

Socially Responsible Portfolio Commentary

FOURTH QUARTER 2020

Hopeful but Cautious

The continuation of the market rally during Q4 surprised us. The signs of hope we currently see for the market are the possibility of another stimulus package, an accelerated rollout of the COVID vaccine and continued earnings growth in many sectors of the market.

The market became overvalued last summer. The rally in Q4 stretched valuations ever further. This is in spite of the long term damage to retail restaurants, airlines and commercial real estate. Many people have depleted their personal savings which will put a damper on any future recovery for the economy.

Portfolio Analysis

The Triboro Socially Responsible Portfolio had a disappointing quarter. The strategy was +4.2% (gross of fees) vs +8.1% for the MSCI KLD 400 Social Index.

Positive & Negative Contributors to Performance

Our best performing sectors in Q4 were Technology and Financials. In both sectors our outperformance was due to selecting stocks that can succeed in the current environment.

F5 Networks, Inc. (FFIV) provides products and services to improve the performance and security of applications that run on the internet. The stock rose 43% during Q4 as the company saw continued strong demand for its products.

Morgan Stanley (MS) is a world leader in investment banking and asset management. The stock rose 42% during Q4 as the earnings exceeded estimates. The company also benefitted from their purchase of E*Trade Financial.

The worst performing stock in Q4 was Intel Corp (INTC). The stock declined 10% during the quarter, A weak outlook for future sales and earnings growth led us to sell the stock in late November

We continue to search for companies that are in businesses that can thrive in this climate. We also like companies that have strong balance sheets that will be able to survive this period.

Sustainable Investing Trends

Investors now consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors across \$12 trillion of professionally managed assets. Sustainable, responsible and impact (SRI) investing in the United States continues to expand at a healthy pace as investors increasingly recognize the benefits of this approach.

Executive Summary

- We will continue to hold defensive names in the portfolio in 2021 as we still see a downside risk to the market due to overvaluation.
- We have adapted our process to fit the present situation. We search for companies that are still able to grow their business.
- We appreciate your business and our team is always available to assist with questions or to explore a deeper conversation.

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