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April 23, 2024

## **Market Commentary**

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- While earnings typically dictate long-term equity price performance, the price-earnings correlation has been very low for the last three years.
- Global equity markets are currently very sensitive to changes in interest rates, particularly US
  interest rates. This is especially the case in small cap markets.
- The market significantly cut back expectations for The US Federal Reserve Board ("the Fed") to
  ease interest rates in 2024 during the quarter, which caused small cap stocks to underperform
  larger cap stocks.
- High interest rates in the US continue to attract global investor capital, thus strengthening the US
   Dollar and propelling US equity market outperformance.
- Money market funds continue to attract investment capital away from riskier asset classes, resulting in a more price-sensitive equity market environment.
- Many of Grandeur Peak's portfolios underperformed during the quarter.
- Several of our big weight names experienced significant price declines during the period.
- Some price declines were not fundamentally justified and resulted in buying opportunities, while others sold off given a material downgrade in quality.
- Small cap stocks are currently trading at a discount to their long-term P/E<sup>1</sup> multiple average and relative to other equity markets.
- Despite recent performance headwinds, we continue to have a high degree of confidence in our current positions and the long-term expected return of our portfolios.

#### INTRODUCTION

After finishing off 2023 with a strong 4th quarter performance in absolute and relative terms, we entered 2024 believing that the wind was finally back in our small cap sails and that we would continue to see the price performance of our portfolios recouple with the fundamental earnings growth captured over the past several years. Unfortunately, several of our portfolios had disappointing results in the 1Q24. For this reason, we are going to adapt our typical quarterly letter format and will provide a more in-depth commentary on the drivers of this quarter's results.

Given the global breadth of our investment opportunity set, we recognize there are always several factors which can drive performance results. Some factors are macro-economic in nature while others are micro related or company specific. While top-down and bottom-up factors are always somewhat interconnected, there are periods through every market cycle when macro-related turbulence has a more pronounced impact on investor sentiment and company-specific stock performance. In this letter, we will lead with our thoughts on the macro environment, which we believe is heavily influencing equity market performance currently and then address the main drivers of our relative performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> P/E is Price/Earnings Ratio and is a measure of valuation that compares a company's share price to its earnings per share (EPS).



#### TOP-DOWN (MACRO) DRIVERS OF PERFORMANCE

## **Price-Earnings Correlation**

The first factor we believe has impacted the quarter is the dislocation of the price-earnings correlation<sup>2</sup>. The long-term price-earnings correlation across equity markets is above 0.9 (e.g., it is 0.97 for the S&P 500 Index<sup>3</sup> dating back to 1957), which suggests that earnings growth can be a strong predictor of long-term equity price performance. The historical three-year average price-earnings correlation of the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index<sup>4</sup> is 0.65, significantly lower than the long-term correlation, but still reasonably strong. However, over the past three years, the correlation of the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index has been **negative** at -0.4 (see Exhibit 1 below), implying that there has been an inverse relationship between price and earnings during the period. We believe this breakdown in the price-earnings relationship for an extended period has tested the patience of fundamental investors, such as Grandeur Peak, who have failed to consistently realize the benefits of owning portfolios that potentially generate strong earnings growth. So, if earning growth isn't driving equity market prices, then what is?

Exhibit 1



Source: FactSet, MSCI, 3/31/24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Correlation is a statistical measure that expresses the extent to which two variables are related. Correlation measures the strength in relations between two variables. A correlation of 1 indicates a perfect relationship, a correlation of -1 indicates a perfect inverse relationship. A correlation of 0 indicates no relationship.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The S&P 500 Index is a market index which includes the value of 500 corporations listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ. As a group, the Index is often considered a gauge of the strength of the US economy.

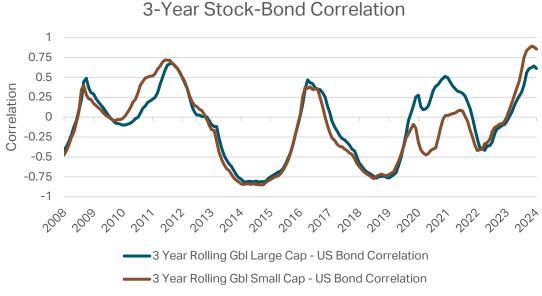
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of small-cap companies across developed and emerging markets globally.



