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Dana Epiphany ESG Small Cap Equity Fund Manager Commentary

Overview

After three consecutive down quarters in 2022, the S&P 500 Index delivered a most welcome +7.56% return in the fourth quarter. While volatility kept investors on their toes, the bounce into December had good breadth. Importantly, earnings reports also remained satisfactory with most companies exceeding analyst expectations and avoiding worst-case market fears in their forecasts. Small cap stocks rebounded in Q4 as well, with the Russell 2000 Index up +6.23%. All benchmark sectors were up this quarter, except the Health Care sector, and the Energy sector led the way with the highest absolute return. This was a challenging year for markets, and one we certainly won't miss. However, we are pleased to see the "growth at any price" mentality dissipate. The Fed's inflation fighting interest rate hikes in 2022 compressed company valuations which led to significant declines across all market caps this past year. We expect the reset in valuations to help stabilize the equity market going forward, and a more fundamentally driven market favors Dana's active management and relative value approach.

The Dana Epiphany ESG Small Cap Equity Fund posted a strong Q4 return of +7.43%, well ahead of its benchmark. For the full year, the Fund returned -20.92% versus a -20.44% return for the Russell 2000 Index. Patience was certainly a virtue the second half of this year. Several holdings that seemed out of favor over the dog days of summer and early fall rebounded strongly in Q4 as investors rotated out of momentum and growth indices, and took profits on winners. While equity returns could be challenged in the next few months by the "known unknown" of corporate earnings in the face of a potential recession, the resiliency of the U.S. economy, an equity market sustained by relatively good fundamentals, and reasonable valuations all support our favorable outlook for the Dana Epiphany ESG Small Cap Equity Fund for 2023 and beyond.

Sector Contributors

HEALTH CARE

Biotech and Pharma holdings led to positive industry returns vs. negative returns for the benchmark. Horizon Therapeutics PLC (HZNP) rallied after two rough quarters as Amgen decided it was the right fit to add to their stable. Axsome Therapeutics, Inc. (AXSM) hit the market with its newly approved drug for major depression in October, and released positive clinical results on secondary indication for Alzheimer's agitation.

CONSUMER STAPLES

e.l.f. Beauty, Inc. (ELF) continues to gain shelf space and expand market share with their line of low priced cosmetics. Q3 sales and EBITDA beat estimates and margins are improving as sales grow and leverage SG&A investment. Simply Good Foods Company (SMPL) beat

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cautious estimates and is showing better than expected product momentum.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

i3 Verticals, Inc. (IIIV) beat estimates and gave initial 2023 guidance above the street. EBITDA grew 27% year over year and higher margin software operations increased to 49% of revenue in fiscal 2022. Axcelis Technologies, Inc. (ACLS) also beat estimates with a record backlog. Its ion implant products remain strong while wafer fabrication equipment trends are declining.

Sector Detractors

INDUSTRIALS

Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. (WMS) saw demand dip below expectations due, in part to Hurricane Ian impacts. Regal Rexnord Corporation (RRX) fell during Q4 2022 after the company announced a significant acquisition that brings execution risk and a large amount of debt with it.

ENERGY

Crude oil and Natural gas prices declined during a volatile quarter as macro tensions and supply questions remain in focus. This hurt new holding Matador (MTDR) which has more beta to a changing commodity price deck as it has new capex in play aimed at production growth. Ovintiv, Inc. (OVV) lagged yet still managed a double-digit return.

UTILITIES

Fund holdings lagged benchmark peers as normally reliable Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (CPK) reported a messy quarter and Clearway Energy, Inc. (CWEN) traded inversely to interest rate volatility.

Select Additions

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY (MTDR)

This Texas-based domestic exploration company has an amount of midstream assets which support its operations. Matador has demonstrated strong execution on production, realizations, and expense management. FCF is going toward paying down debt, dividends, and adding a seventh rig which supports 2023 production growth.

LATTICE SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION (LSCC)

LSCC makes programmable logic chips and is a leader in the low power niche, which is outgrowing current semiconductor trends. Lattice is returning cash through repurchases, and its newly launched Avant platform is positioned to take market share.

PERION NETWORK LIMITED (PERI)

Perion serves the digital advertising market with tech that helps content providers and brands reach target audiences. PERI's iHUB and Spoke model helps clients focus customer spend efficiency and lower acquisition costs. PERI reported a strong Q3 and took 2023 EBITDA guidance up on strengthening margins. Management has a history of accretive bolt-on acquisitions.



Select Deletions

RAPID7, INC. (RPD)

Rapid7 offers a cloud security software platform. The company has diversified away from virtual machine and pursued bigger opportunities that have low penetration. Hiccups in sales goals have required additional investments in the sales-force. Management is hoping a new pricing strategy will help, but this will likely require a few quarters before recurring revenue growth hits targets.

CONMED CORPORATION (CNMD)

This company provides surgical equipment for minimally invasive surgery. CONMED has been impacted by headwinds in forex, supply chains, and staffing shortages at hospitals. Margins will face continued pressure and top line estimates may be too optimistic.

TECHTARGET, INC. (TTGT)

TechTarget operates an online platform that connects IT vendors and tech buyers. The company reported weaknesses in revenue and EBITDA in Q3, and said September was weaker than normal. Management also guided Q4 materially lower and expects the decline to continue through most of this year.

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Portfolio

ANNUALIZED RETURNS as of 12/31/22

	TICKER	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Dana Epiphany ESG Small Cap Equity	DSCIX	7.43%	-21.40%	-21.40%	5.27%	3.31%	4.59%
Morningstar US Small Core Index		11.32%	-14.43%	-14.43%	3.26%	4.26%	7.10%
Russell 2000 Index		6.23%	-20.44%	-20.44%	3.10%	4.13%	7.04%

Epiphany ESG Small Cap Inception Date - 11/02/2015

The net expense ratio is 0.95% while the gross expense ratio is 2.05%. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or reimburse certain operating expenses through 02/28/2023. Results shown reflect the waiver, without which the results would have been lower.

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*The Dana Epiphany ESG Small Cap Fund has changed its primary benchmark from the FTSE Russell 2000 Index to the Morningstar US Small Core Index. Access to the FTSE Russell 2000 Index data has become cost-prohibitive for the Fund. The composition of the two indexes is substantially similar, and in the opinion of Dana Investment Advisors, Inc., investment adviser to the Fund, the Morningstar US Small Core Index provides an appropriate broad-based market comparison for the Fund.

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TOP HOLDINGS as of 12/31/22, subject to change

HORIZON THERAPEUTICS, PLC	2.45%
EVERCORE, INC. CL A	2.03%
ENVISTA HOLDINGS CORP.	2.02%
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP	2.01%
PRIMERICA, INC.	2.01%
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD	2.00%
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP	1.97%
E.L.F. BEAUTY, INC.	1.96%
STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP	1.94%
OMNICELL, INC.	1.90%

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

The universe of acceptable investments for the Fund may be limited as compared to other funds due to the Fund's ESG investment screening. Because the Fund does not invest in companies that do not meet its ESG criteria, and the Fund may sell portfolio companies that subsequently violate its screens, the Fund may be riskier than other mutual funds that invest in a broader array of securities.

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There is no guarantee that this, or any, investment strategy will succeed. Mutual funds involve risk, including possible loss of principal. Small cap investing involves greater risk no associated with investing in more established companies, such as greater price volatility, business risk, less liquidity, and increased competitive threat.

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