# Fidelity® Contrafund®

# **Investment Approach**

- Fidelity® Contrafund® is an opportunistic, diversified equity strategy with a large-cap growth bias.
- Philosophically, we believe stock prices follow companies' earnings, and those companies that can deliver durable multiyear earnings growth provide attractive investment opportunities.
- As a result, our investment approach seeks firms we believe are poised for sustained, aboveaverage earnings growth that is not accurately reflected in the stocks' current valuation.
- In particular, we emphasize companies with "best of breed" qualities, including those with a strong competitive position, high returns on capital, solid free-cash-flow generation and management teams that are stewards of shareholder capital.
- We strive to uncover these investment opportunities through in-depth bottom-up, fundamental
  analysis, working in concert with Fidelity's global research team.

PERFORMANCE	Cumulative		Annualized			
SUMMARY	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year/ LOF <sup>1</sup>
Fidelity Contrafund Gross Expense Ratio: 0.39% <sup>2</sup>	17.98%	17.98%	47.42%	12.69%	17.15%	14.65%
S&P 500 Index	10.56%	10.56%	29.88%	11.49%	15.05%	12.96%
Morningstar Fund Large Growth	11.92%	11.92%	36.45%	7.95%	14.89%	13.24%
% Rank in Morningstar Category (1% = Best)			5%	7%	20%	24%
# of Funds in Morningstar Category			1,191	1,111	1,037	807

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Life of Fund (LOF) if performance is less than 10 years. Fund inception date: 05/17/1967.

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For definitions and other important information, please see the Definitions and Important Information section of this Fund Review.

## **FUND INFORMATION**

Manager(s):

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**Trading Symbol:** 

**FCNTX** 

Start Date:

May 17, 1967

Size (in millions):

\$135,902.04

**Morningstar Category:** Fund Large Growth

The value of the fund's domestic and foreign investments will vary from day to day in response to many factors. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies, and general market and economic conditions. Investments in foreign securities involve greater risk than U.S. investments. You may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus and generally is based on amounts incurred during the most recent fiscal year, or estimated amounts for the current fiscal year in the case of a newly launched fund. It does not include any fee waivers or reimbursements, which would be reflected in the fund's net expense ratio.

## **Performance Review**

For the quarter, the fund's Retail Class shares gained 17.98%, handily topping the 10.56% advance of the benchmark S&P 500° index. Large-cap stocks achieved their best start to a new year since 2019, driven by resilient corporate profits, a frenzy over generative artificial intelligence and the Federal Reserve's likely pivot to cutting interest rates later this year. Amid this favorable backdrop for higher-risk assets, the index continued its late-2023 momentum and ended March at its all-time high. We remained focused on fastgrowing, "best of breed" firms, leading to favorable performance versus the benchmark, both this quarter and in the long term.

Growth stocks led the broad Q1 rally, with all but one of 11 market sectors advancing. The U.S. economy and corporate earnings exhibited signs of broadening stabilization. Although core U.S. inflation remained elevated and investors dialed back their expectation for the pace and magnitude of expected rate cuts, investors remained largely optimistic that the Fed would soon shift to easing after a historic hiking cycle from March 2022 to July 2023.

That sentiment was evident in January, when the index gained 1.68%, and grew even stronger amid widespread optimism the central bank would bring down inflation to its target of 2% without inflicting too much damage to the economy, pulling off a "soft landing." Sure enough, stocks gained 5.34% in February, boosted by strong corporate earnings. On March 20, the central bank held steady its benchmark federal funds rate and affirmed its projection to cut it three times this year, despite firmer-than-anticipated inflation in recent months. The index rose 3.22% for the month.

For the quarter, growth (+13%) shares within the S&P 500® topped value (+8%), while large-caps bested smaller-caps. By sector, excitement about high-growth megatrends, fanned by Al fervor, was reflected in the roughly 13% gain for information technology - led by Al-focused chipmaker Nvidia (+82%) and cloud-computing giant Microsoft (+12%) – as well as communication services (+16%), with Facebook parent Meta Platforms (+37%) a standout. Amazon.com, from the consumer discretionary sector, rose about 19%, but the dominance of the so-called Magnificent Seven faded with steep pullbacks in personal-electronics giant Apple (-11%) and electricvehicle maker Tesla (-29%), along with a lagging result from Google parent Alphabet (+8%).

## LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS VS. BENCHMARK

Holding	Market Segment		Relative Contribution (basis points)*
Meta Platforms, Inc. Class	Communication Services	11.99%	283
NVIDIA Corp.	Information Technology	1.42%	79
Apple, Inc.	Information Technology	-2.83%	68
Tesla, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-1.24%	67
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. Class A	Financials	7.01%	44

<sup>\* 1</sup> basis point = 0.01%.

