

ATHENA MANAGED EQUITY

SMA COMMENTARY | QUARTER 2, 2021



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ◆ The portfolio increased 6.5% in Q1 vs Morningstar Global Markets benchmark return of 7.1%.
- ◆ Strong quarter for small cap and value stocks overall.
- ◆ The Market Barometers signaled small stocks during the quarter, while our Active Equity Opportunity (AEO) index indicated a strong stock picking market.

Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
All equity markets rallied strongly during the quarter.	Heightened volatility and range bound markets.

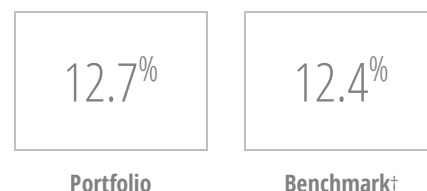
ECONOMIC AND MARKET PERSPECTIVE

- Markets continued their rally into Q2, with small-caps beating large-caps 16.3% versus 14.5% year-to-date and ending the quarter at or near all-time highs.
- Pandemic impacts are waning with a substantial portion of the US population fully vaccinated. July 4th travel and retail sales surged, reflecting the optimistic feelings permeating the economy.
- The Q2 economy remained strong, as indicated by June PMI Manufacturing and Services indices both registering 60. The job market, which tends to lag overall economic activity, took a big step forward in June, with 850,000 jobs being added, the biggest increase since last August.
- One area of potential concern is rising inflation. Given the unique situation of large portions of the economy being shut down and then rapidly recovering, it is hard to determine if the recent burst of inflation is temporary or not.
- Our market indicators changed little during the quarter, with economic and technical measures very strong, behavioral measures normal to very strong while valuation measures remain elevated. Continued heightened volatility can be expected as the economy and markets reset.
- We believe that taking a long-term perspective and following a disciplined investment approach will be essential to successfully navigating choppy markets and re-opening of the global economy.

The combination of value-oriented stock selection with a tactical overlay has enabled Managed Equity to remain well positioned with attractive valuations. The portfolio has generated positive returns in eight out of the past ten years.

PERFORMANCE^A

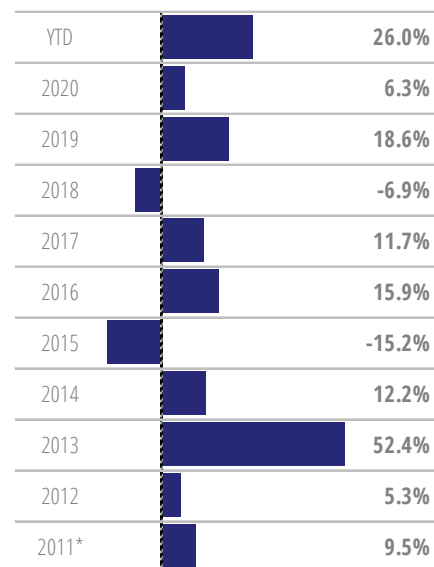
Annualized Since Inception (10/1/2011)



△ All performance figures are based on composite portfolio performance on a pre-tax basis with reinvestment of dividends and is net of all trading, custodial, and management fees.

† Portfolio benchmark is the Morningstar Global Markets Index.

Calendar Year Performance



* 2011 return is Oct 1 – Dec 31 and is not annualized.

% ANNUALIZED TRAILING PERFORMANCE AS OF 6/30/2021

	Q2 2021	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	INCEPT
Managed Equity (Net)	6.5	26.0	67.7	12.9	12.5	N/A	12.7
Morningstar Global Markets NR Index	7.1	12.3	40.1	14.2	14.4	N/A	12.4

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