



## Investment Team

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## Characteristics

Total Net Assets  
(millions): \$473.61

Number of holdings: 47

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## Top 10 Holdings

Microsoft

JPMorgan Chase

Broadcom

Eaton

Duke Energy

Williams

Procter & Gamble

Coca-Cola

AT&T

McDonald's

## Market Overview

The first quarter of 2026 was a volatile one. It was dominated by constantly shifting market factors, heightened geopolitical risk, and the related fear of inflation from rising energy prices. The S&P 500 Index finished down 4.3%. This doesn't sound too terrible given the market's strength for the last three years and that we are currently in the middle of a war. During the early parts of the quarter, value significantly outperformed growth for the first time in a while. The Russell 1000® Value Index was up 2.1% while the Russell 1000® Growth Index was down 9.8%. We also saw a return of market breadth as the S&P 500® Equal Weight Index was up 0.7% while the Magnificent Seven was down a combined 11.2%. Finally, the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index (VIX) finished the quarter at its highest level since Liberation Day last year, showing that investors are feeling a high level of concern.

The fear of inflation left its mark on the financials and information technology sectors. Both were leaders for the last two years, but this quarter they were the market's two worst-performing areas. In tech, the concern around rising interest rates led investors to question whether the large hyperscalers could cut back on spending and what effect that would have on the supply chain, specifically within semiconductors and hardware. Software stocks also felt the pain when the release of Anthropic's new large language model (LLM) raised questions about which companies could be rendered obsolete by artificial intelligence (AI).

While these market concerns are certainly valid, economic data and the underlying earnings of companies have remained strong. This is likely the reason the market has held up okay.

Forward S&P 500 earnings are projected to rise 15% in 2026 over 2025, leaving the market trading at a price-to-earnings ratio under 20x for the first time since 2023.

## Portfolio Review

### Top securities

Corning's positive performance was tied to a strong second-quarter earnings result and forward guidance supporting a continuation of those trends. The company's fiber optics and related technologies are integral in building AI infrastructure across the globe. We believe Corning should see market growth across several key products for the next three to five years.

Chevron shares contributed to the quarter's performance due to the war in the Middle East sending commodity prices of crude oil and natural gas, to multi-year highs. We estimate that 10% to 15% of total supply could be removed from the global market for an extended period. Chevron has significant exposure to spot commodity prices and is expected to benefit immediately from a higher price regime in its upstream energy segment. Also, the company is positioned to benefit from improved refining margins. Chevron shares reflect improved earnings and cash flow from this event.

Williams shares benefitted from the conflict in the Middle East, which sent commodity prices of crude oil and natural gas to multi-year highs. We estimate that 10% to 15% of total supply could be removed from the global market for an extended period. Williams has limited commodity exposure, but the company should benefit from higher volumes moving through its vast pipeline system. The US natural gas market is incrementally

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## Portfolio Review (continued)

Top Holdings	Average Weight (%)	Contribution to return (%)
Corning	2.53	1.32
Chevron	2.25	0.71
Williams	2.81	0.53
Analog Devices	2.65	0.42
AT&T	2.41	0.40

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viewed across the world as the most secure source. Williams is well placed to benefit from any improved volumes in the liquefied natural gas (LNG) export market.

Analog Devices pushed toward new all-time highs after solid earnings gave investors confidence that the analog cycle is now beyond its bottom. We believe the cycle is on track for an early recovery in 2026.

AT&T reported strong fourth-quarter guidance and continued to execute its long-term strategy steadily. The company's fiber positioning remains strong, and management signaled a large stock buyback for 2026, which displays massive confidence in the balance sheet.

### Bottom securities

Microsoft delivered weak quarterly performance, driven by industry-wide concerns over a slowdown in software seat licenses, a key worry among investors.

Abbott shares underperformed due to disappointing fourth-quarter 2025 financial results and softer than expected 2026 sales guidance. Abbott's nutrition business, is sensitive to consumer spending trends and was the primary source of weakness. Abbott's company-specific issues were compounded by deteriorating investor sentiment across the medical device industry, which underperformed within the healthcare sector in the first quarter.

Broadcom was weak for the quarter as higher inflation led investors to fear a slowdown in hyperscaler spending. This

Bottom Holdings	Average Weight (%)	Contribution to return (%)
Microsoft	5.11	-1.40
Abbott	2.22	-0.44
Broadcom	3.42	-0.42
IBM	2.21	-0.42
Accenture	1.38	-0.42

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led to lower spending on custom silicon, the main reason for Broadcom's strength over the last couple of years. We believe Broadcom still has some of the best tech in the space and will be one of the biggest winners from AI.

