



# DANA CARBON SENSITIVE ESG EQUITY STRATEGY

QUARTERLY  
REVIEW

As of September 30, 2023

For about 3 short weeks at the beginning of July, market breadth improved from the very narrow leadership of mega-cap tech stocks that had been driving the market. During this period, small cap indices outperformed large cap indices and value-based indices outperformed their growth counterparts. After this brief occurrence, market leadership once again became dominated by a select number of mega-cap stocks, and the S&P 500 Index (cap-weighted) outperformed the equal weight S&P 500 Index as it has done in each quarter this year. Mega-cap dominance continued despite relatively positive economic news, which often leads to a broader market. A solid earnings season was bolstered by almost 90% of stocks beating expectations. The resilience of the U.S. economy should further buoy the cyclical parts of the market. After a somewhat stable first half of the year, interest rates began steadily rising in mid-July, and by the end of the quarter were at their highest level in over 15 years. These higher rates began to put pressure on equity markets as valuation measures began to discount future cash flows at higher rates. As more companies saw increases in their cost of capital, the possibility of a rate-induced recession also increased. As a result, the S&P 500 Index ended the quarter down -3.27%, with mid-cap and small-cap stocks suffering deeper declines.

During Q3, the Carbon Sensitive ESG Equity Strategy posted a -7.90% return. Individual stock dispersion was high. Mega-cap headwinds continued in the Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services sectors, but reversed starting in August in Information Technology. Turnover was elevated in Q3 as we moved out of some holdings with weakened outlooks, and added to a few areas where growth continued to be rewarded by the market. Despite a few disappointments during earnings season, the Strategy holdings are performing well overall fundamentally, and our outlook going forward remains optimistic for the existing portfolio.

Characteristics <sup>a b</sup>	Dana Carbon Sensitive ESG	S&P 500 Index
Market Cap (\$ billions)	409.6	631.0
Median Market Cap (\$ billions)	59.0	30.0
Dividend Yield (%)	1.8	1.6
3 Year Dividend Growth (%)	7.6	9.4
Return on Equity (ROE) (%) <sup>2</sup>	31.3	30.6
P/E NTM <sup>1</sup>	14.1	18.7
P/E LTM <sup>1</sup>	15.0	20.1
Hist 3Yr Sales Growth (%)	14.4	13.8
PEG	1.2	1.4
<i>Weighted Average unless noted: 1 Weighted Harmonic Average; 2 Weighted Median</i>		
Statistics (gross of fees) <sup>b</sup>	Dana Carbon Sensitive ESG	S&P 500 Index
Monthly Returns Since 11/30/2012		
Alpha	-2.28	-
Beta	1.00	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.62	0.81
Batting Average	.462	-
Information Ratio	-0.74	-

## SECTOR CONTRIBUTORS

**Real Estate** – In the weakest sector for the S&P 500 Index, a solid positive return from Iron Mountain, Inc. (IRM) propelled outperformance for the Strategy in the Real Estate sector.

**Health Care** – Relative performance was boosted in Health Care by positive returns from AbbVie, Inc. (ABBV), CVS Health Corporation (CVS), and UnitedHealth Group, Inc. (UNH).

## SECTOR DETRACTORS

**Consumer Discretionary** – Fears of a potentially weakening consumer continued to hurt the retail-oriented Strategy holdings, including Tapestry, Inc. (TPR), Ulta Beauty, Inc. (ULTA) and Crocs, Inc. (CROX).

**Information Technology** – Allegro MicroSystems, Inc. (ALGM) and Fortinet, Inc. (FTNT) disappointed this quarter.

## SELECT ADDITIONS

**Merck & Company, Inc. (MRK)** – Merck's growth profile is at the high end of the peer group, driven by Keytruda (in cancer) and Gardasil (in HPV). Over the next 5 years the company should generate ~\$100 billion of free cash flow which should flow to shareholders through dividends and stock buybacks, while also providing sufficient capital for M&A to accelerate topline growth

**Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO)** – Lincoln Electric has a leading market share in the welding industry which should continue to grow 3-4% on an organic basis. The company's automation business is seeing robust demand as companies re-shore their operations and the shortage of skilled labor results in robotic welding substitution. A further opportunity that has potential to change the growth profile of the company is the entry into the fast charging EV market. The company's existing plasma cutters have a very similar architecture to a DC fast charger, giving the company a significant manufacturing and engineering advantage versus new entrants into this market. If the company can win significant orders in this nascent market, it could experience both multiple and earnings expansion.

## SELECT DELETIONS

**W. W. Grainger, Inc. (GWW)** – The company has executed very well throughout Covid, taking and holding significant market share, which has propelled earnings. Even though the company has done everything right, there is some risk that market share reverts back to the other distributors, now that they are able to secure product that used to be in short supply. If this does happen, earnings will likely get pressured, which may put pressure on the multiple.

