

Research Portfolios Update

Mid-Cap Portfolio Changes

Portfolio Strategy

We have made the following changes to the Mid-Cap portfolio, selling our 1% position in Victoria's Secret (VSCO) and adding one new stock. We also reweight some stocks. The changes bring projected portfolio risk down slightly.

Exhibit 1: Mid-Cap Portfolio Changes

Portfolio Changes

Sector	Action	Company	Symbol	Investment Rating	Price 03/08/24	Old Position	New Position
COD	Decrease		Symbol	Kuting	03/00/24	9.00%	8.00%
	Sell	VICTORIA'S SECRET	VSCO	C-3-9	\$18.12	1.00%	0.00%
FIN	Increase	FINANCIALS				17.00%	17.50%
	Increase	BLOCK INC.	SQ	C-1-9	\$80.74	1.00%	1.50%
HCR	Increase	HEALTHCARE				9.00%	9.50%
	Increase	IQVIA HOLDINGS	IQV	B-1-9	\$257.18	3.00%	3.50%
IND	Decrease	INDUSTRIALS				22.00%	20.50%
	Increase	AMETEK INC	AME	B-2-7	\$181.44	3.00%	3.50%
	Decrease	AZEK CO INC/THE	AZEK	C-1-9	\$48.90	3.00%	1.00%
INT	Maintain	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				13.50%	13.50%
	Increase	AMDOCS LTD	DOX	A-1-7	\$92.74	1.50%	2.00%
	Decrease	KLA CORP	KLAC	B-1-7	\$699.21	3.50%	3.00%
REL	Increase	REAL ESTATE				5.00%	6.50%
	Buy	REXFORD INDUSTRIAL REALTY IN	REXR	B-1-7	\$53.15	0.00%	1.50%

Source: BofA Global Research

Sector abbreviations are as follows: Consumer Discretionary (COD), Consumer Staples (CST), Energy (ENE), Financials (FIN), Health Care (HCR), Industrials (IND), Information Technology (INT), Materials (MAT), Real Estate (REL), Communication Services (CSR), Utilities (UT).

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Mid-Cap Portfolio

Consumer Discretionary

We decrease our weighting in the Consumer Discretionary sector by 1.0% from 9.0% to 8.0%. We do so by selling our position in VSCO after it was <u>downgraded to Underperform (see report)</u>.

Financials

We increase our weighting in the Financials sector by 0.5% from 17.0% to 17.5%. We increase SQ by 0.5% from 1.0% to 1.5%.

Healthcare

We increase our weighting in the Healthcare sector by 0.5% from 9.0% to 9.5%. We increase IQV by 0.5% from 3.0% to 3.5%.

Industrials

We decrease our weighting in the Industrials sector by 1.5% from 22% to 20.5%. We decrease by 2% our position in The Azek Co. (AZEK) from 3% to 1%. We increase by 0.5% our weighting in Ametek (AME) from 3% to 3.5%.

Information Technology

We maintain our weighting in the Technology sector at 13.5%. We decrease KLA Corp (KLAC) by 0.5% from 3.5% to 3.0%. We increase by 0.5% our position in Amdocs (DOX) from 1.5% to 2.0%.

Real Estate

We increase our weighting in the Real Estate sector from 5.0% to 6.5%. We do so by adding a new 1.5% position in Rexford Industrial Realty (REXR). REXR acquires, redevelops, owns, manages, and operates industrial warehouse properties in Southern California infill markets. We believe that shares are at an attractive valuation for the company's growth potential.



