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Contributors to performance

- The primary driver of outperformance was security selection. Selection within the financials, information technology, and industrials sectors contributed to relative results.
- An underweight allocation to health care and real estate was additive to relative returns.
- The top relative contributors were an overweight to Microchip Technology and not holding positions in NVIDIA and Zoom Video Communications.

Detractors from performance

- Security selection within the consumer discretionary and communication services sectors detracted from relative performance.
- An underweight allocation to communication services and an overweight allocation to financials detracted from relative performance.
- Not holding Tesla and overweight positions in Fidelity National Info and Alibaba were the top relative detractors.

Major changes to portfolio in the period

- During the fourth quarter we reduced our underweight exposure to the health care sector and our overweight to information technology decreased.
- We added several new opportunities, including Boston Scientific, a medical device manufacturer, Illumina, a global leader in genomic sequencing, and TJX Companies, a discount retailer.

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Major changes to portfolio in the period (cont'd)

- Notable eliminations during the period included Thermo Fisher Scientific and American Tower.

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