IBM shares pulled back as a result of weaker than expected quarterly earnings. Revenue growth in the key software business did not meet elevated expectations. We believe that IBM is key in the AI marketplace, with good prospects for consistent growth over the next several years.

Accenture delivered weaker performance during the quarter. Investor concerns rose about decelerating revenue growth due to government contract cancellations and softening demand for discretionary information technology (IT) spending. The uncertain net effect of AI fueled these fears. While fiscal fourth-quarter financials demonstrated that these fears were inflated, we believe the company needs to execute on its 2026 guidance before sentiment fully recovers.

## Outlook

Forecasting a macroeconomic outlook in this current market might be the most difficult task we have faced in recent memory. The S&P 500 Index is coming off strong double-digit returns for three straight years while uncertainty from geopolitical risk has cast a dark cloud over the market. From an economic standpoint, data appears to be solid, benefits from the One Big Beautiful Bill should start to show up very soon, and tax refunds are expected to be higher than in previous years.

Inflation data has been encouraging lately, but we believe the market is not fully prepared for the possibility of rising interest rates if energy prices stay elevated. Not that long ago, the market was anticipating further rate cuts in 2026. If the US Federal Reserve (Fed) moves in the opposite direction, that may spark major concerns about the economy going forward. More than ever, it appears the economy and the stock market are both tied to the theme of AI and the infrastructure buildout around it. Our concern is that hyperscaler spending could be

much choppier than the market anticipates, creating an air pocket in earnings growth for many companies tied to this theme. Still, we are believers in AI for the long term.

We maintain that companies with strong balance sheets and solid earnings growth should find success in the long run, regardless of the macro picture. We will continue to use our fundamental research process to take a long-term approach and invest in stocks that we believe can do well irrespective of the macroeconomic backdrop.

### **Risk Considerations:**

International investing presents specific risks, such as currency fluctuations, differences in financial accounting standards as well as potential political and economic instability.

Because the fund normally will hold a focused portfolio of stocks of fewer companies than many other diversified funds, the increase or decrease of the value of a single stock may have a greater impact on the fund's net asset value and total return.

As with all equity investing, there is the risk that an unexpected change in the market or within the company itself may have an adverse effect on its stock. The biggest risk of equity investing is that returns can fluctuate and investors can lose money.

There are risks associated with dividend investing, including that dividend-issuing companies may choose not to pay a dividend, may not have the ability to pay, or the dividend may be less than what is anticipated. Dividend issuing companies are subject to interest rate risk and high dividends can sometimes signal that a company is in distress.

Growth companies are expected to increase their earnings at a certain rate. When these expectations are not met, investors may punish the stocks excessively, even if earnings showed an absolute increase. Growth company stocks also typically lack the dividend yield that can cushion stock prices in market downturns. The companies engaged in the technology industry are subject to fierce competition and their products and services may be subject to rapid obsolescence. The values of these companies tend to fluctuate sharply.

Investments in mid-cap and small-cap companies generally involve greater risks than investing in larger capitalization companies. Mid-cap companies often have narrower commercial markets, more limited managerial and financial resources, and more volatile trading than larger, more established companies. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) may be affected by economic conditions including credit risk, interest rate risk and other factors that affect property values, rents or occupancies of real estate.

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The Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index, or VIX, is a real-time market index that represents the market's expectation of 30-day forward-looking volatility. Derived from the price inputs of the S&P 500 index options, it provides a measure of market risk and investors' sentiments.

The Russell 1000® Growth Index measures a growth-oriented subset of the Russell 1000 Index, which tracks approximately 1,000 of the large-sized capitalization companies in the United States equities market.

The Russell 1000® Value Index measures a value-oriented subset of the Russell 1000® Index, which tracks approximately 1,000 of the large-sized capitalization companies in the U.S. equities market.

The S&P 500 Index - measures change in stock market conditions based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks. It is a market-weighted index calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The S&P 500 represents approximately 75% of the investable U.S. equity market.

The S&P 500® Equal Weight Index - the equal-weight version of the S&P 500. It includes the same constituents as the capitalization-weighted S&P 500, but each company in the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index is allocated a fixed weight, or 0.2% of the index total at each quarterly rebalance.

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