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Neuberger Berman Large Cap Growth Fund

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Performance Highlights

In the first quarter of 2025, Neuberger Berman Large Cap Growth Fund's (the "Fund") Institutional Class returned -8.16% versus -9.97% for its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index. Performance for all share classes can be found on page 3.

Portfolio Review

During the quarter, the Fund outperformed its primary benchmark, with security selection as the main driver of positive excess return. Positive stock selection within Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services was additive to relative returns, while Information Technology and the Fund's lack of exposure to Real Estate detracted.

From a sector allocation perspective, an underweight in Information Technology contributed positively to relative returns, while a modest underweight in Health Care and Consumer Staples detracted slightly.

Visa ("**V**") was the top performer during the quarter as the company delivered strong returns, driven by continued growth in global payment volumes and increased adoption of digital payment solutions. The company's leadership in the payments ecosystem, combined with its ability to capitalize on secular trends such as e-commerce growth and cross-border transactions. Visa's robust balance sheet and consistent cash flow generation further reinforce its long-term growth potential, even in a volatile macroeconomic environment.

AbbVie ("**ABBV**") also outperformed due to strong sales of its immunology and oncology portfolio, particularly its blockbuster drugs Skyrizi and Rinvoq. The company's pipeline of innovative therapies, coupled with its ability to execute on strategic acquisitions, positions it well for sustained growth.

Conversely, NVIDIA ("**NVDA**") was the worst performer: NVDA faced pressure from concerns around supply chain constraints and slowing demand for GPUs in the gaming and cryptocurrency markets, as well as broader weakness in the semiconductor industry. Despite these near-term headwinds, NVDA remains a leader in artificial intelligence ("AI") and high-performance computing. Its strong positioning in data center growth and its ability to drive innovation in AI-related technologies provide a compelling long-term opportunity. Additionally, NVDA's diversified revenue streams and focus on expanding its software ecosystem should help mitigate cyclical pressures over time in our view.

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS FOR THE QUARTER*

Best Performers	Worst Performers
Visa Inc	Nvidia Corp
Abbie Inc	Broadcom Inc
Boston Scientific	Microsoft Corp
Philip Morris Int.	Amazon.com Inc
General Electric	Alphabet Inc

*Reflects the best and worst performers, in descending order, to the Fund's performance based on individual security performance and portfolio weighting. Specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for the Fund. It should not be assumed that any investments in securities identified and described were or will be profitable. Positions listed may include securities that were not held in the Fund as of 03/31/2025.

Market Context

The S&P 500 Index (including dividends) returned -4.28% for the first quarter of 2025, as a strong January was more than offset by a weak February and March. While Q4 2024 earnings broadly outpaced expectations, 2025 guidance warranted investor caution, a sentiment that has only increased as policy-related uncertainty became more pervasive. This resulted in a relatively 'risk-off' environment, with underperformance in Consumer Discretionary and Technology sectors and a rotation into defensive areas like

Staples, Utilities, and Health Care. Digging deeper on the earnings front, approximately 75% of companies reported positive earnings surprises, and full-year 2025 earnings growth estimates remained at ~14%, despite early signs of potential headwinds.

At the same time, positive inflation data coupled with economic growth concerns drove a decrease in yields, with the 10-year Treasury yield decreasing over 30 basis points ("bps") to 4.20%. Consequently, while the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") held rates steady at its March meeting, investors are expecting a further 3 cuts this year, starting in June. In this environment, high-yield credit spreads widened, and the U.S. dollar weakened against a basket of foreign currencies.

Outlook

As we closed the first quarter of 2025, while the consumer and economy have been more resilient than expected, recent trends are pointing to increased uncertainty. A confluence of political and geopolitical volatility is increasingly weighing on consumer and corporate sentiment, delaying decision-making and potentially leading to slowing economic growth. Recent tariff/trade war-related news headlines further highlight the sensitivity of the market to policy changes.

While 2024 S&P 500 earnings were above expectations, companies are increasingly expressing more caution on the 2025 outlook. Despite that, full-year earnings growth expectations still sit at ~14%, although market volatility seems to suggest earnings risk. At the same time, progress has been made by the Fed to tame inflation. Core prices have been moving closer to the Fed's 2% target, and accordingly, the Fed cut rates by a total of 100 bps in the second half of 2024. Yet, policy uncertainty around tariffs and immigration has created some fears of renewed inflation, and doubt remains as to the magnitude and cadence of future cuts, with investors now anticipating ~3 more cuts by the end of 2025.