## Stock-Bond Correlation

Another macro factor affecting current global markets is the change in stock-bond market correlations. Exhibit 2 below illustrates the rolling three-year price correlation between global equities and US bond prices as represented by the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index price<sup>5</sup>. Despite conventional investment wisdom, which suggests that bonds may provide diversification<sup>6</sup> or a counterbalance to equities, zigging when equities zag, the relationship between stocks and bonds has been very inconsistent over time. Over the last three years, the equity-US bond correlation has been high across markets. The correlation has been especially high for global small cap stocks at +0.86. We believe this indicates that small cap equity market prices are largely being driven by changes or expected changes in US interest rates. So, while stock prices have a long history of being driven by earnings growth over the long-run, earnings growth has currently taken a back seat to US interest rates in the short-run.

Exhibit 2



Source: FactSet, MSCI, 3/31/24

## Shift in US Interest Rate Expectations

A third factor affecting this quarter's performance results has been the change in expectations regarding the US interest rates. Mapping the changes in the expectation for the Fed interest rate policy in 2024 to the corresponding equity market performance illustrates the strong current relationship between stocks and bonds. Following the Fed's aggressive 2022-23 monetary tightening campaign, investors have anxiously awaited inflation containment, which would allow the Fed to reverse course and lower interest

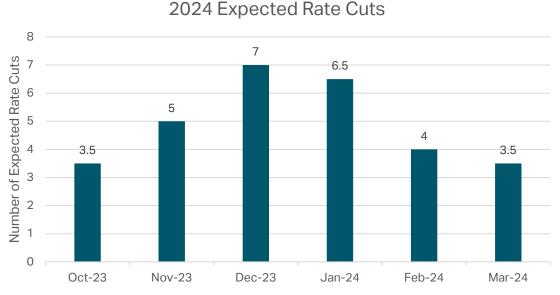
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based fixed income index used as a benchmark to track the performance of the US investment-grade bond market including both corporate and government bonds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Diversification is a risk management strategy based on creating a portfolio that contains a mix of investment types and asset classes, with the objective of reducing the risk of holding any individual securities.



rates. For much of 2023, the market expressed the view (via the futures<sup>7</sup> markets) that the Fed would lower interest rates three times, in 0.25% increments, in 2024. Then in mid-October 2023, some signs of economic weakness and moderating inflation prompted the market to increase the number of expected 2024 rate cuts from three to seven. This shift in expectations fueled a late 2023 equity market rally. Small cap stocks, which tend to be more negatively impacted by higher interest rates, benefited from the change in sentiment and delivered a +19.2 percent return, as seen in the Nov-Dec 2023 return of the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index, meaningfully outperforming larger cap market indices.

Exhibit 3



Source: Bloomberg, SFRZ4 Future, March 2023

Comment: US money market futures on the 3-month US SOFR (secured overnight lending rate) serve as a good gauge for the market's expectations about the future path of the Fed Funds rate. In this graph, the Dec '24 SOFR futures contract was pricing in three or four 0.25% rate cuts by the Fed in Oct '23. In Dec '23, the same contract priced in six or seven rate cuts by the end of '24 and then reverted back to three or four expected '24 rate cuts by the end of Mar '24.

However, higher than expected inflation during the first quarter of 2024, coupled with some signs of economic stability, prompted the Fed to temper expectations for aggressive rate cutting in 2024. As a result, the market significantly scaled back the number of rate cuts it expected from the Fed in 2024. In response, global small cap markets gave back the late 2023 outperformance and lagged the US and larger cap global markets in 1Q '24, as shown in Exhibit 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A future contract is a type of derivative investment based on an agreement to buy or sell a specific underlying asset at a set future date. The potential return is generated from the value of the underlying asset. The Futures Market is a marketplace where the contracts are bought and sold, typically used to speculate on the change in price of the underlying security.



