

Market Plus Portfolio Review

Q4 2024

The Market Plus strategy composite returns are shown in the table below.

Period	Composite Gross of Fees	Composite Net of Fees	S&P 500
Q4 2024	2.88	2.80	2.41

- **Stock selection was the key driver of outperformance this quarter.**
- **Risk factor positioning added value, with most relative factor exposures contributing positively to results.**
- **The Alpha model performed strongly, as higher-ranked quintiles significantly outpaced lower quintiles and the S&P 500 Index.**

Sector Attribution

Q4 2024 Sector Attribution

	Market Plus			S&P 500			Attribution Analysis		
	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib. To Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib. To Return	Allocation Effect	Selection Effect	Total Effect
Health Care	10.60	-8.11	-0.84	10.76	-10.30	-1.14	0.02	0.28	0.30
Industrials	6.51	-1.53	-0.06	8.46	-2.27	-0.15	0.09	0.05	0.14
Utilities	2.92	-0.73	0.01	2.42	-5.51	-0.13	-0.08	0.17	0.08
Communication Services	8.95	9.73	0.81	9.05	8.87	0.74	-0.01	0.08	0.07
Information Technology	31.41	5.10	1.51	32.00	4.84	1.48	-0.02	0.09	0.07
Financials	13.42	7.36	0.92	13.42	7.09	0.94	-0.02	0.03	0.02
Materials	3.02	-9.03	-0.20	2.09	-12.42	-0.26	-0.15	0.15	0.00
[Cash]	0.35	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Consumer Staples	7.27	-2.24	-0.18	5.67	-3.26	-0.19	-0.08	0.07	-0.01
Consumer Discretionary	8.62	17.20	1.31	10.57	14.25	1.36	-0.23	0.22	-0.01
Energy	2.93	-4.07	-0.11	3.34	-2.44	-0.05	0.01	-0.05	-0.04
Real Estate	4.00	-6.93	-0.28	2.21	-7.94	-0.18	-0.20	0.05	-0.15
	100.00	2.88	2.88	100.00	2.41	2.41	-0.66	1.13	0.47

Source: Xponance, FactSet

Positive Contributors

Health Care – The healthcare sector faced a challenging environment, with negative earnings revisions and policy uncertainties contributing to investor caution. Against this backdrop being underweight several companies including Regeneron (-32.4%), Eli Lilly (-12.7%), Danaher Corp. (-17.3%) and Thermo Fisher Scientific (-15.8%) had the largest positive effect on performance.

Negative Contributors

Real Estate – overweight exposure to this underperforming sector accounted for all the negative effect. The Real Estate sector underperformed due to rising interest rates, which increased borrowing costs and pressured valuations. Additionally, investors rotated away from interest-rate-sensitive sectors like Real Estate toward areas less affected by higher borrowing costs, compounding the sector's challenges.

Risk Factor Attribution

Risk Attribution Analysis – Axioma Risk Model

Cash	Industries	Risk Factors	Stock Selection	Total
0.01	-0.09	0.31	0.24	0.47

Risk Factors	Ave Exposure (std dev)	Return (%)	Impact (%)
Profitability	0.14	0.80	0.12
Size	-0.04	-2.64	0.09
Liquidity	0.05	1.48	0.09
Exchange Rate Sensitivity	0.02	3.77	0.06
Dividend Yield	-0.02	-1.43	0.03
Value	-0.02	-0.41	0.01
Earnings Yield	0.00	-0.77	0.01
Volatility	0.01	0.36	0.01
Market Sensitivity	0.02	0.43	0.00
MidCap	0.03	-0.37	0.00
Medium-Term Momentum	0.00	1.04	-0.02
Leverage	0.02	-0.59	-0.03
Growth	-0.02	2.45	-0.05
Total			0.31

