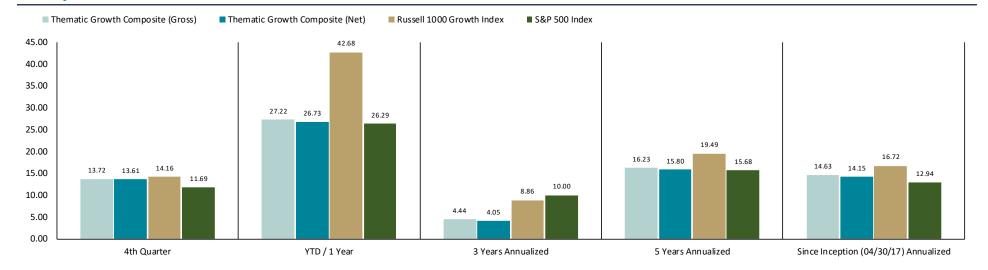


## Thematic Growth Strategy

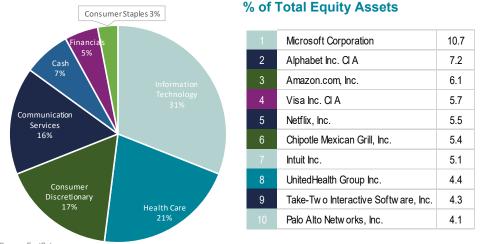
Composite Performance

As of 12/31/2023



### **Sector Allocation**

### **Top 10 Holdings**



Source: Factset.
Sector allocation and top ten holdings from an actual separately managed account representative of Montag & Caldwell's Thematic Growth strategy

## **Investment Strategy & Process**

The Thematic Growth strategy utilizes Montag & Caldwell's time-tested equity investment process and discipline, but emphasizes dynamic rather than defensive growth. Drawing primarily, although not necessarily exclusively, from M&C's large and mid cap growth strategies, the thematic growth strategy focuses on those sectors or industries identified in our fundamental work that offer the highest growth potential over the next 3-5 years based on new product cycles, new and emerging technologies, and/or changes in customer/consumer behaviors. This process results in a concentrated portfolio of stocks offering compelling sales and earnings growth that best capitalize on the strongest secular growth trends. While the strategy will also favor those companies that rank highly within M&C's proprietary financial quality scoring process, the ultimate decision as to whether to add or trim/sell a position is at the discretion of the strategy's lead portfolio manager, within the context of the equity discipline. Portfolio risk is managed through balanced diversification and a strict sell discipline.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. The Thematic Growth Composite reflects all discretionary separately managed accounts eligible for inclusion in the Composite for the periods shown. Composite total returns, including nervestment of all dividends and other earnings). The M&C Thematic Growth Composite includes a non-fee-paying account from inception inception the Composite sheen by a model fee returns for the Composite of the deduction of actual fees. The benchmark indices are unmanaged. The reinvestment of dividends, interest and other discretions by the indices is assumed. An investor cannot invest directly in the benchmark indices. Performance sourced from M&C's portfolio accounting system. References to specific portfolio securities are not intended as recommendations of those securities and carry no implications about past or future performance. Additional disclosures and information follow at the end of this resport.



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### **Portfolio Characteristics**

As of 12/31/2023

	M&C Thematic Growth Representative Account	Russell 1000 Growth Index	S&P 500 Index
Number of Holdings	22	443	503
P/E - Next 12 Months	28.45	20.25	19.70
5 Year Average ROE	27.90	31.64	24.88
Long-term Debt to Capital	33.27	42.63	42.27
Est 3-5 Year EPS Growth	19.90	18.10	13.10
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$694,464 MM	\$1,104,508 MM	\$721,661 MM
Median Market Cap	\$183,081 MM	\$17,638 MM	\$33,180 MM
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	18.64	26.47	20.30
Active Share	67.43		
Turnover (12 Months)	12%		

Source: Portfolio Accounting System & FactSet.

M&C Thematic Growth portfolio characteristics from an actual separately managed account representative of Montag & Caldwell's Thematic Growth strategy.

#### **Risk Metrics**

	M&C Thematic Growth Composite (Gross)	M&C Thematic Growth Composite (Net)	Russell 1000 Growth Index
Alpha	-1.00	-1.36	0.00
Beta	0.98	0.98	1.08
Sharpe Ratio	0.76	0.74	0.85
Standard Deviation	18.95	18.94	20.82

Source: National Consulting Firm. Return-based risk metrics for five years use monthly returns.

### About the Team

Decision-Making:

Lead Portfolio Manager

Composition:

Both Lead Portfolio Manager & Research Analysts

**Number of Investment Professionals:** 

4

Average Years Tenure with Firm: (As of 2023)

28

Average Years Industry Experience: (As of 2023)

32

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The Thematic Growth Composite" represents the performance of all fee-paying and non-fee paying, discretionary, taxable and tax-exempt, thematic growth equity portfolios. From inception through November 30, 2018, 100% of this Composite's assets were from a proprietary, non-fee paying portfolio. Valuations are computed and performance is denominated in U.S. dollars, based on trade-date valuations and include all transaction costs.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index commonly used as a benchmark to measure U.S. stock market performance and characteristics. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index commonly used as a benchmark to measure U.S. stock market performance and characteristics. The reinvestment of dividends and other distributions is assumed. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

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