

Strategy Facts

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Inception: February 28, 1999

Index: Russell 1000 Growth

Available Vehicles: Separate Account, Collective Trust

Strategy AUM: \$1.1B

Firm AUM: \$2.8B

Website: <http://castleark.com/large-cap-growth/>

Investment Philosophy

We believe that growth investing is a low odds endeavor, but we can bend the odds in our favor by investing in a narrower subset of unique or differentiated business franchises. These businesses can **sustain high returns on invested capital**, are more **resilient and durable** than the average growth company and can provide downside support in tough environments.

Portfolio Characteristics

	CastleArk	Index
# of Securities	23	446
Weighted Avg Market Cap (\$MM)	\$957,584	\$966,555
Median Market Cap (\$MM)	\$232,279	\$16,161
Free Cash Flow Margin	21.8	12.2
Historical Sales Growth	17.4	19.5
Historical EPS Growth	18.7	22.7
EPS Growth - Long Term Forward	19.8	18.5
Return on Capital	23.8%	23.4%
Return on Equity	26.0%	29.9%
Price to Earnings (Trailing 12M)	39.3	31.9
Price to Earnings (Forward 12M)	30.9	26.6
Price to Book	11.9	10.4
Dividend Yield	0.4	0.8

Investment Strategy



We utilize a process that identifies the signs of competitive strength in durable, resilient business models, which generate **high and enduring returns on capital**



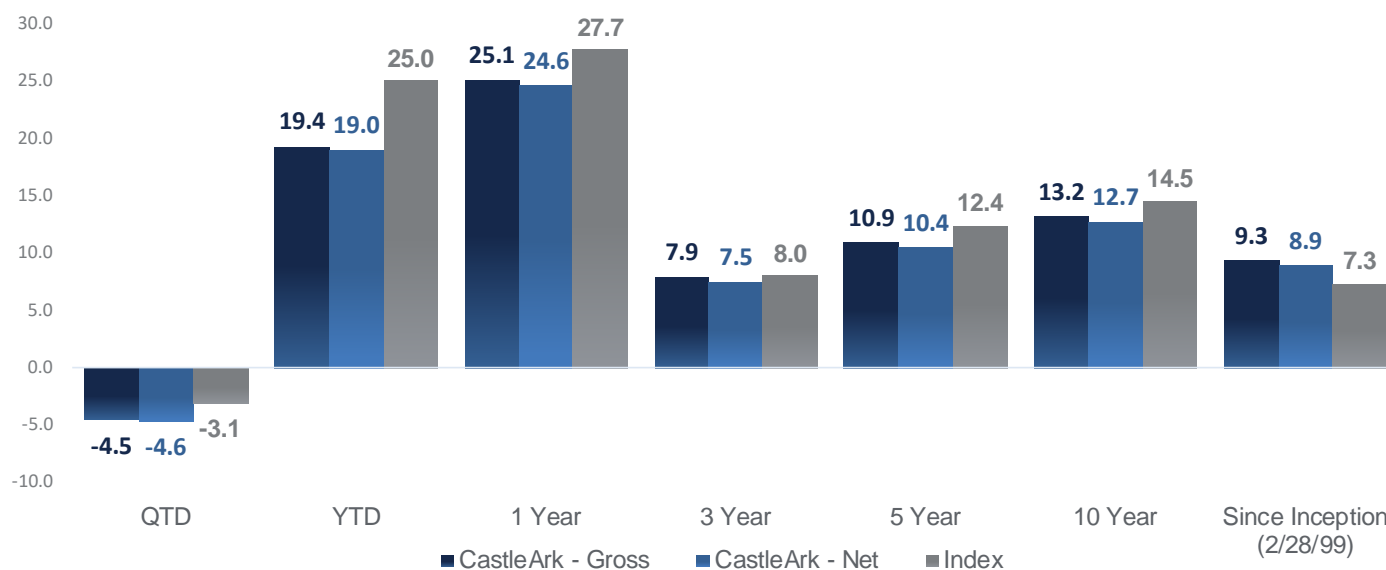
We focus on a smaller subset of the growth company universe that have already “beating the odds” and have achieved a **sustainable competitive advantage**



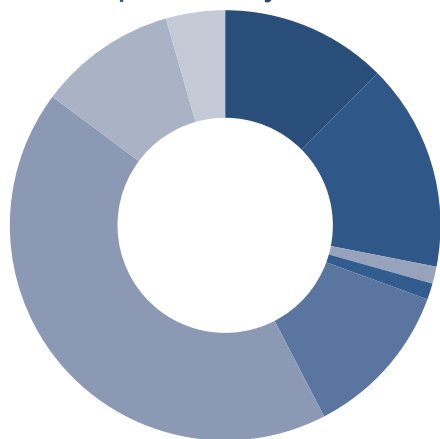
We utilize quantitative inputs to actively look for the precursors to failure and to **optimize risk**