Exhibit 4

2023-24 Global Equity Market Returns 25% 19.2% 20% 17.6% 14.6% 14.1% 15% 10.7% 10.6% Return 8.3% 10% 7.2% 6.0% 4.0% 5% 0% -1.4% -1.5% -5% **ACWI Small Cap US Large Cap ACWI Large Cap ACWI Mid Cap** ■ Jan-Oct '23 Return ■ Nov-Dec '23 Return Q1 '24 Return

Source: MSCI, FactSet, March 2023

High US Short-Term Interest Rates Continue to Draw Money to the Market Sidelines

A fourth factor affecting this quarter's performance is the draw to money market funds<sup>8</sup>. High US short-term interest rates continue to lure investors away from higher risk asset classes, such as equities, and into money market funds, which currently offer attractive yields with little to no price fluctuation. In 2023, over \$1 trillion dollars piled into US money market funds, an all-time high. In the first two months of 2024, the trend continued with another \$100 billion of inflows. To put the magnitude of these inflows in context, it took ten years before the US large cap blend ETF<sup>9</sup> and mutual funds asset class experienced an equivalent amount of inflows (2014-2024). We believe the "higher for longer" Fed rate policy has resulted in the increased fragility of equity markets, as we observe sharp rallies and sell-offs through all segments of the equity market (i.e., global, geographic, sector and company specific) in response to short-term news.

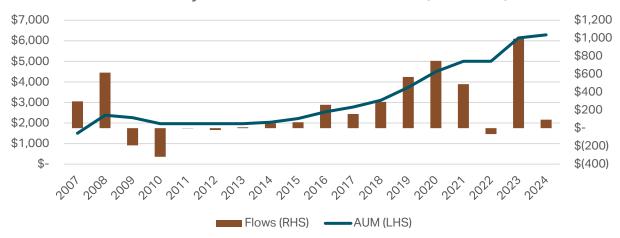
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A Money Market Fund is a mutual fund that invests in highly liquid, near-term investments including cash and cash equivalents. They tend to offer high liquidity with a low level of risk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> A US Large Cap Blend ETF is an exchange-traded fund that tracks a United States market, focused on large-cap companies, which contains a blend of both growth and value stocks.



Exhibit 5

## US Money Markets - AUM and Flows (\$ billions)



Source: Morningstar Direct, March 2023

## Continued Dollar Strength

A final factor affecting this quarter's performance is the ongoing strength of the US Dollar. Higher interest rates in the US continue to attract foreign investments, bolstering US equity markets and strengthening the US dollar, thus penalizing US investors' unhedged foreign market returns even more. The US Dollar's effective exchange rate continues to trend near 4-decade highs. With few exceptions, the Dollar strengthened versus most major market currencies in 1Q '24. Asian currencies realized the largest declines. The Chinese Renminbi and Japanese Yen both depreciated by over 7 percent versus the US Dollar during the period. See Exhibit 6.







Source: https://stats.bis.org, March 2023; \*An increase indicates an appreciation of the economy's currency against a broad basket of currencies where the year 2020=value of 100.

## Portfolio Commentary

### **BOTTOM-UP (MICRO) DRIVERS OF PERFORMANCE**

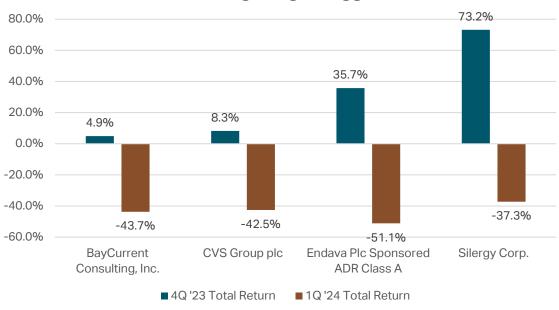
While global small cap stocks seemed to enter stall speed in 1Q '24, lagging both the US and larger cap markets significantly, they still managed to eke out a modest positive return. Unfortunately, most of the Grandeur Peak portfolios just didn't keep up. Although we were in good company, as many of our respected peers also underperformed on the quarter (and many of the passive funds), we were in the bottom quartile in most cases. It's not a position we are used to being in and a place we never want to find ourselves in over any measurement period.

