FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund Q1 2022 Commentary

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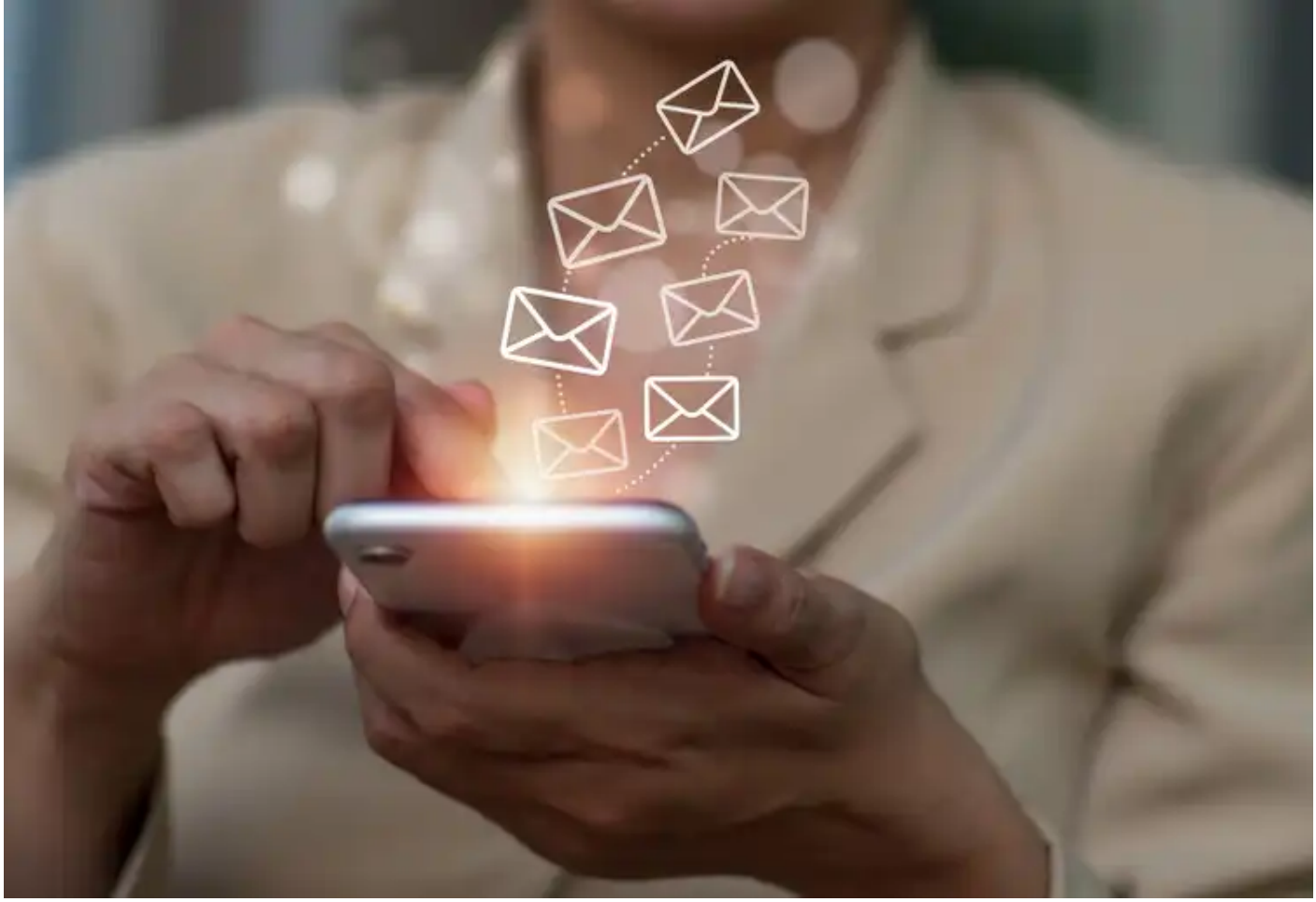
Summary

- FPA is a Los Angeles-based institutional money management firm practicing a disciplined approach to value investing, prudently seeking superior long-term returns while maintaining a focus on capital preservation.
- In the first quarter of 2022, the FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund, Inc.'s ("Fund") performance was -12.25% (-12.01% before fees and expenses).
- I believe secularly growing mid- to large-capitalization companies trading at compelling valuations will continue to be a favorable place to invest for the long-term—especially relative to U.S. Treasuries and other investment alternatives.