Active management meaningfully contributed in Q1, with especially strong security selection in these three growth segments. Media & entertainment stocks within communication services helped most versus the benchmark, led by a sizable overweight in Meta Platforms. On February 1, the firm reported better-than-expected financial results, driven by its highest quarterly sales growth (+25%) in roughly two years. The company saw meaningful improvement in its digital advertising business and advancements in Al. Although Meta is classified as a media name, we see it as a leading, founderled tech firm with a healthy operating margin and free cash flow. Also, we believe its roughly 3 billion daily active users will prove more valuable than the market realizes. We held steady the fund's commitment to Meta, by far our top holding and overweight as of March 31.

In tech, an overweight in shares of Nvidia gained about 82% for the quarter. After years of investment in the development of chips and software for AI, Nvidia dominates the market for advanced graphics chips that are the lifeblood of new generative AI systems. In February, the firm reported financial results for the three months ending January 28 that far exceeded expectations - sales roughly tripled, and earnings surged about eightfold – and raised its forecast for its next fiscal quarter. Nvidia remained an outsized holding, as we expect its GPUs will continue to power the AI wave.

We made a good call in underweighting Apple (-11%), as shares fell beginning in early February even though the company announced quarterly financial results that were better than expected, including revenue growth for the first time since Q3 2022. Instead, impatient investors seemed to focus on when the firm would share specifics about its plan to capitalize on AI. We reduced our investment the past three months and Apple ended March as the fund's largest underweight. The firm has a valuable installed base, but we expect revenue and earnings to grow only by mid-single digits.

In a quarter when the fund widely outperformed the benchmark, detractors were fairly insignificant. An outsized stake in managed health care and insurance giant UnitedHealth Group returned -6% and hurt most. We lowered our position, but UnitedHealth was still a sizable holding and overweight as of March 31, based on its longterm track record of producing exceptional free cash flow.

Lastly, we'll note that the fund's modest position in cash detracted from relative performance in such a strong market.

## LARGEST DETRACTORS VS. BENCHMARK

Holding	Market Segment	Average Relative Weight	Contribution (basis points)*
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	Health Care	1.80%	-35
The Walt Disney Co.	Communication Services	-0.36%	-8
Broadcom, Inc.	Information Technology	-0.91%	-7
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Health Care	0.90%	-7
Micron Technology, Inc.	Information Technology	-0.24%	-7

<sup>\* 1</sup> basis point = 0.01%.

# **Outlook and Positioning**

The U.S. stock market begins April with favorable momentum amid easier financial conditions and a solid consumer backdrop. Many major economies, including the U.S., remained in the late-cycle expansion phase and registered hints of stabilization and even reacceleration in some areas, while some evidence of mid-cycle dynamics emerged.

Global disinflation trends continued, but progress remained uneven. In several developed countries, including the U.K., U.S. and eurozone, persistent pressure on core inflation was a factor in inflation remaining above central-bank targets. For the U.S., this implies the "last mile" of disinflation toward the Fed's target may be difficult without greater economic slowing. Global monetary tightening cycles appear over, but the pace and magnitude of easing is uncertain. Projections signal a shift toward meaningful policy loosening in 2024.

Nominal 10-year Treasury yields turned higher in Q1, finishing at 4.2%. Higher nominal yields were the result of both rising inflation expectations and higher real yields.

Labor markets continued to enjoy a relatively benign softening trend without a major rise in unemployment. Job openings dropped from peak and labor-force participation rates were high - a hint of disinflationary mid-cycle dynamics. Consumer spending was again supported by solid real wage growth, which continued amid a strong jobs market and ebbing inflation.

Corporate earnings contracted modestly in 2023, and investors expect a double-digit rebound for earnings growth in 2024 and beyond. After dropping from roughly a record high, profit margins stabilized toward the end of 2023, and investors expect them to expand this year.

