

# RESPONSIBLE ESG U.S. EQUITY

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Large Capitalization stocks (as represented by the Russell 1000 Index) rose +3.6% during the quarter.
- The Glenmede Responsible ESG U.S. Equity strategy underperformed the Russell 1000 Index by -6.1% net of fees for the quarter.
- The strategy had stock selection underperformance in all sectors versus the cap-weighted index. The most negative relative contributions were in the Information Technology and Communication Services sectors.

The Glenmede Responsible ESG U.S. Equity Composite had a total return for Second Quarter 2024 of -2.5% (net of fees). On a relative basis, the Responsible ESG U.S. Equity Composite underperformed the Russell 1000 Index by -6.1%. This strategy is managed to invest in companies with more favorable environmental/social/governance ratings.

For the Second Quarter 2024, the S&P 500 and Russell 1000 Indexes had total returns of +4.3% and +3.6%, respectively. Although the capitalization-weighted indexes had positive returns, most US stocks had negative returns. The six largest names contributed about 437 basis points to the total return for the Russell 1000 Index. The outperformance of the cap-weighted index versus the average stock (-3.4%, equal-weighted) of +7.0% was the second largest quarterly spread since 1979 (+9.3% in 1Q 2020). Investor sentiment was mixed in response to hawkish Fed comments, signs of slowing economic growth, positive earnings surprises and AI exuberance. Inflation data continued to improve with core PCE declining to 2.6% (year/year). The 10-Year Treasury yield increased by about 0.2% to 4.4% while stock market volatility as measured by the CBOE VIX decreased from about 13.0 to 12.4. For First Quarter 2024 results, about 77% of Russell 1000 companies reported positive earnings surprises. In the Second Quarter, The Russell 1000 Growth Index (+8.3%) outperformed the Russell 1000 Value Index (-2.2%) by about +10.4%. In the quarter, the best performing sectors in the Russell 1000 Index were Information Technology (+12.8%) and Communication Services (+9.3%). The worst performing sectors were Materials (-5.2%) and Industrials (-3.3%).

For the quarter, the strategy had negative contributions from multi-factor stock selection models, including biases towards lower valuations. The strategy was unfavorably impacted from relative underexposures to the Magnificent 7 and lower market capitalizations versus the Russell 1000 Index. The strategy had stock selection underperformance in all sectors versus the cap-weighted index. The most negative relative contributions were in the Information Technology and Communication Services sectors. Industry group biases had minor impacts on performance.

The latest U.S. real GDP estimate for First Quarter was +1.4% versus +3.4% for the Fourth Quarter. The quarter reflected gains in personal consumption expenditures (+1.5%), fixed investment (+7.0%), gross government spending (+1.8%), and exports (+1.6%). Imports (+6.1%) was a detractor. For 2024, many economists project real GDP growth in a range of 2.0% to 2.5% and CPI of 3.0% to 3.5%. We expect positive corporate profit growth of 4% to 7% supported by high employment, declining inflation, and prudent Fed monetary policy. However, geopolitical risks can have significant global economic and financial impacts. Currently, our leading industry group indicators target overweightings in Consumer Discretionary, Health Care, Materials and Utilities, and underweightings in Industrials, Financials and Consumer Staples. We believe this strategy is well positioned with its multifactor approach favoring stocks with more attractive valuations, high cash flows, strong fundamentals, positive earnings/revenue estimate trends and favorable technicals.

## RESPONSIBLE ESG U.S. EQUITY Composite Performance (%)

As of 6/30/2024	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (12/31/15)
Glenmede (Gross)	-2.3	4.9	13.3	4.1	10.4	n/a	11.9
Glenmede (Net)	-2.5	4.5	12.4	3.3	9.6	n/a	11.1
Russell 1000 Index	3.6	14.2	23.9	8.7	14.6	n/a	14.0

\*Annualized

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The Responsible ESG U.S. Equity composite objective is to achieve attractive long-term performance through an equally weighted portfolio of large-cap stocks, constructed with a disciplined blend of proprietary multi factor models and potential downside risk screens. The Portfolio invests at least 80% of the value of its net assets (including borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities, such as common stocks, of U.S. large cap companies that meet the Portfolio's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") criteria. The Russell 1000 Index is an unmanaged, market value weighted index, which measures performance of the largest 1,000 companies in the market. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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