Santander Asset Management

Santander GO North American Equity

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Fund commentary

Market Overview

U.S. equities declined over the month ended 6/30/22, as measured by the S&P 500 Index. All sectors had negative performance in the month, with Consumer Staples falling the least and Energy losing the most. Growth stocks performed in line with the broad market in the month, as the equity market sell-off was widespread amid concerns about high inflation and rising recession risks.

Performance Commentary

• The portfolio returned -8.60% (gross of fees), while the S&P 500 benchmark returned -8.25%. The portfolio slightly underperformed the benchmark this month due to unfavourable stock selection and, to a lesser extent, sector allocation.

• The Information Technology sector was the largest detractor from relative performance due to adverse stock selection and a sector overweight. A lack of exposure to Consumer Staples and Utilities weighed on performance, as did stock selection in Industrials. Conversely, stock selection in Health Care was the largest positive contributor to relative performance, followed by the lack of exposure to Energy and Materials. Stock selection in Consumer Discretionary added to relative results, but the gain was partially offset by the overweight allocation, which detracted. Real Estate (which the Fund did not own), Financials, and Communication Services had no material impact on relative performance.

• The top contributing holdings in the portfolio included Chewy, Veeva Systems, and Snowflake. Conversely, Block, Trade Desk, and Cloudflare were the top detractors.

Strategy and Outlook

Counterpoint Global believes having a market outlook can be an anchor. Our focus is on assessing company prospects over a five year horizon, and owning a portfolio of unique companies with strong, sustainable competitive advantages whose market value we believe can increase significantly for underlying fundamental reasons.