While there is always broad performance dispersion across the global stock market and the owned names within our funds, we count on our big weight positions to do a lot of the heavy lifting that will drive our portfolios to the long-term performance results that you expect from us. Unfortunately, it was four of our bigger weight positions that really disappointed this quarter. We expect unforeseen events in some of our stock positions periodically. It's par for the investment course, especially in the global small cap market. However, our big weight names generally don't surprise as much and others. Our strong convictions in the quality, value, and business momentum (QVM) of our big weight stocks make us comfortable taking larger positions in a select list of stocks given, we have high confidence that we won't experience large downside surprises. When they do surprise, it usually doesn't happen four times in a 3-month time span. Unfortunately, that's just what happened this quarter. It hit like a perfect storm.

Here is the estimated impact that the combined exposure of these four stocks had to each of our funds in 3Q 23 and 1Q 24:



1Q '24 Big Weight Laggards



Source: Grandeur Peak data, 3/31/24

Portfolio	4Q 23 Performance Impact	1Q 24 Performance Impact
Global Reach	1.0%	-2.3%
Global Explorer	0.9%	-1.6%
Global Opportunities	1.8%	-3.5%
Global Stalwarts	2.5%	-4.3%
Global Contrarian	0.5%	-1.6%
Global Micro	0.0%	-0.3%
International Opportunities	2.0%	-3.6%
International Stalwarts	2.9%	-5.0%
US Stalwarts	0.7%	-1.0%
Emerging Markets Opportunities	1.5%	-1.4%

Source: Grandeur Peak data, 3/31/24



Each of the four stocks included had a company-specific case that caused it to sell-off in 1Q 24. In each case, we have taken different investment action based on the company's current QVM..

#### BAYCURRENT CONSULTING, INC. (-43.7% IN 1Q 24)<sup>10</sup>

- Company Description: BayCurrent offers comprehensive consulting services in a wide variety of
  industries. The company's focus areas are business strategy consulting, IT consulting, and IT
  integration. We categorize BayCurrent as the Japanese equivalent of Accenture Consulting in the
  US.
- Catalyst for Q1 sell off: the 3Q 23 results reported a decline in year-over-year net operating margins from 43% to 36%. The company recently hired a significant number of entry level consultants (i.e., 30% of overall labor force), who have been a drag on overall firm profitability and productively while they are trained. As a result of the margin decline, the market has priced in a modest decline in forward 12-month earnings.
- **Grandeur Peak's Current View**: there is nothing broken with the firm. The reduced margin, which is still attractive, and decline in earnings expectations does not fundamentally justify a -43.7% stock price drop in Q1. Short term demand for their services is strong and the long-term growth prospects are intact. The stock is currently trading at an attractive P/E valuation of 15x compared to its historically range of 30-40x, which we believe is a reasonable recovery multiple.

### CVS GROUP PLC (-42.5% IN 1Q24)11

- Company Description: CVS Group provides animal veterinary and related services. The
  Company sells animal medicines and a range of pet products directly to consumers. CVS Group
  operates throughout the United Kingdom.
- Catalyst for Q1 sell off: In September 2023, the British government's anti-trust group, CMA (Competition & Markets Authority), issued a call for information (CFI), surveying UK consumers and vet industry professionals on veterinary pricing practices, amid the soaring cost of living in the United Kingdom. The stock was down -20.9% in 3Q 23 in response to the news. In March 2024, after gathering information from 56,000 survey respondents, the CMA announced that they would engage in a formal investigation. This news caused the stocks to sell off an additional -42.5%.
- Grandeur Peak's Current View: We have in person met with CVS executives recently, talked with a former CMA official, and engaged with other key shareholders extensively on what the potential business implications may be for the pending investigation. CVS has been very proactive in working with the CMA and proposing actions that can be taken by the regulator that will appeal the UK consumer without materially disrupting the UK vet market and CVS's business and growth plan. While there is a reasonable probability that CVS may emerge from the investigation unscathed, it will be 18 months before that can be determined. We believe the market has already priced in a poor, if not the worst case, outcome on CVS's stock price given the investigation, so there is likely little downside risk remaining in the name. However, there may be some price volatility as investors evaluate the opportunity cost of owning the stock while we wait on the results of the investigation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> As of 1/31/24, Grandeur Peak Funds owned 2,790,323 shares of BayCurrent Consulting, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> As of 1/31/24, Grandeur Peak Funds owned 3,064,946 shares of CVS Group PLC.



