

# Desjardins

## American Equity Growth Fund



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### Contributors to relative performance

- Selection within the health care and information technology sectors contributed to relative results.
- An overweight exposure to the financial services and real estate sectors was additive to relative returns.
- The top relative contributors included underweights to Microsoft and Alphabet as well as an overweight exposure to MSCI.

### Detractors from performance

- Security selection within the consumer discretionary, consumer staples, and communication services sectors detracted most from relative performance.
- An overweight to health care and an underweight to materials detracted most from relative returns.
- Top relative detractors included an off-benchmark exposure to e.l.f. Beauty and underweights to Meta and Apple.

### Major changes to portfolio in the period

- During the quarter we added to the health care and financial services sectors. We also reduced our exposure to the information technology and communication services sectors.
- We added a new position in Natera, a US-based clinical genetic testing company specializing in non-invasive, cell-free DNA testing technology.
- Notable eliminations during the period included Cadence Design Systems and Airbus.

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