Exhibit 2: Mid-Cap PortfolioCurrent holdings and weights

		100.00%		1.39%	
Cash (0.0%)		0.00%			
Vistra Energy	VST	1.50%	\$60.49	1.42%	B-1-7
Alliant Energy Corp	LNT	2.00%	\$49.34	3.89%	A-1-7
Public Service	PEG	4.00%	\$64.26	3.73%	B-1-7
Utilities (7.5%)					
Digital Realty Trust	DLR	2.00%	\$149.48	3.26%	B-1-7
Rexford Industrial Realty	REXR	1.50%	\$53.15	3.14%	B-1-7
Welltower Inc.	WELL	3.00%	\$92.00	2.65%	B-1-7
Real Estate (6.5%)		2.000/	600.00	2.650	5.1.
Vulcan Materials	VMC	4.50%	\$266.70	0.69%	B-1-7
Sealed Air Corp			\$36.46 \$366.70	2.19%	B-1-7
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Materials (6.5%)	NLAC	5.00 /0	ΨOJJ.2.1	0.03 /0	D-1-7
KLA Corp	KLAC	3.00%	\$699.21	0.83%	B-1-7
Palantir Technologies Inc.	PLTR	1.00%	\$26.04	0.00%	C-1-9
On Semiconductor	ON	1.00%	\$78.95	0.00%	C-1-9
Nutanix Inc	NTNX	1.00%	\$65.85	0.00%	C-1-9
PTC Inc.	PTC	2.50%	\$185.43	0.00%	B-1-9
Elastic N.V.	ESTC	1.00%	\$105.73	0.00%	C-1-9
Crowdstrike Holdings	CRWD	1.00%	\$322.85	0.00%	C-1-9
Amdocs	DOX	2.00%	\$92.74	2.07%	A-1-7
Advanced Micro	AMD	1.00%	\$207.39	0.00%	C-1-9
Information Technology (13.5%)					
Jacobs Eng.	J	2.00%	\$146.93	0.79%	B-2-7
ITT, Inc.	ITT	1.00%	\$127.08	1.00%	B-1-7
United Rentals Inc.	URI	2.50%	\$676.14	0.96%	C-1-7
Old Dominion Freight Line Inc.	ODFL	2.00%	\$428.29	0.49%	B-2-7
Dover Corp	DOV	2.50%	\$171.03	1.19%	B-1-7
CP Rail	CP	1.50%	\$89.70	0.63%	B-1-7
Rockwell Automation Inc.	ROK	2.50%	\$294.59	1.70%	B-2-7
The Azek Co	AZEK	1.00%	\$48.90	0.00%	C-1-9
AerCap	AER	2.00%	\$81.44	0.00%	B-1-9
AMETEK	AME	3.50%	\$181.44	0.62%	B-2-7
Industrials (20.5%)					
Option Care Health	OPCH	2.50%	\$32.34	0.00%	C-1-9
TENET HEALTHCARE CORP	THC	2.50%	\$98.68	0.00%	C-1-9
qvia Holdings	IQV	3.50%	\$257.18	0.00%	B-1-9
BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.	BMRN	1.00%	\$85.95	0.00%	B-1-9
Health Care (9.5%)	D1 (D1)	1.000/	605.05	0.000/	D 1 0
WEX	WEX	2.50%	\$228.84	0.00%	B-1-9
Blue Owl Capital Inc.	OWL	2.50%	\$17.61	3.18%	B-1-7
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Block life. Interactive Brokers Group	SQ IBKR	2.00%	\$107.91	0.37%	C-1-9 B-1-7
Synchrony Financial Block Inc.	SQ	1.50%	\$80.74	0.00%	C-1-9
Synchrony Financial	SYF	2.00%	\$42.14	2.37%	B-2-7
Huntington	HBAN	5.00%	\$13.50	4.59%	B-2-7
Allstate Corp	ALL	2.00%	\$156.92	2.35%	B-1-7
Financials (17.5%)					
Teekay Tankers Ltd.	TNK	1.50%	53.78	1.86%	C-1-7
PBF Energy	PBF	1.50%	50.06	2.00%	C-2-7
Cheniere Energy Inc	LNG	2.00%	154.95	1.12%	B-1-7
Energy (5.0%)					
Coty Inc.	COTY	2.00%	\$12.73	0.00%	C-1-9
Lamb Weston Holdings	LW	2.50%	\$101.19	1.42%	B-1-7
Consumer Staples (4.5%)					
Aptiv PLC	APTV	2.50%	\$78.19	0.00%	C-1-9
Darden Restaurants	DRI	4.00%	\$171.57	3.05%	B-1-7
Doordash Inc	DASH	1.50%	\$131.80	0.00%	C-1-9
Consumer Discretionary (8.0%)					
Spotify Technology	SPOT	1.00%	\$259.40	0.00%	C-1-9
Communication Services (1.0%)					
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Hold	27	31.40%	Hold	21	77.78%
Sell	19	22.09%	Sell	16	84.21%

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