MARKET-SEGMENT DIVERSIFICATION

				Relative Change
Market Segment	Portfolio Weight	Index Weight	Relative Weight	From Prior Quarter
Information				
Technology	24.93%	29.57%	-4.64%	-0.79%
Communication				
Services	21.29%	8.95%	12.34%	1.21%
Financials	16.10%	13.16%	2.94%	0.44%
Consumer				
Discretionary	11.20%	10.34%	0.86%	0.74%
Health Care	10.97%	12.42%	-1.45%	-0.76%
Industrials	6.48%	8.80%	-2.32%	0.14%
Energy	2.33%	3.95%	-1.62%	-1.12%
Materials	2.11%	2.37%	-0.26%	-0.08%
Consumer Staples	2.01%	5.97%	-3.96%	-0.14%
Utilities	0.42%	2.20%	-1.78%	0.24%
Real Estate	0.02%	2.28%	-2.26%	0.26%
Other	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

In managing the fund, we follow the investing tenet that a stock's price follows the actual and expected earnings per share of the underlying company over time. So, as the earnings outlook for the fund's holdings changed the past three months, we made only modest adjustments to the portfolio.

As the second quarter begins, the fund's position in communication services, which includes sizable commitments to Meta, Google parent Alphabet and video-streaming service provider Netflix, stood at about 21% and was the top sector overweight by a wide margin.

The fund's allocation to the financials sector was 16%, a meaningful overweight and essentially unchanged from year-end. Noteworthy holdings from the sector include Berkshire Hathaway, credit-card processor Visa and banking firm JPMorgan Chase, the latter of which we notably added to the past three months.

Tech represented 25% of assets at the end of March, making it the largest sector allocation. Here and among several tech-related holdings elsewhere, the fund is positioned to capitalize on generative AI, led by sizable stakes in Microsoft and Nvidia. We like Microsoft for its embrace of generative Al and its integration of Al software across its suite of business applications.

Historically, companies with higher-quality earnings and a larger market cap tend to outperform in a maturing cycle (late and recession). We believe the fund is well-positioned for this environment, based on its concentration in what we consider "best of breed" firms with a trustworthy and proven management team, a high free-cash-flow margin, and a solid growth outlook. We are pleased that executives have controlled expenses.

Looming concerns for stocks include the rising U.S. federal deficit, which could boost interest rates and force tax rates to rise in the long term, and the escalation of global geopolitical tension, which could increase supply-chain and commodity costs over time. ■

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Portfolio	Index
Valuation		
Price/Earnings Trailing	25.0x	24.8x
Price/Earnings (IBES 1-Year Forecast)	24.8x	21.2x
Price/Book	5.2x	4.8x
Price/Cash Flow	21.4x	18.1x
Return on Equity (5-Year Trailing)	18.4%	18.2%
Growth		
Sales/Share Growth 1-Year (Trailing)	17.0%	12.1%
Earnings/Share Growth 1-Year (Trailing)	85.3%	11.9%
Earnings/Share Growth 1-Year (IBES Forecast)	21.1%	13.9%
Earnings/Share Growth 5-Year (Trailing)	20.7%	17.4%
Size		
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$ Billions)	987.6	796.9
Weighted Median Market Cap (\$ Billions)	561.0	224.4
Median Market Cap (\$ Billions)	49.6	35.4

## LARGEST OVERWEIGHTS BY HOLDING

Holding	Market Segment	Relative Weight
Meta Platforms, Inc. Class A	Communication Services	12.35%
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. Class A	Financials	7.02%
Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	2.65%
Eli Lilly & Co.	Health Care	1.65%
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Health Care	1.65%

## LARGEST UNDERWEIGHTS BY HOLDING

Holding	Market Segment	Relative Weight
Apple, Inc.	Information Technology	-2.83%
Tesla, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-1.09%
Broadcom, Inc.	Information Technology	-0.90%
Procter & Gamble Co.	Consumer Staples	-0.87%
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	-0.86%

## 10 LARGEST HOLDINGS

Holding	Market Segment
Meta Platforms, Inc. Class A	Communication Services
Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. Class A	Financials
Microsoft Corp.	Information Technology
NVIDIA Corp.	Information Technology
Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary
Eli Lilly & Co.	Health Care
Apple, Inc.	Information Technology
Alphabet, Inc. Class A	Communication Services
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	Health Care
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Health Care
10 Largest Holdings as a % of Net Assets	55.44%
Total Number of Holdings	369

The 10 largest holdings are as of the end of the reporting period, and may not be representative of the fund's current or future investments. Holdings do not include money market investments.

# **ASSET ALLOCATION**

Asset Class	Portfolio Weight	Index Weight	Relative Weight	Relative Change From Prior Quarter
Domestic Equities	92.74%	99.34%	-6.60%	0.16%
International Equities	5.16%	0.66%	4.50%	0.02%
Developed Markets	4.27%	0.66%	3.61%	0.08%
Emerging Markets	0.89%	0.00%	0.89%	-0.06%
Tax-Advantaged Domiciles	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bonds	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Cash & Net Other Assets	2.10%	0.00%	2.10%	-0.18%

Net Other Assets can include fund receivables, fund payables, and offsets to other derivative positions, as well as certain assets that do not fall into any of the portfolio composition categories. Depending on the extent to which the fund invests in derivatives and the number of positions that are held for future settlement, Net Other Assets can be a negative number.