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Average Annual Total Returns (%)

As of Date: 3/31/2022	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years*
FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund, Inc. ('Fund')	-12.25	-12.25	6.45	16.12	11.06	10.15
S&P 500	-4.60	-4.60	15.65	18.92	15.99	14.64

Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. This data represents past performance and investors should understand that investment returns and principal values fluctuate, so that when you redeem your investment it may be worth more or less than its original cost. The Fund's total expense ratio is 1.16%, as of its most recent prospectus. Current month- end performance data, which may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted, may be obtained at www.fpa.com or by calling toll-free, 1-800-982-4372.

Periods greater than one year are annualized. Fund performance is shown net of all fees and expenses. Fund performance is calculated on a total return basis which includes reinvestment of all distributions. Fund performance does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares, which would lower these returns. Comparison to any index is for illustrative purposes only. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. The Fund does not include outperformance of any index or benchmark in its investment objectives.

The Investment Advisory Agreement ("IAA") between the Fund and First Pacific Advisors, LP (the "Adviser" or "FPA"), the Fund's investment adviser, requires FPA to reduce its investment advisory fee to the extent necessary to reimburse the Fund for any annual expenses (exclusive of interest, taxes, the cost of brokerage and research services, legal expenses related to portfolio securities, and extraordinary expenses such as litigation, merger, reorganization or recapitalization) in excess of 1.50% of the first $30 million and 1% of the remaining average net assets of the Fund for the year. This agreement is coterminous with the IAA, and Fund's Board of Trustees reviews the IAA annually as of Oct. 1 each year. The IAA may be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees, by the vote of a majority of the Fund's shareholders, or by the Adviser.

** On September 1, 2015, the Fund changed its name to FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. The current portfolio manager assumed management of the Fund on September 1, 2015. Contemporaneous with this change, the Fund transitioned to its current investment strategy. Performance prior to September 1, 2015 reflects the performance of the prior portfolio manager and investment strategy. Performance prior to September 1, 2015 is not indicative of performance for any subsequent periods. The transition took place during the time period from September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015.*

Effective December 28, 2020, the Fund changed its name to FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund, Inc., from FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. and adopted the S&P 500 as its formal benchmark.

Please see important disclosures at the end of the commentary.

Introduction[1]

In the first quarter of 2022, the FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund, Inc.'s ("Fund") performance was -12.25% (-12.01% before fees and expenses), which compares to the -4.60% total return of the S&P 500 Index ("Index" or "S&P 500").

The Fund's underperformance in the first quarter is mostly attributable to having none or less than average exposure to the best performing sectors the quarter such as Energy (up 39.01%), Utilities (up 4.84%) and Financials (up 0.03%) coupled with having greater than average exposure to underperforming sectors such as Communication Services (- 11.29%), Information Technology (-8.15%) and Consumer Discretionary (-8.01%).[2]

As I stated in the fourth quarter 2021 commentary, "I would not be surprised to see Energy or Financials outperform the Index again in 2022, but I would be surprised to see these sectors outperform the Index over the long-term. Over the long-term, revenue and earnings growth are the greatest factors in determining stock price returns. I believe the sectors we have the greatest exposure to, which are Information Technology and Communication Services, are likely to continue to exhibit above average growth whereas sectors such as Energy and Financials are less likely to do so."[3]