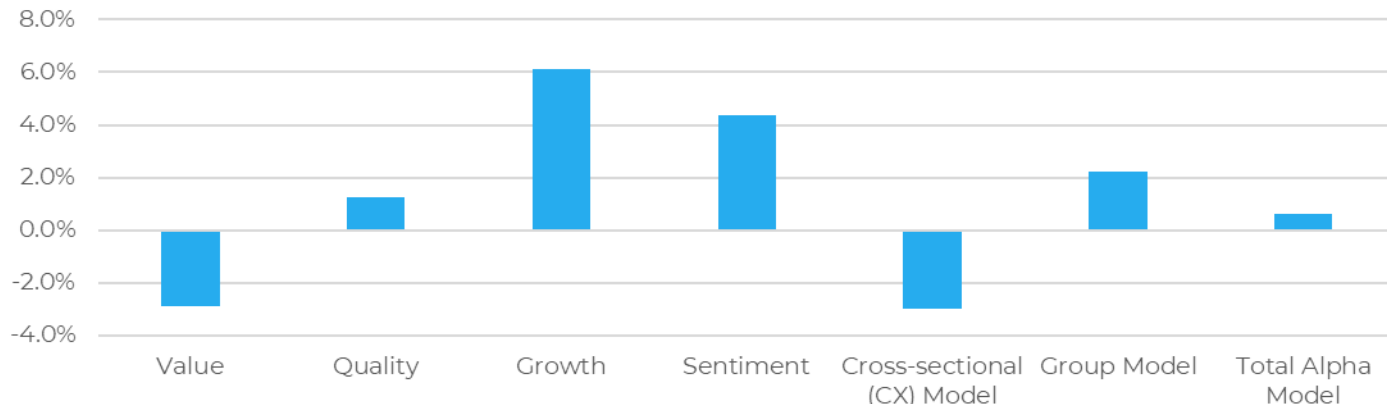
Source: Axioma, FactSet

Overall, risk factor positioning positively impacted performance, with most relative factor exposures contributing favorably. Despite a more volatile environment, the strategy's balanced risk factor exposures supported performance.

The largest contributor was an overweight position in the outperforming Profitability factor. Additional positive contributions came from underweighting Size (small caps outperformed large caps) and overweighting Liquidity (higher-turnover stocks). However, the portfolio's slight underweight to the outperforming Growth factor had the largest negative impact.

Quantitative Model Performance

Model Performance (Top Quintile minus S&P 500)



Source: Xponance, FactSet

Factor category returns relative to the S&P 500 Index were mixed this quarter. Growth and Sentiment stood out as key drivers, contributing significantly to relative outperformance, as markets favored companies with strong expansion potential and positive outlooks. In contrast, Value factors detracted notably, reflecting the continued outperformance of growth-oriented stocks. Quality provided a modest positive contribution. The Cross-Sectional (CX) Model faced relative headwinds due to the drag from Value, which offset the benefits of Growth and Sentiment. In contrast, the Group Model delivered positive relative contributions by capturing industry-specific dynamics that aligned with the outperformance of Growth and Sentiment factors. This divergence resulted in muted overall impact for the Total Alpha Model, as conflicting cross-sectional and group-level effects dampened its performance.

Alpha Model Attribution

Alpha Model Quintile	Market Plus			S&P 500			Attribution Analysis		
	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib. To Return	Average Weight	Total Return	Contrib. To Return	Allocation Effect	Selection Effect	Total Effect
Q1 (High)	55.07	1.89	0.25	22.29	3.01	0.46	0.25	-1.03	-0.78
Q2	34.20	4.76	1.68	32.95	5.36	1.64	-0.02	-0.20	-0.22
Q3	6.63	-0.80	0.41	15.54	-0.67	0.30	0.31	0.01	0.33
Q4	1.18	-1.85	0.03	13.21	-1.84	-0.20	0.48	0.00	0.48
Q5 (Low)	2.58	19.15	0.51	15.97	1.03	0.21	0.16	0.50	0.66

Source: Xponance, FactSet

The Alpha model delivered positive performance this quarter. Higher-ranked quintiles (Q1 and Q2) significantly outperformed lower quintiles (Q3, Q4, and Q5) and the S&P 500 Index, resulting in a substantial positive allocation effect.

The performance divergence highlights a market environment favoring the higher-alpha names, driven by alignment with dominant growth and quality trends. Although value and small-cap stocks briefly rallied following Donald Trump's election, large-cap growth companies continued to drive S&P 500 index returns due to robust earnings, particularly in the technology sector, and strong demand for artificial intelligence applications. The relative weakness in lower quintiles was primarily driven by their tilt toward underperforming value stocks.

Trailing period performance as of 12/31/2024

(%)	QTD	CYTD	1- Year	3- Years	5- Years	10- Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Composite Gross	2.88	26.38	26.38	8.97	13.88	12.81	9.77	12/31/01
Composite Net	2.80	25.99	25.99	8.63	13.57	12.55	9.49	
Index ¹	2.41	25.02	25.02	8.94	14.53	13.10	9.45	

¹Benchmark: S&P 500

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	Composite Gross TWR	Composite Net TWR	Benchmark ¹	Composite Gross	Benchmark ¹				
2023	27.25	26.85	26.29	17.11	17.29	14	0.04	336	16,613
2022	-19.54	-19.78	-18.11	20.90	20.87	15	0.02	300	13,512
2021	29.49	29.19	28.71	17.59	17.17	17	0.03	951	14,866
2020	14.32	14.07	18.40	18.83	18.53	14	0.02	1,000	12,493
2019	28.84	28.57	31.49	12.29	11.93	12	0.02	1,095	5,411
2018	-6.51	-6.69	-4.38	11.29	10.80	9	0.04	799	4,026
2017	25.64	25.41	21.83	10.14	9.92	6	0.01	733	6,817
2016	12.82	12.65	11.96	10.83	10.59	Five or fewer	N/A	543	6,249
2015	2.07	1.91	1.38	10.23	10.47	Five or fewer	N/A	439	5,577
2014	16.87	16.67	13.69	9.32	8.97	Five or fewer	N/A	430	2,542

Composite inception date: December 31, 2001.

¹ Benchmark: S&P 500

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

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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