Until we have more clarity on the path of the economy versus inflation and how that translates into actual rate cuts versus expectations, we'd expect heightened market volatility. Furthermore, global geopolitical tensions remain ever-present and rising, while global political uncertainty may escalate with new policies under the Trump administration.

In this environment, we believe the divergence in underlying companies' operating performance will be ever more apparent going forward. As always, we continue our efforts to best understand company and portfolio-specific factors as we believe this environment is flush with a confluence of fiscal policy considerations, monetary policy stimulus, geopolitical uncertainty, commodity price volatility, and inflation dynamics. We believe as market dynamics change, this can cause company market values to dislocate from their long-term inherent values, creating a volatile environment with potential opportunities.

NEUBERGER BERMAN LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND RETURNS (%)

	March 2025	1Q 25	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
				(ANNUALIZED AS OF 3/31/25)				
At NAV								
Institutional Class	-8.23	-8.16	-8.16	3.81	8.62	18.84	12.90	11.44
Class A	-8.27	-8.27	-8.27	3.40	8.22	18.39	12.48	11.36
Class C	-8.32	-8.42	-8.42	2.66	7.42	17.52	11.65	11.18
Class R6	-8.22	-8.13	-8.13	3.92	8.72	18.91	12.86	11.42
Class R3	-8.29	-8.32	-8.32	3.15	7.92	18.05	12.16	11.29
Investor Class	-8.25	-8.22	-8.22	3.62	8.46	18.66	12.72	11.40
Trust Class	-8.28	-8.25	-8.25	3.43	8.24	18.43	12.51	11.34
Advisor Class	-8.31	-8.34	-8.34	3.00	7.79	18.05	12.16	11.17
With Sales Charge								
Class A	-13.53	-13.53	-13.53	-2.56	6.11	17.00	11.82	11.27
Class C	-9.24	-9.34	-9.34	1.70	7.42	17.52	11.65	11.18
Russell 1000 Growth Index	-8.42	-9.97	-9.97	7.76	10.10	20.09	15.12	N/A

Performance data quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original costs. Results are shown on a "total return" basis, including reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For current performance data, including current to the most recent month end, please visit www.nb.com/performance.

The inception date for Neuberger Berman Large Cap Growth Fund (formerly, Neuberger Berman Guardian Fund) Class A, Class C, Class R3 and Institutional Class was 5/27/09. The inception date for Class R6 was 3/29/19. The inception dates of the Investor, Trust, and Advisor Classes were 6/1/50, 8/3/93, and 9/3/96, respectively. The inception date used to calculate benchmark performance is that of the Investor Class. Average Annual Total Returns with sales charge reflect deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.75% for Class A shares and applicable contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) for Class C shares. The maximum CDSC for Class C shares is 1%, which is reduced to 0% after 1 year.

EXPENSE RATIOS (%)

	Gross Expense	Total (net) Expense
Institutional Class	0.66	N/A
Class A	1.02	N/A
Class C	1.77	N/A
Class R6	0.60	0.56
Class R3	1.29	N/A
Investor Class	0.81	N/A
Trust Class	1.01	N/A
Advisor Class	1.44	N/A

For Class R6, total (net) expense represents, for Institutional Class, Class A, Class C, Class R3, Investor, Trust and Advisor Classes, gross expense represents the total annual operating expenses that shareholders pay (after the effect of fee waivers and/or expense reimbursement). The Fund's investment manager has contractually undertaken to waive and/or reimburse certain fees and expenses of the Fund so that the total annual operating expenses are capped (excluding interest, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes including any expenses relating to tax reclaims, dividend and interest expenses relating to short sales, and extraordinary expenses, if any, consequently, total (net) expenses may exceed the contractual cap) through 08/31/2028 for Institutional Class at 0.75%, 1.11% for Class A, 1.86% for Class C, 1.36% for Class R3, Trust and Advisor Classes at 1.50%, and Class R6 are capped at 0.56% until 12/31/2025 and 0.65% from 1/1/2026 until 8/31/2028 (each as a percentage of average net assets). Absent such arrangements, which cannot be changed without Board approval, the returns may have been lower. Information as of the most recent prospectuses dated December 18, 2024, as amended or supplemented.

An investor should consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks and fees and expenses carefully before investing. This and other important information can be found in the Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which you can obtain by calling 877.628.2583. Please read the prospectus, and if available the summary prospectus, carefully before making an investment.

