



## STRATEGIC EQUITY QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Equity markets (as represented by the S&P 500 Index) rose +4.3% during the quarter.
- The Glenmede Strategic Equity strategy underperformed the S&P 500 Index by -5.4% net of fees.
- Versus the benchmark, the strategy again suffered from less exposure to the small group of high index weights that posted very strong performance. This was exacerbated by weak stock selection across most sectors, as there were limited positive offsets for a handful of weaker performers.

The S&P 500 Index continued to move higher during the quarter ending on June 30, 2024, with a total return of 4.3%. That return was primarily driven by the strong performance of a relatively narrow group of stocks, including some of the Index's largest components. In fact, only about one quarter of all stocks in the Index exceeded the benchmark's return and the average stock return was -2.6%. The Information Technology and Communication Services sectors, driven by their largest components, finished with returns well ahead of the overall Index. Utilities was the only other sector with aggregate returns exceeding the benchmark. The Artificial Intelligence (AI) secular growth theme remained a powerful tailwind for many of the quarter's winners.

The Strategic Equity strategy returned -1.1% (net) for the quarter, -5.4% behind the S&P 500. Versus the benchmark, the strategy again suffered from less exposure to the small group of high index weights that posted very strong performance. This was exacerbated by weak stock selection across most sectors, as there were limited positive offsets for a handful of weaker performers. By sector, Information Technology, Financials and Industrials had the biggest contributions to underperformance. The Communication Services and Energy sectors provided only small positive relative performance offsets for the portfolio.

Market consensus supports a soft-landing for the economy with moderating inflation trends, even if monetary policy easing comes later than originally anticipated. Some signs of potential softness in both industrial and consumer activity, along with valuations that had already moved higher in anticipation of a benign economic outcome, has made for a more challenging backdrop for equities. Al-related investment is one of the few areas the market feels confident can weather broader weakness, but valuations for many of the related companies have moved to levels that may require both a strong and sustainable demand outlook from here. While that is possible, the risks of any disappointment are growing. Our focus remains owning a diversified group of high-quality businesses, with sustainable advantages, that can manage through a variety of economic scenarios and deliver attractive long-term returns to their shareholders.

## STRATEGIC EQUITY Composite Performance (%)

As of 6/30/2024	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (3/31/04)
Glenmede (Gross)	-0.9	7.0	17.1	7.8	12.3	12.0	9.9
Glenmede (Net)	-1.1	6.6	16.3	7.0	11.5	11.2	9.1
S&P 500 Index	4.3	15.3	24.6	10.0	15.0	12.9	10.3

<sup>\*</sup>Annualized

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The Strategic Equity Composite objective is to achieve above-benchmark long term return, consistent with reasonable risk to principal, by investing in well-managed companies with durable business models, good growth prospects, and attractive valuations. The Standard and Poor's 500 Composite Index consists of 500 widely held common stocks. This unmanaged index is a total return index with dividends reinvested. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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