## SILERGY CORP (-37.3% IN 1Q24)<sup>12</sup>

- Company Description: Silergy designs and manufactures a broad range of high performance analog integrated circuits. The Company's products include single output step down regulators, dual output regulators, single output step by step regulators, power management ICs, step up LED backlight regulator, AC-DC LED lighting controller, DC input LED lighting drivers, LDO regulators, and protection switch.
- Catalyst for Q1 sell off: A surge in pandemic era analog semiconductor demand and production
  followed by an economic slowdown in China, Silergy's primary market, resulted in a significant
  inventory overhang. Silergy wrote down much of this excess inventory over the course of 2023,
  which had a negative short-term impact on net operating margins and earnings, which was not
  received well by investors.
- **Grandeur Peak's Current View:** We believe the worst of Silergy's demand headwinds and inventory issues are behind them. They recently reported that their March '23 revenues were up +15.83% y-o-y, 1Q 24 revenues increased 11.87% y-o-y, and the stock price has recovered somewhat as a result. We have confidence in Silergy's competitive position, their ability to capture more market share broadly, and the long-term demand for analog semiconductors.

## ENDAVA PLC (-51.1% IN 1Q24)<sup>13</sup>

- Company Description: Endava operates as an information technology service company. The
  Company offers software engineering, cloud transformation, test automation, technology
  consulting, and other related services. Endava serves finance, insurance and healthcare, retail
  and consumer goods, media and technology, and communication industries worldwide.
- Catalyst for Q1 sell off: a material reduction in technology spending and/or budgets within their primary business sectors and operating region (Europe and the UK) as caused Endava to experience a material slowdown in revenues, net operating margins and earnings over the past year. This, coupled with some investor concerns over the impact that AI will have within the tech services sector in the future, has been the main driver is price decline.
- Grandeur Peak's Current View: While we believe that Endava's business climate will eventually
  rebound and that they will resume growing at some point, we are concerned with current
  business momentum, lack of geographic customer diversification and management's ability to
  set accurate earnings guidance. As a result, we have significantly lowered our overall quality
  score on the company.

In last quarter's letter, we wrote about the heightened level of complexity that is currently driving equity markets. Our disappointing results this quarter reinforce this view for us. It is not easy to be a stock picker in a market where fundamentals are not dictating outcomes to some degree. Some of our positions, including some we have highlighted in this letter, were up significantly in 4Q 23 and down just as much, if not more, in 1Q 24. It is always emotionally difficult to have price performance from positive to negative as quickly as we have in the last two quarters. Regardless, we know from decades of investment experience that during times such as these, we must think and invest differently than that market. We must be more patient, more disciplined and focused on earnings growth to see us

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> As of 1/31/24, Grandeur Peak Funds owned 6,173,797 shares of Silergy Corp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> As of 1/31/24, Grandeur Peak Funds owned 1,006,193 shares of Endava PLC.



through. In turn, we will need you, our investors, to extend more patience with us as we navigate through this environment on your behalf. In the end, we are confident that the required discipline and patience will result in the long-term performance results you expect from us.

#### QUALITY-VALUE-MOMENTUM UPDATE

We typically provide some insight into the quality, value and momentum within our portfolios and provide examples. This quarter we will keep it short and give you a higher-level snapshot:

#### **QUALITY**

- Our portfolios continue to maintain above average overall quality
- Our portfolio companies have:
  - Lower leverage
  - Higher return on equity
  - Relatively stable earnings growth
- High quality continues to offer attractive relative value compared to lower quality.