The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield had a rapid rise in the first quarter, increasing from approximately 1.5% to 2.3%.[4] While interest rates remain near historical lows, the rate of change has impacted how the market values higher multiple (price to earnings or P/E) stocks to a greater degree than lower multiple (P/E) ones. In the short-term, this kind of multiple contraction, which impacted the Fund's return in the first quarter, can be frustrating. However, if you are investing for the long-term, multiple contractions may have the least amount of impact to equity returns if the company is still growing earnings. To use a very simple example to try to illustrate this, let's say over 10 years, a stock's (P/E) multiple contracts from 33x in year one to 22x in year 10 while the earnings per share ("EPS") grows at 15.0% per annum. If we assume no dividends, that stock will produce an annualized return of 10.4%[5] --better than the S&P 500's long-term annual return of approximately 10.0%.[6]

Although this is a very simplistic and hypothetical example, based on it, I think there are some important take-aways. First, a long-term investor needs to focus on EPS growth rate. Second, one cannot pay too high of a multiple. With those caveats in mind, I believe secularly growing mid- to large-capitalization companies trading at compelling valuations will continue to be a favorable place to invest for the long-term—especially relative to U.S. Treasuries and other investment alternatives.

Portfolio Commentary

During the first quarter, I continued to make some changes to the portfolio that may position it for future success. To that end I eliminated 17 positions that made up 4.5% of the December 31, 2021 portfolio, increased the weighting of the 74 remaining positions by 2.0% to 96.3%, and added four new positions representing 3.5% of the March 31 portfolio. These new positions are in companies I have been following and that were on our wish list to purchase. Most are not at full position sizes yet due to valuation, and thus we are prepared to add to them should we get the opportunity.

As of March 31, 2022, the Fund was invested in 78 companies (71 of which are disclosed), including 54 disclosed investments that are in the S&P 500, which made up 85.1% of the portfolio. Moreover, the 54 disclosed positions in common made up 41.6% of the S&P 500's weighting as of March 31, 2022. A majority of the 54 positions were overweight in the Fund relative to the Index. The Fund's remaining 17 disclosed investments were large-cap foreign and U.S. companies. Combined, those 17 companies made up 9.8% of the portfolio.

In terms of geography, 94.4% of the portfolio was in U.S. companies, while 5.3% was in foreign equities, as of March 31, 2022. By market capitalization, 93.0% of the portfolio was invested in large-cap companies with market values above $10 billion, with about 67% invested in mega-caps (companies with market values above $200 billion). The Fund's weighted average market cap was approximately $693 billion, while the Fund's median market cap was approximately $93 billion.

Regarding portfolio concentration, the Fund's top five positions made up 42.3% of the Fund compared to approximately 24.7% for the S&P 500. The Fund's top 10 positions made up 49.9% of the portfolio versus 29.5% for the Index. Over time, my goal is to reduce the weighting of some of the Fund's largest positions and to increase some of the Fund's smallest ones as my conviction grows.

From an industry exposure standpoint, the portfolio had investments in nine of the 11 sectors in the S&P 500. Combined, those nine sectors made up approximately 94.7% of the S&P 500 and 99.9% of the Fund's portfolio. Relative to the S&P 500, the portfolio is overweight information technology, communication services and consumer discretionary, and underweight financials, health care, industrials, consumer staples, and real estate. At the end of the quarter, the Fund did not have any investments in utilities and materials sectors which represented approximately 5.3% of the S&P 500.

Sector	**FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund**	**S&P 500**
Information Technology	33.5%	28.0%
Communication Services	21.6%	9.4%
Consumer Discretionary	19.9%	12.0%
Health Care	11.1%	13.6%
Financials	7.8%	11.1%
Industrials	1.7%	7.9%
Energy	1.5%	3.9%
Consumer Staples	1.4%	6.1%
Real Estate	1.4%	2.7%
Utilities	0.0%	2.7%
Materials	0.0%	2.6%
Total	**99.9%**	**100.0%**
Cash and equivalents (net of liabilities)	**0.2%**	

Source: FPA, Capital IQ. As of March 31, 2022. Totals might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund.

Compared to the broader market, we believe the Fund's portfolio is of higher quality and has greater potential for revenue and earnings growth.

