

# 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:** \$68.1 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 11.02% for the first quarter of 2024, compared with the S&P 500 Total Return Index of 10.56%. The Fund (Class I) posted a total return of 29.70% for the 12 months ending 03/31/2024 compared to the S&P 500 Total Return Index of 29.88%.

## Contributors

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

Q1 2024

Company	Ticker	Industry	Average Weight	Contribution to Return	Total Return <sup>2</sup>
Nvidia Corp	NVDA	Information Technology	3.40	2.26	82.46
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	TSM	Information Technology	3.11	0.82	31.35
Linde PLC	LIN	Materials	5.89	0.79	13.38
Trane Technologies PLC	TT	Industrials	3.37	0.74	23.45
Synopsys Inc	SNPS	Information Technology	4.61	0.72	10.99

In the first quarter of 2024, the largest positive contributors to performance were: Nvidia Corp, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd, Linde PLC, Trane Technologies PLC, and Synopsys Inc. Nvidia, a designer of specialized processors and software for AI and graphics visualization, benefited from significant growth driven by its technology leadership in AI accelerators. TSMC, a global semiconductor manufacturer, benefited from its technology leadership and significant exposure to the AI accelerator and datacenter market. Linde, the world's largest industrial gas company, has benefited from its industry-leading pricing and productivity, which has driven strong earnings growth and returns on capital despite a soft macro backdrop. Trane Technologies, a provider of HVAC systems for efficiency and reduced carbon emissions, continued to post strong results in its commercial HVAC business, driven by data centers, education, and healthcare. Synopsys, designer of advanced semiconductors, benefited from a significant surge in demand custom silicon to support applications such as AI.

## Detractors

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

Q1 2024

Company	Ticker	Industry	Average Weight	Contribution to Return	Total Return <sup>2</sup>
Align Technology	ALGN	Health Care	0.10	-0.07	-6.34
IDEXX Laboratories Inc	IDXX	Health Care	2.24	-0.16	-4.57
S&P Global Inc	SPGI	Financials	5.80	-0.17	-3.22
Zoetis Inc	ZTS	Health Care	1.45	-0.25	-14.78
Aptiv PLC	APT	Consumer Discretionary	1.71	-0.26	-11.85

In the first quarter of 2024, the largest negative detractors to performance were: Align Technology, IDEXX Laboratories Inc, S&P Global Inc, Zoetis Inc, and Aptiv PLC. Align Technology, maker of Invisalign clear aligners, was impacted by early quarter volatility regarding consumer demand. IDEXX Laboratories, a provider of diagnostics for veterinary and water testing applications, declined because volumes remained soft due to macroeconomic conditions and veterinary clinic staffing constraints. S&P Global, provider of financial information and data analytics, declined because full year guidance disappointed on less-than-expected margin expansion and a higher tax rate. Zoetis, provider of animal medicines and vaccines, declined because margins disappointed due to higher manufacturing and marketing

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## Portfolio Team Outlook

Positive attribution in the first quarter can be attributed primarily to stock selection in the Technology, Consumer Discretionary, and Industrials sectors.

Our fund is a curated portfolio of our highest conviction large-cap ideas, characterized by a high active share. Notably, we achieved outperformance relative to the benchmark during the first quarter of 2024 and in 2023, despite minimal exposure to the "magnificent seven."

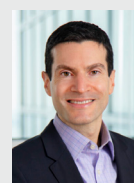
In the recent quarter, we strategically broadened our exposure across various industries and end markets while reducing our overweight position in technology. This adjustment underscores our commitment to offering investors a innovative avenue to capitalize on pivotal secular growth trends.

A prime example of this strategic positioning is our investment in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) theme.

Beyond the conventional domains of semiconductors and software, we've invested in companies integral to water infrastructure, power, and advanced cooling systems—each playing a crucial role in supporting data center operations.

Our portfolio also aligns with other significant trends that address pressing global challenges. For instance, homebuilders are pivotal in addressing our nation's housing shortage. Factories and commercial buildings utilize data analytics to improve energy efficiency. Natural gas pipeline companies facilitate a pragmatic approach to energy transition. Furthermore, pharmaceutical and lab instrument companies improve the quality of life.

While potential risks such as sharp interest rate hikes or a severe recession could negatively impact the fund's performance, favorable conditions like decreasing interest rates or continued economic resiliency



**Andrew Singer**  
Portfolio Manager

could propel our performance forward.

Beyond market dynamics, the intrinsic strength of our portfolio companies lies in their industry leadership and commitment to addressing fundamental human needs. They have innovative and proprietary technologies, experienced management teams, strong corporate cultures, and fortress balance sheets. These attributes give us confidence in the sustained success and resilience of our portfolio companies, both in the immediate future and over the long term.

costs. Aptiv, a global technology company focused on automotive end markets, experienced slow growth and the company reduced its medium-term revenue guidance.

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

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Eventide Large Cap Focus Fund	YTD	3-mos	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception <sup>4</sup>	Inception Date
Class I	11.02	11.02	29.70	—	—	—	20.29	06/30/2022
Class A without load	10.98	10.98	29.35	—	—	—	19.99	06/30/2022
Class A with 5.75% load <sup>5</sup>	4.56	4.56	21.90	—	—	—	16.00	06/30/2022
Class C <sup>6</sup>	10.76	10.76	28.45	—	—	—	19.15	06/30/2022
Class N	11.04	11.04	29.51	—	—	—	20.12	06/30/2022
Benchmark								
S&P 500 Total Return Index <sup>7</sup>	10.56	10.56	29.88	—	—	—	22.59	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.
6. A 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") may be assessed on C-shares redeemed within twelve months of purchase.
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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