## VALUE

- Overall, the global small cap market is trading at a discount to its historical P/E<sup>14</sup> multiple and relative to other segments of the equity market.
- Certain sectors and geographies offer much more attractive relative value than others. Active management is key to capitalizing on the disparities.
- Given attractive valuations, we believe our portfolio's expected returns are elevated.

#### **MOMENTUM**

- The business momentum within our portfolio companies has slowed given current economic conditions, but less so than the broader market.
- We anticipate that momentum will pick up throughout the remainder of 2024 and into 2025.
- As momentum improves, we expect our portfolio companies to further distinguish their earnings strength.

## Notes from the Road

#### COMPANY TOUCH TRACKER

This quarter our team engaged with 434 companies across the world, putting our trailing 12-month company touches at 1,609.

This past quarter, team members traveled domestically to Nevada, California, New York, Florida, Ohio, Texas, and Massachusetts. Internationally, team members traveled to Poland, Japan, Sweden, Brazil, and Australia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Price/Earnings ratio is calculated by dividing the market value price per share by the company's earnings per share



#### **INDIA RECAP**

Mark Madsen, Portfolio Manager of the Global Contrarian and Global Reach strategies, and Ryan Bischoff, Research Analyst spent a week in India. Here are some of their thoughts on the trip:

We spent one week covering three cities and visiting 21 companies in India this quarter, visiting Mumbai, Chennai, and Delhi. Traveling to India is honestly one of the toughest things we do, but I think well worth the effort given the long-term potential of the country. What we are seeing right now is especially intriguing – It isn't just a theoretical potential, but rather the country's economic potential is actually being converted to GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth in a pretty meaningful way.

Prime Minister Modi has been in office for nearly 10 years and appears to have everything moving in the right direction—infrastructure is being built, business is becoming more formalized, reforms are taking hold. There is a real belief that a rising tide of economic prosperity will improve everyone's standard of living during the next 10 years. Modi's success also means that he is highly likely to stay in power following the upcoming, month-long election this spring. Many believe this scenario may help to alleviate worries about investing for the future and that government policies or regulatory changes should be favorable over the long term. You could argue that a drunken sailor could have underwritten loans in the Indian housing market and done just fine over the last 7-8 years—the positive current has more than made up for any weak swimmers. The downside to all of this optimism is that the Indian stock market reflects all of these positives. It is possible the market may be overshooting current conditions or pulling forward some of the future good news.

The primary benchmark in India, the Nifty 50 Index, was up nearly 20 percent in 2023 and is now considered the fourth largest market in the world, valued at over \$4 trillion. 15 With over 5,000 listed companies, we've always had a long list of names to screen in India. Given the breadth of the opportunity in the country, we believe that every industry team could visit the country at least once a year just to stay on top of things. As a firm, we have nearly 1,000 touch points with around 700 companies since our inception.

For this trip, our meeting schedule included mostly Financial and Industrial names. Mumbai and Delhi are obvious points of critical mass and are the easiest access points for flights in/out of the country. The next tier of cities have enough companies to justify a day or two of visits, as there are eight other cities with populations greater than 5 million.

This is my fifth visit to India while working for Grandeur. Looking back over the development of the cities during that time, I honestly don't think it felt any different driving around Mumbai. However, it felt like Delhi has had improvements to its infrastructure and the economic opportunities felt more robust. Gurugram was a completely different city compared to what I experienced from a trip in 2016. Back then, the main city felt like it was confined to a few giant offices built in the middle of vast vacant dirt lots. Now the whole city and the vacant dirt lots have been built out as a master-planned development, with modern outdoor malls, all still in the Indian style.

