.00 | 7.91 | 17.27 | 4.18 | 1.18 |
| BENCHMARKS | | | | | |
| Russell Midcap Index | 9.12 | 7.69 | 16.48 | 7.99 | 2.70 |
| Russell Midcap Value Index | 9.62 | 7.46 | 15.93 | 5.18 | 1.37 |

CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| MID CAP COMPOSITE | | | |
| Gross of Fees | 8.84 | 1.59 | 19.62 |
| Net of Fees | 8.13 | 0.94 | 18.85 |
| BENCHMARKS | | | |
| Russell Midcap Index | 13.22 | -2.44 | 13.80 |
| Russell Midcap Value Index | 14.75 | -4.78 | 20.00 |

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| AS OF YEAR-END | DHCM | | | | 3-YR ANNUALIZED STANDARD DEVIATION (GROSS OF FEES) | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Assets Under Management | Number of Accounts | Assets Under Management | Dispersion (Gross of Fees) | Mid Cap Composite | Russell Midcap Index | Russell Midcap Value Index |
| 2016 | \$19.4B | 5 or fewer | \$58.8M | NA ¹ | 10.87% | 11.55% | 11.30% |
| 2015 | 16.8B | 5 or fewer | 18.6M | NA ¹ | NA ² | NA ² | NA ² |
| 2014 | 15.7B | 5 or fewer | 16.3M | NA ¹ | NA ² | NA ² | NA ² |

¹ NA = Not Applicable

² Statistics are not presented because 36 monthly returns are not available.

This composite was created in December 2013.