# 3-YEAR RISK/RETURN STATISTICS

	Portfolio	Index
Beta	1.03	1.00
Standard Deviation	19.14%	17.60%
Sharpe Ratio	0.52	0.50
Tracking Error	5.95%	
Information Ratio	0.20	
R-Squared	0.90	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tax-Advantaged Domiciles" represent countries whose tax policies may be favorable for company incorporation.

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#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

**Earnings-Per-Share Growth Trailing** measures the growth in reported earnings per share over trailing one- and five-year periods.

**Earnings-Per-Share Growth (IBES 1-Year Forecast)** measures the growth in reported earnings per share as estimated by Wall Street analysts.

**Median Market Cap** identifies the median market capitalization of the portfolio or benchmark as determined by the underlying security market caps.

**Price-to-Book (P/B) Ratio** is the ratio of a company's current share price to reported accumulated profits and capital.

**Price/Cash Flow** is the ratio of a company's current share price to its trailing 12-months cash flow per share.

**Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratio (IBES 1-Year Forecast)** is the ratio of a company's current share price to Wall Street analysts' estimates of earnings.

**Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratio Trailing** is the ratio of a company's current share price to its trailing 12-months earnings per share.

**Return on Equity (ROE) 5-Year Trailing** is the ratio of a company's last five years historical profitability to its shareholders' equity. Preferred stock is included as part of each company's net worth.

**Sales-Per-Share Growth** measures the growth in reported sales over the specified past time period.

**Weighted Average Market Cap** identifies the market capitalization of the average equity holding as determined by the dollars invested in the portfolio or benchmark.

**Weighted Median Market Cap** identifies the market capitalization of the median equity holding as determined by the dollars invested in the portfolio or benchmark.

#### IMPORTANT FUND INFORMATION

Relative positioning data presented in this commentary is based on the fund's primary benchmark (index) unless a secondary benchmark is provided to assess performance.

## **INDICES**

It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All indices represented are unmanaged. All indices include reinvestment of dividends and interest income unless otherwise noted.

**S&P 500 Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index of 500 common stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation to represent U.S. equity performance.

#### MARKET-SEGMENT WEIGHTS

Market-segment weights illustrate examples of sectors or industries in which the fund may invest, and may not be representative of the fund's current or future investments. They should not be construed or used as a recommendation for any sector or industry.

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## **RELATIVE WEIGHTS**

Relative weights represents the % of fund assets in a particular market segment, asset class or credit quality relative to the benchmark. A positive number represents an overweight, and a negative number is an underweight. The fund's benchmark is listed immediately under the fund name in the Performance Summary.

#### 3-YEAR RISK/RETURN STATISTICS

**Beta** is a measure of the volatility of a fund relative to its benchmark index. A beta greater (less) than 1 is more (less) volatile than the index.

**Information Ratio** measures a fund's active return (fund's average monthly return minus the benchmark's average monthly return) in relation to the volatility of its active returns.

**R-Squared** measures how a fund's performance correlates with a benchmark index's performance and shows what portion of it can be explained by the performance of the overall market/index. R-Squared ranges from 0, meaning no correlation, to 1, meaning perfect correlation. An R-Squared value of less than 0.5 indicates that annualized alpha and beta are not reliable performance statistics.

**Sharpe Ratio** is a measure of historical risk-adjusted performance. It is calculated by dividing the fund's excess returns (the fund's average annual return for the period minus the 3-month "risk free" return rate) and dividing it by the standard deviation of the fund's returns. The higher the ratio, the better the fund's return per unit of risk. The three month "risk free" rate used is the 90-day Treasury Bill rate.

Standard Deviation is a statistical measurement of the dispersion of a fund's return over a specified time period. Fidelity calculates standard deviations by comparing a fund's monthly returns to its average monthly return over a 36-month period, and then annualizes the number. Investors may examine historical standard deviation in conjunction with historical returns to decide whether a fund's volatility would have been acceptable given the returns it would have produced. A higher standard deviation indicates a wider dispersion of past returns and thus greater historical volatility. Standard deviation does not indicate how the fund actually performed, but merely indicates the volatility of its returns over time.

**Tracking Error** is the divergence between the price behavior of a position or a portfolio and the price behavior of a benchmark, creating an unexpected profit or loss.



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