	FPA U.S. Core	**S&P 500**

	Equity Fund	
Large Capitalization Holdings % of Portfolio	93.0%	99.2%
Top 5 Holdings % of Portfolio	42.3%	24.4%
Top 10 Holdings % of Portfolio	49.9%	29.5%
Foreign Securities % of Portfolio	5.3%	0.0%
12-Month Forward P/E[8]	22.5x	19.4x
Price/Book[9]	6.8x	4.4x
Return on Equity[10]	34.0%	20.0%
EPS Growth Forecast (2-year, median)	22.0%	9.7%
Revenue Growth Historical (2-year, $-weighted median)	15.8%	17.5%
Revenue Growth Forecast (2-year, median)	12.2%	10.6%
Debt/Equity[11]	1.0x	0.9x
Median Market Capitalization[12] (billions)	$92.8	$31.5
Weighted Average Market Cap (billions)	$904.7	$639.0

Source: FPA, Capital IQ. Data as of March 31, 2022. Fund statistics for '% of Portfolio' holdings are based on net assets. Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the Fund.

Q1'22 Winners and Losers[13]

Winners	Performance Contribution	Losers	Performance Contribution
S&P Global	0.15%	Meta Platforms	-2.25%
Activision Blizzard	0.11%	Microsoft	-0.85%
American Express	0.11%	Zoom Video Communications	-0.67%
Anthem	0.07%	Netflix	-0.60%
Aon Plc	0.07%	PayPal Holdings	-0.55%

Activision Blizzard (ATVI)

One of the Fund's biggest winners in the first quarter was Activision Blizzard. On January 18, 2022 Microsoft (MSFT) agreed to purchase ATVI for $95.00 per share in an all-cash transaction. The Fund has been invested in ATVI since the second quarter of 2018.

The investment thesis was threefold. First, the greater than $200 billion gaming industry is the largest and fastest growing form of entertainment in the world. More than three billion people play games currently and the population of global gamers is expected to grow faster than global population growth this decade.[14] Second, ATVI has some of the best intellectual property in the gaming industry including Warcraft, Diablo, Overwatch, Call of Duty and Candy Crush in addition to global eSports activities through Major League Gaming. Third, ATVI has had a pristine balance sheet with net cash over the past four years, generated robust free cash flow and traded at an undemanding valuation.

ATVI closed the quarter at $80.11—a nearly 16% discount to the acquisition price. Assuming it takes about a year for the deal to close, a 18.6% return seems to be good upside relative to the risk of a deal not closing due to anti -trust concerns. If the transaction closes it would make Microsoft the third-largest company in gaming by revenue behind Tencent and Sony. There is plenty of competition from these larger players as well as smaller competitors such as EA, Take-Two Interactive, Roblox and Epic Games' Fortnite. The Fund remains invested in ATVI given the significant discount, but should the discount narrow in the coming quarters the Fund could reduce or eliminate the position.

Zoom Video Communications (ZM)

One of the Fund's biggest losers in the first quarter was Zoom Video Communications. I have admired ZM's business ever since I began using the service a few years ago before the Covid-19 pandemic emerged. Despite my admiration for the business, the valuation since it came public three years ago was too rich for my blood until recently.

ZM's business has been one of the greatest beneficiaries from the pandemic, but one would have no idea that was the case looking at its stock price performance over the past two years. ZM is down 20% over that time and now trades at the cheapest valuation since coming public. When ZM came public in April 2019 it had an Enterprise Value ("EV") of $17.4 billion, traded at 27.9x FY2020 revenue and 1,370x FY2020 operating income. It now has an EV of $29.3 billion, trades at 6.4x FY2023 revenue, 20.3x FY2023 operating income and 26.3x EPS.[15] Since the 10-year Treasury Yield was 2.56% when it came public compared to 2.33% at March 31, 2022, this huge multiple contraction appears to be largely tied to the market's view of its prospects.