Despite the uber bull market going on right now, we returned home with a couple of actionable buy ideas and a couple of trims as well. Management teams were surprisingly defensive about the high valuations that stocks around the country garnering. Even with the stock market performance, India as a country is

<sup>15 &</sup>quot;India's Market Cap..", https://cnb.cx/49zvSSS



still very much a country of wide differences. The average Technology worker might be compensated 50x the income of what a laborer or small informal business owner might earn. As some sectors and subsectors of the Indian economy modernize, agriculture continues to shrink as a percentage of GDP, yet the majority of the population is still employed in agriculture. Many forces are in-play that have the potential to increase the size and economic strength of the middle class. We wouldn't be surprised to see India's growth rate accelerate even more over the next ten years. The challenge will be to find the high-quality, long-term growers and not overpay for that growth.

## **Business Update**

Grandeur Peak strongly believes in the importance of being invested alongside our clients. Our portfolio managers have a large portion of their personal assets invested in the Grandeur Peak Funds. They tend to spread their investments across all of our funds given our collaborative approach. Roughly half of their Grandeur Peak Fund investments are invested in the funds they manage directly and the other half is allocated across the remaining Grandeur Peak Funds.

In many firms like ours, the partners would take the opportunity to withdraw the majority of the firm's profits as a return on their invested capital. Our firm has instead reinvested over the years a) to create and maintain a healthy rainy-day fund to ensure our staying power, and b) to invest significantly in the Grandeur Peak Funds as an incentive for the next generation and to confirm our belief in the firm's long-term perspective.

Our firm assets held steady at approximately \$6 billion in assets under management (AUM) this quarter. There were no employee hires or departures, other than the typical comings and goings within our intern pool.

We encourage and support our team in seeking further education by providing individual learning budgets and co-investment opportunities for graduate school programs. We are pleased to announce that Alexis Watson has recently earned her CFA®, becoming the 11<sup>th</sup> member of our team to become a CFA® charterholder. Alex joined the firm in 2021 as a research analyst and is an important member of our team covering Europe.

As always, please feel free to reach out any time with any questions, requests, or comments. We appreciate the opportunity to work on your behalf.

