DEI and ESG Portfolio Review



Q3 2024

The DEI and ESG strategy composite returns are shown in the table below.

Period	Composite Gross of Fees	Composite Net of Fees	S&P 500
Q3 2024	6.58	6.53	5.89

- Stock selection was the primary driver of the outperformance this quarter.
- Performance by As You Sow Score and ESG Risk Score quintile within the S&P 500 was negative and non-monotonic, with Q1 underperforming Q5 and the benchmark. However, as market strength broadened, stock selection more than offset the negative allocation effect.

Sector Attribution

Q3 2024 Sector Attribution

	DEI and ESG Strategy				S&P 500			Attribution Analysis		
	Average	Total	Contrib.	Average	Total	Contrib.	Allocation	Selection	Total	
	Weight	Return	To Return	Weight	Return	To Return	Effect	Effect	Effect	
Financials	13.48	13.47	1.74	12.95	10.66	1.32	0.01	0.37	0.38	
Real Estate	4.40	17.84	0.75	2.32	17.17	0.38	0.22	0.03	0.25	
Energy	3.03	3.19	0.10	3.53	-2.32	-0.09	0.05	0.17	0.22	
Consumer Discretionary	10.14	8.96	0.89	9.88	7.80	0.75	0.01	0.12	0.12	
Health Care	12.00	6.62	0.79	11.97	6.07	0.72	0.00	0.07	0.06	
Materials	2.03	11.10	0.21	2.21	9.70	0.20	-0.01	0.03	0.02	
Information Technology	32.56	1.80	0.64	31.51	1.61	0.57	-0.06	0.06	0.01	
Utilities	2.45	18.16	0.40	2.41	19.37	0.44	0.01	-0.05	-0.04	
Consumer Staples	3.86	8.84	0.33	5.95	8.96	0.53	-0.05	-0.01	-0.07	
Industrials	6.28	11.71	0.72	8.33	11.55	0.94	-0.11	0.01	-0.10	
Communication Services	9.28	0.58	0.02	8.94	1.68	0.13	-0.02	-0.11	-0.13	
[Cash]	0.50	1.43	0.01				-0.03		-0.03	
	100.00	6.58	6.58	100.00	5.89	5.89	0.02	0.68	0.69	

Source: Xponance, FactSet

Positive Contributors

Financials – The sector outperformed due to favorable interest rate dynamics and strong economic activity. Nasdaq, Inc. (+21.7%) benefited from growth in its market technology and data services segments, along with strong performance in listing services during Q2 2024. Bank of New York Mellon (+20.9%) exceeded earnings expectations, driven by fee income growth and expense management.

Real Estate – Overweight exposure to the outperforming Real Estate sector drove most of the positive impact. Strong demand for industrial properties, particularly warehouses and data centers, supported the sector's gains, fueled by e-commerce and AI growth. Real estate companies also benefited from inflation-hedging and operational efficiencies, boosting earnings amid a stabilizing interest rate environment.

Negative Contributors

Communication Services – the modest underperformance was due to the underweighting of Meta (+13.6%) and AT&T +16.6%). Meta's investments in AI, particularly in its AI-driven advertising tools, significantly boosted its earnings results. For AT&T, growth in 5G and fiber services was a major contributor to its performance.

Risk Factor Attribution

Risk Attribution Analysis – Axioma Risk Model

Cash	Industries	Risk Factors	Stock Selection	Total
-0.03	0.26	0.18	0.28	0.69

	Ave Exposure	Return	Impact
Risk Factors	(std dev)	(%)	(%)
Volatility	-0.04	-3.17	0.11
Growth	-0.03	-1.25	0.04
Earnings Yield	-0.02	-0.85	0.01
Dividend Yield	0.02	0.47	0.01
Size	-0.02	-1.60	0.01
Exchange Rate Sensitivity	-0.02	-1.00	0.01
Value	-0.01	-0.47	0.01
Liquidity	0.00	-1.39	0.00
Leverage	0.00	0.54	0.00
MidCap	0.00	0.12	0.00
Market Sensitivity	0.07	0.29	0.00
Medium-Term Momentum	-0.01	1.09	-0.01
Profitability	0.00	2.09	-0.01
Total			0.18

Source: Axioma, FactSet

Overall, the risk factor positioning positively impacted performance. The largest contributor was underweight exposure to Volatility, as low-volatile stocks outperformed during this volatile equity period. The underweight position in the underperforming Growth factor also contributed positively. No factor had a significant negative impact on performance this quarter. Industry exposures and stock selection further enhanced results.