Composite Performance*

(Periods greater than 1-year are annualized)

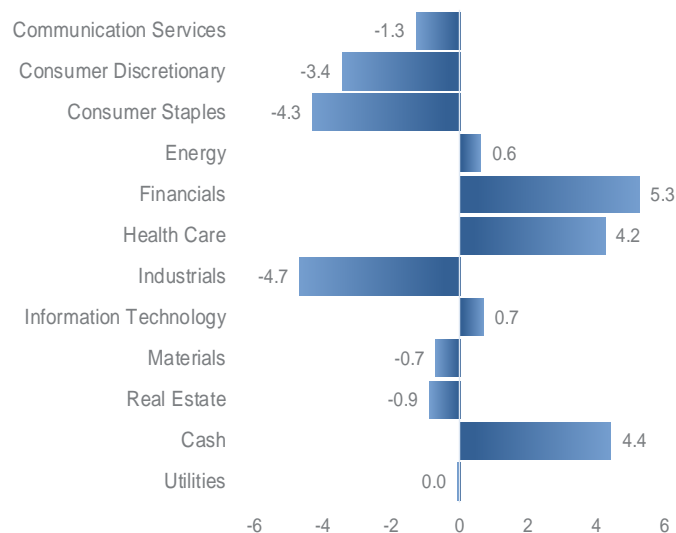


Portfolio Exposure by Sector



- 12.5% - Consumer Discretionary
- 1.3% - Industrials
- 11.8% - Financials
- 10.4% - Communication Services
- 15.6% - Health Care
- 1.2% - Energy
- 42.8% - Information Technology
- 4.4% - Cash

Sector Allocation vs. Index

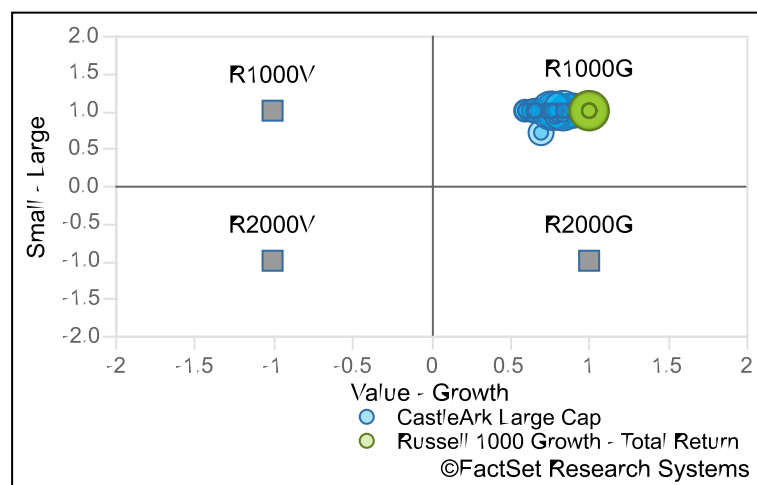


Top 10 Holdings*

Security	Weight
Microsoft Corporation	11.58%
Apple Inc.	9.55%
NVIDIA Corporation	8.09%
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	6.29%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	6.05%
ServiceNow, Inc.	5.67%
Amazon.com, Inc.	5.13%
Meta Platforms Inc. Class A	4.33%
Eli Lilly and Company	4.06%
DexCom, Inc.	3.92%

*The securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable.

Style Drift (Rolling 1 year periods)



Top 10 and Bottom 10 Active Exposures

Security	Active Weight
ServiceNow, Inc.	5.13%
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	4.70%
DexCom, Inc.	3.75%
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	3.70%
Lululemon Athletica Inc	3.43%
NVIDIA Corporation	3.15%
Stryker Corporation	3.06%
Lam Research Corporation	2.78%
ASML Holding NV ADR	2.31%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.30%

Security	Active Weight
Netflix, Inc.	-0.79%
Accenture Plc Class A	-0.93%
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	-1.03%
Costco Wholesale Corporation	-1.20%
AbbVie, Inc.	-1.26%
Home Depot, Inc.	-1.46%
Broadcom Inc.	-1.60%
Apple Inc.	-2.73%
Alphabet Inc. Class C	-3.20%
Tesla, Inc.	-3.30%

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