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index** measures the performance of the large cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with relatively higher price-to-book ratios, higher I/B/E/S forecast medium term (2 year) growth and higher sales per share historical growth (5years). The Index is reconstituted annually to ensure the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. Data about the performance of this index are prepared or obtained by the Manager and include reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions. The Fund may invest in many securities not included in the above described index. Effective after the market close on March 21, 2025, FTSE Russell is implementing a capping methodology to all Russell U.S. Style Indices including this one. Any individual company weights in the index greater than 22.5% will be capped, and the sum of all individual companies that have an index weight greater than 4.5% will be capped to a 45% aggregate weight in the index. This will be applied quarterly going forward, but historical index returns will not be restated.

As of 3/31/2025, the weightings of the best and worst performers indicated as a percentage of Fund net assets were: Visa Inc., 3.1%; AbbVie Inc., 1.6%; Boston Scientific Corporation, 1.9%; Philip Morris International, 0.87%; General Electric, 1.2%; NVIDIA Corporation, 5.5%; Broadcom Inc., 3.7%; Microsoft Corporation 10.7%; Amazon.com, Inc., 8.1%; Alphabet, Inc., 4.7%. Portfolio data, including holdings, sectors and weightings are as of the date indicated and are subject to change without notice.

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To the extent that the Fund invests in securities or other instruments denominated in or indexed to foreign currencies, changes in currency exchange rates could adversely impact investment gains or add to investment losses.

Foreign securities involve risks in addition to those associated with comparable U.S. securities.

Growth stocks tend to be more sensitive than value stocks to bad economic news and negative earnings surprises. Bad economic news or changing investor perceptions may adversely affect growth stocks across several sectors and industries simultaneously.

An individual security may be more volatile, and may perform differently, than the market as a whole.

From time to time, the trading market for a particular investment in which the Fund invests, or a particular instrument in which the Fund is invested, may become less liquid or even illiquid. Illiquid investments frequently can be more difficult to purchase or sell at an advantageous price or time, and there is a greater risk that the investments may not be sold for the price at which the Fund is carrying them.

To the extent the Fund invests in securities of small-, mid-, or large-cap companies, it takes on the associated risks.

Markets may be volatile and values of individual securities and other investments, including those of a particular type, may decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, economic or other developments that may cause broad changes in market value, public perceptions concerning these developments, and adverse investor sentiment or publicity. Geopolitical and other risks, including environmental and public health risks may add to instability in world economies and markets generally.

The use of options involves investment strategies and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If a strategy is applied at an inappropriate time or market conditions or trends are judged incorrectly, the use of options may lower the Fund's return. There can be no guarantee that the use of options will increase the Fund's return or income.

Investments in private companies, including companies that have not yet issued securities publicly in an initial public offering ("IPO") ("pre-IPO shares"), involve greater risks than investments in securities of companies that have traded publicly on an exchange for extended periods of time. Investments in these companies are generally less liquid than investments in securities issued by public companies and may be difficult for the Fund to value.

Private placements and other restricted securities may not be listed on an exchange and may have no active trading market. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, the prices of these securities may be more difficult to determine than publicly traded securities and these securities may involve heightened risk as compared to investments in securities of publicly traded companies. Private placements and other restricted securities may be illiquid, and it frequently can be difficult to sell them at a time when it may otherwise be desirable to do so or the Fund may be able to sell them only at prices that are less than what the Fund regards as their fair market value.

High public debt in the U.S. and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policymaking uncertainty.

The Fund may experience periods of large or frequent redemptions that could cause the Fund to sell assets at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value. Redemption risk is greater to the extent that one or more investors or intermediaries control a large percentage of investments in the Fund.

To the extent the Fund invests more heavily in particular sectors, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors.

Securities lending involves a possible delay in recovery of the loaned securities or a possible loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower fail financially. The Fund could also lose money if the value of the collateral decreases.

A decline in the Fund's average net assets during the current fiscal year due to market volatility or other factors could cause the Fund's expenses for the current fiscal year to be higher than the expense information presented.

There can be no guarantee that the Portfolio Managers will be successful in their attempts to manage the risk exposure of the Fund or will appropriately evaluate or weigh the multiple factors involved in investment decisions, including issuer, market and/or instrument-specific analysis, valuation and environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

The Fund and its service providers, and your ability to transact with the Fund, may be negatively impacted due to operational matters arising from, among other problems, human errors, systems and technology disruptions or failures, or cybersecurity incidents. It is not possible for the Manager or the other Fund service providers to identify all of the cybersecurity or other operational risks that may affect the Fund or to develop processes and controls to completely eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects.

Risk is an essential part of investing. No risk management program can eliminate the Fund's exposure to adverse events; at best, it may only reduce the possibility that the Fund will be affected by such events, and especially those risks that are not intrinsic to the Fund's investment program. The Fund could experience losses if judgments about risk prove to be incorrect.

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