As You Sow and ESG Risk Score Attribution

As You Sow Score Attribution

	DEI and ESG Strategy			S&P 500			Attribution Analysis		
	Average	Total	Contrib.	Average	Total	Contrib.	Allocation	Selection	Total
As You Sow Score Quintile	Weight	Return	To Return	Weight	Return	To Return	Effect	Effect	Effect
Q1 (High)	56.65	5.52	3.20	40.67	3.36	1.42	-0.37	1.21	0.83
Q2	14.38	6.68	0.95	16.24	6.50	1.05	-0.01	0.02	0.01
Q3	15.35	9.58	1.42	19.91	8.79	1.70	-0.10	0.11	0.01
Q4	10.23	6.90	0.70	15.24	6.66	1.01	-0.03	0.02	-0.01
Q5 (Low)	2.88	11.04	0.30	7.88	9.09	0.70	-0.16	0.06	-0.11

Source: Xponance, FactSet

ESG Risk Score Attribution

	DEI and	d ESG Stra	tegy	S&P 500			Attribution Analysis		
	Average	Total	Contrib.	Average	Total	Contrib.	Allocation	Selection	Total
ESG Risk Score Quintile	Weight	Return	To Return	Weight	Return	To Return	Effect	Effect	Effect
Q1 (Lowest Risk)	39.10	4.53	1.81	25.03	1.88	0.50	-0.55	1.05	0.50
Q2	27.67	11.08	2.97	21.25	9.67	2.01	0.23	0.38	0.61
Q3	11.09	6.23	0.69	12.74	5.56	0.70	0.01	0.07	0.09
Q4	12.24	4.63	0.53	18.70	6.16	1.11	-0.03	-0.18	-0.21
Q5 (Highest Risk)	9.04	5.63	0.52	21.46	6.57	1.42	-0.09	-0.09	-0.19

Source: Xponance, FactSet

Performance by As You Sow Score and ESG Risk Score quintile within the S&P 500 was negative and non-monotonic, with Q1 underperforming Q5 and the benchmark. Quintiles 2 through 4 had mixed results. The underperformance of Q1 stocks was largely due to the heavy weighting of large-cap growth companies in this group. Expectations of a Fed rate cut, and the avoidance of a recession supported the broader sector outperformance beyond the concentrated group of large-cap growth Information Technology and Communication Services companies that led the market earlier in the year. In a diversified strategy like this, when outperformance is concentrated in a few companies, it limits the positive impact of being overweight those stocks if the rest of the index underperforms the benchmark. This dynamic was a headwind in the first half of the year. However, as market strength broadened, stock selection more than offset the negative allocation effect

S&P 500 ESG and DEI Strategy Composite



Trailing period performance as of 09/30/2024

(%)	QTD	CYTD	1- Year	3- Years	5- Years	10- Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Composite Gross	6.58	22.12	36.48	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.17	11/30/21
Composite Net	6.53	21.95	36.23	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.99	
Index ¹	5.89	22.08	36.35	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.27	

¹Benchmark: S&P 500

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Periods greater than 1 year are annualized. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance.

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S&P 500 ESG and DEI Strategy Composite



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	Perfo	ormance Result	ts (%)		lized Ex-Post Deviation (%)			
	Composite	Composite						
Year	Gross	Net		Composite		Number of	Composite	Total Firm
End	TWR	TWR	Benchmark ¹	Gross	Benchmark ¹	Portfolios	Assets (\$mm)	Assets (\$mm)
2023	22.78	22.56	26.29	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	80	16,613
2022	-18.06	-18.17	-18.11	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	66	13,512
2021 ²	4.37	4.35	4.48	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	57	14,866

Composite inception date: November 30, 2021.

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures is not presented because 36 monthly returns are not available

Internal dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented.

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¹Benchmark: S&P 500

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