

# DISCIPLINED U.S. GROWTH EQUITY

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Large Cap Growth stocks (as represented by the Russell 1000 Growth Index) fell -9.8% during the quarter.
- The Glenmede Disciplined U.S. Growth Equity strategy outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by +5.9% net of fees for the quarter.
- The strategy had stock selection outperformance in 4 of 9 sectors versus the index. The most positive relative contributions were in the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors. The most negative relative contributions were in the Industrials and Consumer Staples sectors.

The Glenmede Disciplined U.S. Growth Equity Composite had a total return for First Quarter 2026 of -3.9% (net of fees). The Composite outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by a spread of about +5.9%.

For the First Quarter 2026, S&P 500 and Russell 1000 Growth Indexes had total returns of -4.3% and -9.8%, respectively. Investor sentiment turned sharply negative from the onslaught of war with Iran and the surge in oil prices above \$100/bbl. Stock market volatility as measured by the CBOE VIX jumped from about 15 to over 25. In February, the Supreme Court ruled against President Trump's use of tariffs as an emergency power. For Fourth Quarter earnings, about 75% of Russell 1000 Growth companies reported positive earnings surprises versus about 78% for the prior quarter. In the First Quarter, technology related companies were impacted by AI disruption fears. The Magnificent 7 had a combined return of about -11.6% and detracted about 599 bps from the total return of the Russell 1000 Growth Index. The average stock (equal-weighted) in the Russell 1000 Growth Index had a total return of about -6.4%. The Russell 1000 Value Index (+2.1%) outperformed the Russell 1000 Growth Index by about +11.9%. The best performing sectors in the Russell 1000 Growth Index were Energy (+43.6%) and Consumer Staples (+10.9%). The worst performing sectors were Financials (-14.7%) and Information Technology (-11.9%).

For the First Quarter, the strategy had mixed contributions from multi-factor stock selection models. Outperforming factors included price/book, dividend yield, EV/EBITDA, Price/earnings, price/sales, share repurchase, return on equity, earnings estimate revisions and price momentum (12-month). Underperforming factors included earnings growth, margin-related, interest coverage, trading/volume/liquidity, and price momentum (long reversion). The strategy was positively impacted from relative underexposures to the Magnificent 7 and lower market capitalizations versus the Russell 1000 Growth Index. For Fourth Quarter earnings, about 91% of the portfolio holdings reported positive EPS surprises. In the First Quarter 2026, the strategy had stock selection outperformance in 4 of 9 sectors versus the index. The most positive relative contributions were in the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors. The most negative relative contributions were in the Industrials and Consumer Staples sectors. Industry group biases had net negative impacts on performance with no exposure to energy stocks.

The latest estimate of U.S. real GDP for Fourth Quarter reflected a decrease to +0.7% versus +4.4% for the Third Quarter and was impacted by the partial U.S. government shutdown. The Fourth Quarter reflected gains in personal consumption expenditures (+2.0%), nonresidential fixed investment (+2.2%), and a decline in imports (-1.1%). Detractors included federal expenditures (-16.7%), residential investment (-0.5%) and decline in exports (-3.3%). For 2026, many economists project real GDP growth of +2% to +3% and CPI of about 2.5% to 3.0%, respectively. We expect positive corporate profit growth supported by increased productivity, consumer spending, relatively stable inflation, and prudent Fed monetary policy. However, a prolonged conflict in the Middle East and other geopolitical risks can have significant global economic and financial impacts. Currently, our leading industry group indicators target overweightings in Health Care, Real Estate and Consumer Staples, and underweightings in Industrials, Financials and Utilities. In comparison to last quarter, Communications increased to neutral from underweight with media companies expected to benefit after weaker consumer sentiment and telecoms reflecting restrained capital spending. Consumer Discretionary improved to neutral from underweight as retailers reflect better valuations (dividend yield, price/book with intangibles), and gains in authorized new housing units. Consumer Staples increased to modest positive from neutral based on positive earnings estimate revisions (diffusion) and higher free cash flow to employees. Industrials (transportation) decreased to underweight from neutral based on negative signals in options (put/call open interest) and weaker employment data. Energy decreased to neutral from modest overweight on higher consumer price data and tighter option adjusted spreads for energy bonds. We believe this strategy is well positioned with its multifactor approach favoring stocks with more attractive valuations, high cash flows, strong fundamentals, positive earnings/revenue estimate trends and favorable technicals.

The "Magnificent Seven" stocks are a group of high-performing and influential companies in the U.S. stock market. The list includes: Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet (Google), Tesla and Nvidia.

## Disciplined U.S. Growth Equity Composite Performance (%)

As of 3/31/2026	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (12/31/02)
Glenmede (Gross)	-3.7	-3.7	21.6	17.4	11.7	15.0	13.1
Glenmede (Net)	-3.9	-3.9	20.7	16.6	10.9	14.1	12.2
Russell 1000 Growth	-9.8	-9.8	18.8	21.2	12.8	16.8	12.6

\*Annualized

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The Glenmede Disciplined U.S. Growth Equity Composite objective is to provide maximum long-term return with reasonable risk to principal, by investing in domestic stocks of the Russell 1000 Growth universe. The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged, market value weighted index, which measures performance of the largest 1,000 companies in the market. Returns include the reinvestment of dividends and other income. One cannot invest directly in an index. **Prior to 12/31/2024, the strategy was known as Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Large Cap Growth Equity.**

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