Before opining on its future, one should admire what ZM has accomplished over the past two years. ZM's revenue increased from $623 million in FY2020 to $4.1 billion in FY2022 while its operating income increased from $13 million to over $1.1 billion—all while increasing its R&D spend from $33 million to $363 million. Looking at its last quarter, ZM has very high gross (76.0%) and operating (23.5%) margins, which helps translate into robust free cash flow generation. Since coming public, ZM's cash & equivalents has increased from $737 million to $5.4 billion, which now makes up over 15% of its market capitalization. ZM is expected to grow its revenue at a 12.2% compound annual growth rate ("CAGR") over the next three years.[16] Looking at FY2025 (ending 1/31/25) consensus estimates, excluding its cash & equivalents, ZM trades at 16.8x operating income and 21.1x EPS.

Within its core business of video conferencing, ZM is essentially a duopoly whose main competition is Microsoft Teams. In a flexible work from anywhere world, Microsoft Teams and Zoom Video should continue to be highly valued services for organizations around the world. If one has any doubt regarding ZM's ability to grow its business in the future, the first clue that it stands a decent chance is last quarter's results (ending 1/31/22), which compares to the prior year quarter when the pandemic's impact was much greater causing many businesses, government agencies, non-profits and schools to operate virtually. Last quarter ZM grew its revenue 21.4% and gross profit by 32.3%. Because ZM is choosing to reinvest into its business to best position it for sustainable long-term growth, its research and development ("R&D") increased 123.3% and selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") grew 45.2%, which resulted in its operating profit declining by 1.7%.

ZM's FY2022 $4.1 billion of revenue should be viewed against an estimated $91 billion total addressable market (in 2025) for its services that include videoconferencing, premises-based video infrastructure, telephony, messaging, contact center as well as webinars and virtual events.[17] Regarding video infrastructure and telephony, this is mostly a replacement market with large legacy competitors like Cisco (CSCO) and Avaya (AVYA) losing share. Founder and CEO, Eric Yuan, on the most recent earnings call said, "Our growth strategy is always better product, better price and also much better service." On the same call CFO Kelly Steckelberg said, "If you look across the market in how we priced Meetings, how we priced Zoom Phone when we introduced it, we're approximately half the price of any of our competitors' list price. And that continues to be the case with Contact Center as well." ZM continues to be a disruptor and we believe it is well positioned to grow its revenue and EPS at an above average rate for many years to come.

For now, ZM is an unloved stock and has the highest short interest (at 5.0%) over its three-year public trading history.[18] It recently initiated a $1 billion share repurchase program and, in our opinion, has the capacity to do much more over time.[19] We believe ZM is in a great position to take advantage of this stock price weakness—and so is the Fund.

Closing

We are optimistic that the Fund will generate good absolute and relative returns compared to the S&P 500 going forward.

We look forward to delivering value for our fellow shareholders. Thank you for your confidence and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory R. Nathan, Portfolio Manager

Footnotes

[1] *Past performance in not a guarantee, nor is it indicative, of future results.*

[2] *Source: Capital IQ.*

[3] *https://fpa.com/funds/fpa-u-s-value-fund-quarterly-commentary-archive .*

[4] *Source: Bloomberg.*

[5] *Year 1: $1 of EPS x 33x P/E = $33.00 (price/share); Year 2: $1.15 of EPS x 31.9x P/E = $36.69; Year 3: $1.32 of EPS x 30.8x P/E*

= $40.66; Year 4: $1.52 of EPS x 29.7x P/E = $45.16; Year 5: 1.75 of EPS x 28.6x P/E = $50.02; etc., to Year 10: $4.05 of EPS x 22x P/E = $89.00 (price/share); IRR: 10.43%.

[6] *"Long-term annual return" refers to the 10.67% average return of the S&P 500 since the inception of its modern structure in 1957.*

[7] *The portfolio manager believes a high-quality company is one that is able to generate a return on capital in excess of its cost of capital for sustained periods of time.*

[8] *The forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is derived by dividing the price of the stock by the estimated one year of future per-share earnings and is used as a relative value comparison for a company's shares. Forward P/E numbers are estimates and subject to change.*

[9] *Price/Book ratio is the current closing price of the stock divided by the latest quarter's book value per share.*

[10] *Return on Equity measures a portfolio company's profitability by dividing net income before taxes less preferred dividends by the value of stockholders' equity.*