Sincerely,

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Amy Johnson, CFP®

The Grandeur Peak Client Team



## TOTAL RETURNS | AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

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	CUMULATIVE				ANNUALIZED			
Clobal Contrarian Institutional Class (CDCCV)	QTR	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	12.020	
Global Contrarian, Institutional Class (GPGCX)	2.40%	2.40%	19.29%	5.22%	n/a	n/a	13.03%	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index <sup>1</sup>	4.02%	4.02%	17.02%	2.09%	n/a	n/a	8.85%	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Value Index <sup>ii</sup>	3.19%	3.19%	17.58%	4.70%	n/a	n/a	8.72%	
MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index <sup>iii</sup>	2.21%	2.21%	13.35%	0.85%	n/a	n/a	7.21%	
Global Explorer, Institutional Class (GPGEX)	-1.60%	-1.60%	8.66%	n/a	n/a	n/a	-8.99%	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	4.02%	4.02%	17.02%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.47%	
MSCI ACWI IMI Index <sup>iv</sup>	7.83%	7.83%	23.04%	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.40%	
Global Micro Cap, Institutional Class (GPMCX)	1.59%	1.59%	13.05%	-5.41%	9.84%	n/a	8.989	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	4.02%	4.02%	17.02%	2.09%	8.49%	n/a	8.629	
MSCI World Micro Cap Index <sup>v</sup>	2.68%	2.68%	7.85%	-4.45%	6.23%	n/a	6.879	
MSCI ACWI ex -US Small Cap Index	2.21%	2.21%	13.35%	0.85%	6.71%	n/a	6.62%	
Global Opportunities, Investor Class (GPGOX)	-5.07%	-5.07%	4.86%	-5.34%	8.25%	7.18%	10.80%	
Global Opportunities, Institutional Class (GPGIX)	-5.19%	-5.19%	5.03%	-5.10%	8.45%	7.43%	11.099	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	4.02%	4.02%	17.02%	2.09%	8.49%	7.23%	9.81%	
MSCI ACWI IMI Index	7.83%	7.83%	23.04%	6.81%	11.10%	8.98%	10.629	
Global Reach, Investor Class (GPROX)	-2.46%	-2.46%	7.69%	-5.39%	7.27%	6.73%	8.599	
Global Reach, Institutional Class (GPRIX)	-2.44%	-2.44%	7.93%	-5.17%	7.52%	6.98%	8.849	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	4.02%	4.02%	17.02%	2.09%	8.49%	7.23%	8.459	
MSCI ACWI IMI Index	7.83%	7.83%	23.04%	6.81%	11.10%	8.98%	9.739	
Global Stalwarts, Investor Class (GGSOX)	-3.33%	-3.33%	9.89%	-6.53%	5.69%	n/a	8.089	
Global Stalwarts, Institutional Class (GGSYX)	-3.29%	-3.29%	10.12%	-6.29%	5.97%	n/a	8.369	
MSCI ACWI Mid Cap Index <sup>vi</sup>	5.97%	5.97%	17.64%	3.57%	8.67%	n/a	8.849	
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	4.02%	4.02%	17.02%	2.09%	8.49%	n/a	8.999	
Intl Opportunities, Investor Class (GPIOX)	-5.10%	-5.10%	1.24%	-7.23%	5.01%	4.93%	8.839	
Intl Opportunities, Institutional Class (GPIIX)	-5.04%	-5.04%	1.51%	-7.09%	5.26%	5.17%	9.079	
MSCI ACWI ex-US Small Cap Index	2.21%	2.21%	13.35%	0.85%	6.71%	5.16%	7.049	
MSCI ACWI ex-US IMI Index <sup>vii</sup>	4.45%	4.45%	13.77%	2.22%	6.50%	4.80%	6.339	
Intl Stalwarts, Investor Class (GISOX)	-4.06%	-4.06%	5.71%	-5.44%	6.20%	n/a	8.259	
Intl Stalwarts, Institutional Class (GISYX)	-3.97%	-3.97%	6.01%	-5.19%	6.47%	n/a	8.519	
MSCI ACWI ex-US Mid Cap Indexviii	2.80%	2.80%	12.42%	0.73%	5.40%	n/a	6.159	
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MSCI ACWI ex-US Small Cap Index	2.21%	2.21%	13.35%	0.85%	6.71%	n/a	7.109	
EM Opportunities, Investor Class (GPEOX)	-2.38%	-2.38%	4.28%	-4.21%	5.07%	4.36%	4.70	
EM Opportunities, Institutional Class (GPEIX)	-2.28%	-2.28%	4.53%	-3.99%	5.31%	4.59%	4.949	
MSCI Emerging Markets SMID Cap Index <sup>ix</sup>	0.56%	0.56%	15.74%	2.22%	6.27%	4.24%	4.499	
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index <sup>x</sup>	2.24%	2.24%	10.22%	-3.53%	3.39%	3.60%	3.649	
US Stalwarts, Institutional Class (GUSYX)	1.04%	1.04%	18.45%	-2.40%	n/a	n/a	18.529	
MSCI US Mid Cap Index <sup>xi</sup>	8.90%	8.90%	22.57%	6.19%	n/a	n/a	23.00%	
MSCI US Small Cap Indexxii	5.68%	5.68%	20.46%	3.18%	n/a	n/a	23.59%	



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#### **TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS**

Fund	INVESTO	INSTITUTIONAL		
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Global Contrarian (GPGCX)			1.35%	1.35%
Global Explorer (GPGEX)			3.45%	1.25%
Global Micro Cap (GPMCX)			1.85%	1.85%
Global Opportunities (GPGOX/GPGIX)	1.60%	1.54%	1.35%	1.29%
Global Reach (GPROX/GPRIX)	1.50%	1.50%	1.25%	1.25%
Global Stalwarts (GGSOX/GGSYX)	1.19%	1.19%	0.94%	0.94%
International Opportunities (GPIOX/GPIIX)	1.60%	1.55%	1.35%	1.30%
International Stalwarts (GISOX/GISYX)	1.13%	1.13%	0.88%	0.88%
Emerging Markets (GEPOX/GPEIX)	1.75%	1.72%	1.50%	1.47%
US Stalwarts (GUSYX)			0.90%	0.90%

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