

# Large Cap Focus Fund Commentary

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## AT A GLANCE

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**Fund Objective:** Seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

**About the Fund:** A non-diversified, concentrated mutual fund that seeks to invest at least 80% of its assets in companies with large market capitalizations. As a non-diversified fund, it has the ability to invest a relatively large portion of its assets in a single issuer, and will typically hold 25-50 companies. The Fund also has the ability to concentrate investments in the software and semiconductor industries (greater than or equal to 25%).

**Benchmark:** S&P 500 Total Return Index

**Morningstar Category:** US Fund Large Blend

**Lipper Category:** Large-Cap Core

**Net Assets:** \$30.8 million

**Inception Date:** June 30, 2022

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**Class I: ETLIX | Class A: ETLAX | Class C: ETLCX | Class N: ETLNX**

## Review

The Eventide Large Cap Focus Fund (Class I) posted a total return of 15.52% for the fourth quarter of 2023, compared with the S&P 500 Total Return Index of 11.69%. The Fund (Class I) posted a total return of 27.84% for the 12 months ending 12/31/2023 compared to the S&P 500 Total Return Index of 26.29%.

## Contributors

### Top Five Contributors<sup>1</sup> (%)

Q4 2023

Company	Ticker	Industry	Average Weight	Contribution to Return	Total Return <sup>2</sup>
CrowdStrike Holdings Inc	CRWD	Information Technology	3.11	1.41	52.54
Palo Alto Networks Inc	PANW	Information Technology	5.64	1.34	25.78
Workday Inc	WDAY	Information Technology	4.55	1.28	28.49
ServiceNow Inc	NOW	Information Technology	4.60	1.25	26.39
S&P Global Inc	SPGI	Financials	5.13	1.12	20.82

In the fourth quarter of 2023, the largest positive contributors to performance were: CrowdStrike Holdings Inc, Palo Alto Networks Inc, Workday Inc, ServiceNow Inc, and S&P Global Inc. CrowdStrike, an enterprise cybersecurity platform, continued to benefit from cybersecurity budget consolidation as they keep building out their platform strategy. Palo Alto Networks, a company that provides integrated cloud and network security solutions, continued to benefit from cybersecurity budget consolidation as they keep building out their platform strategy. Workday, a human capital and financial management software provider for enterprises, continued their strong execution on both top and bottom line due to the critical nature of their platform. ServiceNow, a software provider for enterprises to manage and automate operational workflows, continued their strong execution on both top and bottom line, while also getting investors excited about their AI capabilities. S&P Global, a provider of financial information and data analytics services, saw improved bond issuance trends, which could benefit further from steady or lower rates.

## Detractors

### Top Five Detractors<sup>1</sup> (%)

Q4 2023

Company	Ticker	Industry	Average Weight	Contribution to Return	Total Return <sup>2</sup>
Old Dominion Freight Line	ODFL	Industrials	2.74	-0.02	-0.83
The Trade Desk Inc	TTD	Communication Services	3.01	-0.25	-7.92
Argenx SE	ARGX	Health Care	1.88	-0.32	-22.62
Aptiv PLC	APTIV	Consumer Discretionary	2.28	-0.38	-9.00
Align Technology Inc	ALGN	Health Care	1.42	-0.57	-10.26

In the fourth quarter of 2023, the largest negative detractors to performance were: Old Dominion Freight Line, The Trade Desk Inc, Argenx SE, Aptiv PLC, and Align Technology Inc. Old Dominion, an inter-regional and multi-regional motor carrier, despite market share gains underperformed as the freight market remains soft. The Trade Desk, a digital advertising platform for display, social, and video campaigns, guided Q4 below buy-side expectations due to cyclical weakness in two key verticals. Argenx, a biotech company that develops therapies for autoimmune diseases, announced that both their Phase 3 studies failed in immune thrombocytopenia purpura and pemphigus vulgaris, respectively. Aptiv, a global technology

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## Portfolio Team Outlook

Positive attribution was driven by stock selection in Technology and underweights in Energy and Consumer Staples.

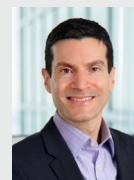
The fund is a collection of our highest conviction ideas, and we have high active share. We outperformed the benchmark in 4Q and for 2023, despite having very little exposure to the “magnificent seven.”

On the macro front, long-term interest rates declined during the quarter. The uncertainty going forward is largely related to the amount and pace of interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, as well as GDP growth. The fund could underperform if interest rates rise or there’s a deep recession. Alternatively, falling interest rates and a soft landing could help the fund outperform.

But no matter what happens with macroeconomic conditions, our fund is well-positioned. There are specific reasons why we invested in each of our portfolio companies that are unrelated to the economy.

To quote the late, great Charlie Munger, “microeconomics is what we do and macroeconomics is what we put up with.”

Our companies sell products and services that are indispensable to the economy and customers. Examples include: raw materials that are critical to manufacturing, software for cybersecurity, technology that simplifies tax preparation, replacement auto parts, and energy-efficient heating systems that reduce energy costs.



**Andrew Singer**  
Portfolio Manager

Our companies are leaders in their industries, and their moats continue to widen. This is due to their innovative and proprietary technologies, strong cultures, experienced management teams, and fortress balance sheets. As a result, we are confident that our portfolio companies are well-positioned in the near-term and long-term.

company focused on automotive end markets, had slower growth over the market combined with fears of slower EV penetration. Align, maker of Invisalign clear aligners, was weak on a Q3 miss and guide down as macro conditions tightened.

### Trailing Returns<sup>3</sup> (%)

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	YTD	3-mos	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception <sup>4</sup>	Inception Date <sup>4</sup>
<i>Eventide Large Cap Focus Fund</i>								
Class I	27.84	15.52	27.84	—	—	—	15.66	06/30/2022
Class A without load	27.38	15.36	27.38	—	—	—	15.35	06/30/2022
Class A with 5.75% load <sup>5</sup>	20.09	8.68	20.09	—	—	—	10.90	06/30/2022
Class C <sup>6</sup>	26.49	15.10	26.49	—	—	—	14.57	06/30/2022
Class N	27.57	15.44	27.57	—	—	—	15.46	06/30/2022
<i>Benchmark</i>								
S&P 500 Total Return Index <sup>7</sup>	26.29	11.69	26.29	—	—	—	18.57	06/30/2022

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*Eventide Large Cap Focus Fund expenses: Class I, Gross Expenses 2.65%, Net Expenses 0.95%; Class A, Gross Expenses 2.90%, Net Expenses 1.20%; Class C, Gross Expenses 3.65%, Net Expenses 1.95%; Class N, Gross Expenses 2.85%, Net Expenses 1.15%. The adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses of the Fund through 10/31/2024. The agreement may be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees only on 60 days' written notice.*

1. Source: Bloomberg PORT Attribution Report. Allocation percentages are subject to change at any time, and should not be considered investment advice.
2. The total return percentage listed is impacted by the Fund's transactions and transacted price levels of the holding during the quarter.
3. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption of fund shares. Because of ongoing market volatility, fund performance may be subject to substantial short-term changes.

4. Performance figures for periods greater than 1 year are annualized. Annualized since inception figures use an inception date of 06/30/2022.
5. In the case of investments at or above the \$1 million breakpoint (where you do not pay an initial sales charge), a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") may be assessed on shares redeemed within eighteen months of purchase. The CDSC for these Class A shares is based on the NAV at the time of purchase. The holding period for the CDSC begins on the day you buy your shares. Some intermediaries may waive or discount the CDSC under certain circumstances.
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7. The S&P 500 is an index created by Standard & Poor's of American stocks with the largest market capitalization.

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