[11] *Debt/Equity (D/E) Ratio is calculated by dividing a company's total liabilities by its shareholder equity. These numbers are available on the balance sheet of a company's financial statements. The ratio is used to evaluate a company's financial leverage.*

[12] *Market Cap, short for market capitalization, refers to the total dollar market value of a company's outstanding shares.*

[13] *Reflects top contributors and top detractors to the Fund's performance based on contribution-to-return. Contribution is presented gross of investment management fees, transactions costs, and Fund operating expenses, which if included, would reduce the ret urns presented. This is not a recommendation for a specific security and these securities may not be in the Fund at the time you receive this report. The information provided does not reflect all positions purchased, sold or recommended by FPA during the quarter. A copy of the methodology used and a list of every holding's contribution to the overall Fund's performance during the quarter is available by contacting FPA at crm@fpa.com. The portfolio holdings as of the most recent quarter-end may be obtained at www.fpa.com. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities listed. For a full list of holdings and weights by percentage of total assets please view the holdings report at the end of this Commentary.*

[14] *Microsoft press release on 1/18/22: Microsoft to acquire Activision Blizzard to bring the joy and community of gaming to everyone, across every device - Stories bring-the-joy-and-community-of-gaming-to-everyone-across-every-device/?msclkid=014e0665c4c911ec9edd655e97fa8aa1*

[15] *Capital IQ consensus estimates as of March 31, 2022.*

[16] *Capital IQ consensus estimates as of March 31, 2022.*

[17] *ZM's Investor Day Presentation 9/13/21*

[18] *Source: Capital IQ, as of March 31, 2022.*

[19] *Source: Globe Newswire: https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2022/02/28/2393668/0/en/Zoom-Video- Communications-Reports-Fourth-Quarter-and-Fiscal-Year-2022-Financial-Results.html*

Portfolio Holdings

TICKER	PRINCIPAL/SHARES	SECURITY	COUPON RATE (%)	MATURITY DATE	MKT PRICE ($)	MKT VALUE ($)
ABT	3,829	ABBOTT LABORATORIES			118.36	453,200

ACN	3,165	ACCENTURE PLC-CL A*	337.23	1,067,333
ATVI	6,693	ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC	80.11	536,176
ADS GY	4,420	ADIDAS AG*	234.41	1,036,111
ADBE	2,225	ADOBE INC	455.62	1,013,755
EADSY	16,800	AIRBUS SE - UNSP ADR*	30.22	507,696
GOOG	2,545	ALPHABET INC-CL C	2,792.99	7,108,160
AMZN	1,620	AMAZON.COM INC	3,259.95	5,281,119
AXP	3,600	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	187	673,200
ANTM	1,915	ANTHEM INC	491.22	940,686
AON	2,045	AON PLC*	325.63	665,913
APO	8,600	APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT INC	61.99	533,114
AAPL	31,850	APPLE INC	174.61	5,561,329
ADSK	4,050	AUTODESK INC	214.35	868,118
AZO	280	AUTOZONE INC	2,044.58	572,482
BLK	1,350	BLACKROCK INC	764.17	1,031,630
BX	4,146	BLACKSTONE GROUP INC/THE-A	126.94	526,293
CFR SW	2,700	CIE FINANCIERE RICHEMO-A REG*	127.7	344,787
CI	870	CIGNA CORP	239.61	208,461
CMCSA	22,470	COMCAST CORP-CLASS A	46.82	1,052,045

STZ	451	CONSTELLATION BRANDS INC-A	230.32	103,874
DHR	2,134	DANAHER CORP	293.33	625,966
EW	1,818	EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORP	117.72	214,015
EA	1,800	ELECTRONIC ARTS INC	126.51	227,718
EL	897	ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES-CL A	272.32	244,271
ETSY	525	ETSY INC	124.28	65,247
FDX	1,490	FEDEX CORP	231.39	344,771
GDDY	4,534	GODADDY INC - CLASS A	83.7	379,496
HCA	965	HCA HEALTHCARE INC	250.62	241,848
HD	3,195	HOME DEPOT INC	299.33	956,359
HON	1,540	HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC	194.58	299,653
HUM	1,678	HUMANA INC	435.17	730,215
ILMN	368	ILLUMINA INC	349.4	128,579
INTU	555	INTUIT INC	480.84	266,866
ISRG	1,776	INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC	301.68	535,784
IQV	3,385	IQVIA HOLDINGS INC	231.21	782,646
KER FP	1,600	KERING*	636.87	1,018,989
KKR	6,174	KKR & CO INC -A	58.47	360,994

