

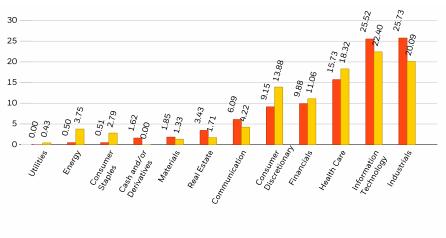
# Q1 2024

# **Mid Cap Growth**

# INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The investment objective of BlackRock Mid-Cap Growth Equity Portfolio is long-term capital appreciation. Mid-Cap Growth Equity normally invests the majority of its net assets in equity securities issued by U.S. mid-capitalization companies which Fund management believes have above-average earnings growth potential. Although a universal definition of mid-capitalization companies does not exist, the Fund generally defines these companies, at the time of the Fund's investment, as those with market capitalizations comparable in size to the companies in the Russell Midcap<sup>®</sup> Growth Index. The principal risks of the strategy are Equity Securities Risk, Foreign Securities Risk, Income Producing Stock Availability Risk, Market Risk and Selection Risk, Liquidity Risk. More detailed information on this strategy is available upon request.

## **TOP SECTORS (%)**



| KEY FACTS              |                    |          |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Inception Date         | 10/31/             | /2019    |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> | Russell MidCap     |          |
|                        | Growth Index (USD) |          |
| PORTFOLIO CHA          | ARACT              | ERISTICS |
| Average Market         |                    | 33,401.9 |
| Capitalization (M)     |                    |          |
| Price to Earnings      |                    | 48.46x   |
| Thee to Earnings       |                    | 10.10    |

#### Fund Benchmark<sup>1</sup>

| TOP HOLDINGS (%)                 |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| COPART INC.                      | 3.99% |
| COSTAR GROUP INC                 | 3.43% |
| MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC     | 3.09% |
| MSCIINC                          | 2.67% |
| ARES MANAGEMENT CORP             | 2.66% |
| WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES INC | 2.58% |
| ENTEGRIS INC                     | 2.58% |
| AXON ENTERPRISE INC              | 2.55% |
| IDEXX LABORATORIES INC.          | 2.53% |
| TRANSDIGM GROUP INC              | 2.52% |

Allocations are targets and subject to change.

| Average Annual Composite Performance<br>(Total Return % in USD) |       |                  |                        |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------------|
|   | Gross | Net <sup>2</sup> | Benchmark <sup>1</sup> |
| 1 Year  | 24.43 | 20.70            | 26.28                  |
| 3 Year  | 0.66  | -2.36            | 4.62                   |
| 5 Year  | n/a   | n/a              | n/a                    |
| 10 Year   | n/a   | n/a              | n/a                    |
| Since Inception   | 10.58 | 7.26             | 11.84                  |

### Historical Composite Performance (Total Return % in USD)

|      | Gross  | Net <sup>2</sup> | Benchmark <sup>1</sup> |
|------|--------|------------------|------------------------|
| 2023 | 28.17  | 24.33            | 25.87                  |
| 2022 | -36.53 | -38.43           | -26.72                 |
| 2021 | 14.87  | 11.42            | 12.73                  |
| 2020 | 46.78  | 42.37            | 35.59                  |
| 2019 | n/a    | n/a              | n/a                    |
| 2018 | n/a    | n/a              | n/a                    |
| 2017 | n/a    | n/a              | n/a                    |
| 2016 | n/a    | n/a              | n/a                    |
| 2015 | n/a    | n/a              | n/a                    |
| 2014 | n/a    | n/a              | n/a                    |

| Quarterly Composite Performance<br>(Total Return % in USD) |       |                  |                        |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------------|
|  | Gross | Net <sup>2</sup> | Benchmark <sup>1</sup> |
| YTD  | 8.02  | 7.20             | 9.50                   |
| 31-MAR-2024  | 8.02  | 7.20             | 9.50                   |
| 31-DEC-2023  | 14.80 | 13.93            | 14.55                  |
| 30-SEP-2023  | -4.83 | -5.55            | -5.22                  |
| 30-JUN-2023  | 5.44  | 4.64             | 6.23                   |

| Risk Statistics**  |       |                        |  |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|--|
|                    | Fund  | Benchmark <sup>1</sup> |  |
| Beta (3yr)         | 1.09  | -                      |  |
| Standard Deviation | 24.15 | 21.74                  |  |
| (3yr ann.)         |       |                        |  |
| Sharpe Ratio (3yr) | 0.04  | 0.20                   |  |

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#### \*\*Glossary

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Standard Deviation: Standard deviation measures how dispersed returns are around the average. A higher standard deviation indicates that returns are spread out over a larger range of values and thus, more volatile.

Sharpe Ratio: Measure of the portfolio's historical return per unit of risk over the chosen performance period.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<sup>1</sup>The benchmark index shown is the Russell Midcap Growth Index.

<sup>2</sup>Net composite returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable model wrap fee (3% on an annual basis, or 0.75% quarterly).

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