**Abbott Laboratories (ABT)** – Abbott continues to execute well, but the valuation no longer exhibits the relative valuation that attracted us to the stock. With an average growth rate and a middling valuation, other companies in the group now appear more attractive.

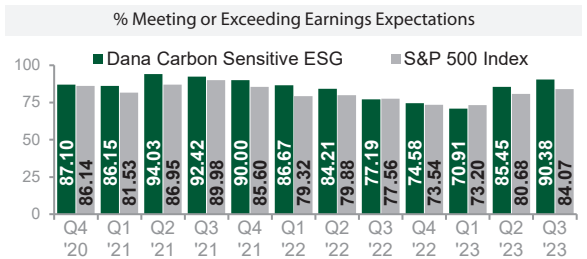
Average Annual Total Return (%)  
as of 09/30/2023

	Unannualized Quarter	Unannualized YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
<b>Dana Carbon Sensitive ESG Equity Strategy (gross of fees)</b>	<b>-7.77</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>10.60</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>6.12</b>	<b>9.51</b>	<b>11.09</b>
<b>Dana Carbon Sensitive ESG Equity Strategy (net of fees)</b>	<b>-7.90</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>9.91</b>	<b>4.35</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>10.36</b>
S&P 500 Index	-3.27	13.07	21.62	10.15	9.92	11.91	12.91

Sector Allocation (%) as of 09/30/2023	Dana Carbon Sensitive ESG	S&P 500 Index
Communication Services	9.27	8.87
Consumer Discretionary	10.55	10.67
Consumer Staples	6.54	6.57
Energy	0.00	4.72
Financials	13.29	12.81
Health Care	14.68	13.36
Industrials	8.85	8.30
Information Technology	29.11	27.46
Materials	2.53	2.45
Real Estate	2.85	2.37
Utilities	2.34	2.41

Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%

Dana Carbon Sensitive ESG Top 10 Holdings (%) as of 09/30/2023	
Alphabet Inc	4.75
Apple Inc	4.41
Microsoft Corp	4.29
Comcast Corp	2.25
Cisco Systems Inc	2.24
Lincoln Electric Holdings	2.23
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.23
CSX Corp	2.20
Regal Rexnord Corp	2.20
Microchip Technology Inc	2.18



Dana's Carbon Sensitive ESG Equity Strategy holdings continue to execute well, experiencing more positive earnings surprises than the S&P 500 Index.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD 2023
Total Return Gross of Fees	36.93%	22.55%	-0.34%	5.68%	24.48%	-10.47%	32.13%	13.43%	28.41%	-19.50%	1.21%
Total Return Net of Fees	35.91%	21.66%	-1.09%	4.99%	23.69%	-11.06%	31.25%	12.75%	27.59%	-19.97%	0.73%
Benchmark Return	32.39%	13.69%	1.38%	11.96%	21.83%	-4.38%	31.49%	18.40%	28.71%	-18.11%	13.07%
Composite 36 Month Standard Deviation	N/A	N/A	10.75%	11.54%	10.68%	11.94%	12.09%	18.57%	17.36%	20.87%	17.79%
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Number of Portfolios	1	2	9	13	12	12	14	9	7	7	8
Internal Dispersion	N/A	N/A*	0.97%	1.08%	1.82%	0.61%	1.37%	1.16%	0.87%	0.78%	N/A
Composite Assets (US\$ millions)	2.8	3.6	38.2	44.2	39.6	25.1	25.1	15.8	17.6	14.0	10.9
% of Bundled Fee Assets	100.0%	100.0%	93.4%	86.3%	81.8%	91.2%	82.1%	73.5%	68.8%	65.1%	29.0%
Strategy Assets (US\$ millions)	2.8	3.6	38.2	44.2	39.6	25.2	25.3	15.8	17.6	14.6	10.9
Total Firm Assets (US\$ millions)	3,664.9	4,091.7	4,490.7	4,769.4	4,865.7	5,183.2	4,548.9	4,782.0	4,647.0	4,427.7	4,445.4
Total Entity Assets (US\$ millions)	4,486.3	5,383.3	6,634.5	7,172.0	7,538.4	7,454.1	7,142.0	7,185.0	7,662.0	6,810.3	6,421.2

\* Only one account was in the composite for the entire year.

Strategy Assets and Total Entity Assets include applicable composite assets, wrap program assets, and model portfolio assets and are presented as supplemental information.

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Data and Chart Sources: Dana Investment Advisors; <sup>(a)</sup> FactSet Research Systems; <sup>(b)</sup> Morningstar Direct.

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