OR FP	550	L'OREAL*	402.51	221,380
LOW	4,300	LOWE'S COS INC	202.19	869,417
MC FP	480	LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI*	718.4	344,831
MA	2,945	MASTERCARD INC - A	357.38	1,052,484
MTCH	1,891	MATCH GROUP INC	108.74	205,627
FB	16,816	META PLATFORMS INC	222.36	3,739,206
MSFT	24,200	MICROSOFT CORP	308.31	7,461,102
MCO	385	MOODY'S CORP	337.41	129,903
MS	4,160	MORGAN STANLEY	87.4	363,584
MSCI	480	MSCI INC	502.88	241,382
NFLX	2,141	NETFLIX INC	374.59	801,997
NKE	7,715	NIKE INC -CL B	134.56	1,038,130
NVDA	3,845	NVIDIA CORP	272.86	1,049,147
ORLY	848	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	684.96	580,846
PLTR	4,365	PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES INC-A	13.73	59,931
PYPL	9,000	PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	115.65	1,040,850
QCOM	3,270	QUALCOMM INC	152.82	499,721
SPGI	744	S&P GLOBAL INC	410.18	305,174
CRM	1,745	SALESFORCE.COM INC	212.32	370,498

SPOT	600	SPOTIFY TECHNOLOGY SA*	151.02	90,612
SFM	12,850	SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET INC	31.98	410,943
SBUX	2,910	STARBUCKS CORP	90.97	264,723
SYK	815	STRYKER CORP	267.35	217,890
TSLA	130	TESLA INC	1,077.60	140,088
TMO	1,790	THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	590.65	1,057,264
ULTA	1,280	ULTA BEAUTY INC	398.22	509,722
UNH	2,055	UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	509.97	1,047,988
UMG NA	7,500	UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP BV*	26.77	200,743
V	4,780	VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	221.77	1,060,061
DIS	6,635	WALT DISNEY CO/THE	137.16	910,057
WLTW	2,400	WILLIS TOWERS WATSON PLC*	236.22	566,928
ZTS	2,405	ZOETIS INC	188.59	453,559
ZM	5,575	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS-A	117.23	653,557
		OTHER COMMON STOCK (LONG)		3,372,332
		TOTAL COMMON STOCK (LONG)		68,840,578
		TOTAL INVESTMENT		68,840,578

	SECURITIES			
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS			
167,000	STATE STREET BANK/FICC REPO	0	04/01/2022	167,000
	TOTAL REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS			167,000
	CASH & EQUIVALENTS			-57,581
	TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS			109,419
	TOTAL NET ASSETS			68,949,997
	NUMBER OF LONG EQUITY POSITIONS			

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The S&P 500 Index includes a representative sample of 500 hundred companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. The index focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, with over 80% coverage of U.S. equities, but is also considered a proxy for the total market.
Earnings Per Share (EPS) is calculated as a company's profit divided by the outstanding shares of its common stock. The resulting number serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

Free Cash Flow (FCF) is the cash a company generates after taking into consideration cash outflows that support its operations and maintain its capital assets.

Price to Earnings is the ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its EPS. The price- to-earnings ratio is also sometimes known as the price multiple or the earnings multiple.

Portfolio Holding Disclosures

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On September 1, 2015, the Fund changed its name to FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc., and the current portfolio manager assumed management of the Fund on that date. Contemporaneous with this change, the Fund transitioned to its current investment strategy. Effective December 28, 2020, the Fund’s name was changed from FPA U.S. Value Fund, Inc. to FPA U.S. Core Equity Fund, Inc.

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