

Investors & Friends of Ironvine-

We recently gathered with many of you at our 2024 Investor Day. The event was a good opportunity for us to reiterate our investment philosophy, provide an update on our business, and discuss a number of key investments. We were pleased with the wide-ranging conversation and have included a transcript of our remarks, along with the accompanying presentation slides as an attachment to this letter, beginning on page five.

In addition to resting well with the competitive positioning of the businesses we own, we're excited about the depth and breadth of research being done at Ironvine. The list of companies we're prepared to act quickly on with the right set of circumstances (i.e. lower prices) continues to grow. From airplane engines, junk yards, and HVAC distribution, to interconnect systems and semiconductor capital equipment, the work we're doing spans the physical and digital worlds across companies of all sizes. The common thread is that each is dominant and, in many cases, led by incredible capital allocators.

We can't always predict the events that shake loose good opportunities. HEICO, now our second largest investment, is a great example. We'd long followed the business, waiting patiently for the chance to commit significant capital, and were presented with a window of opportunity at the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020. With our diligence done, we moved quickly to establish a large position following a 45% two-week decline in the stock price. The combination of elevated expectations and negative surprises often creates unique opportunities for those prepared to act, and we're happy to say our axes remain sharp.

2024 has been a torrid year for U.S. equity markets, particularly for the handful of businesses the market has deemed to be early AI-winners. Most indicators suggest the economy is strong. Employment is high and GDP is growing, with consensus Wall Street estimates suggesting S&P 500 constituents will grow earnings at double digit rates during 2025 *and* 2026. As we survey the landscape, there are areas warranting a degree of caution. Deficit spending in our country is growing the Federal debt at a breakneck pace, with the annualized interest expense to service it having reached \$950 billion. The ten-year US Treasury hit a 15-month low of 3.65% after the Fed's first rate cut in September but has sold off roughly 60 bps in the six weeks since as the bond markets reflect concerns that a return to higher inflation may be inevitable. And we're heading into the final days of a contentious election season that has the potential to bring widespread change to the United States' posture in several key areas including foreign policy, taxation, and regulation. The last 75 years of market history indicates making wholesale changes to an investment strategy based on the outcome of an election is a fool's errand. As owners of individual businesses, we have our antennas heightened in the current environment. Our aim is to operate with equanimity and decisiveness when opportunity inevitably comes.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence.

The Ironvine Team November 1, 2024



Concentrated Equity

| | | | Annu | Cumulative | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | YTD 09/30/24 | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Inception 04/01/12 | Inception 04/01/12 |
| Ironvine Concentrated (net) | 10.72% | 23.71% | 3.44% | 12.13% | 9.83% | 11.40% | 285.42% |
| S&P 500 | 22.08% | 36.35% | 11.91% | 15.98% | 13.38% | 14.08% | 418.71% |
| Equities | 10.34% | 24.75% | 5.32% | 12.01% | 9.50% | 10.53% | 250.02% |
| Bonds | 4.06% | 10.98% | (2.72%) | (0.69%) | 1.52% | 1.62% | 22.28% |
| Cash | 4.08% | 5.52% | 3.57% | 2.33% | 1.63% | 1.32% | 17.74% |

Performance reflects the results of the Ironvine Concentrated Equity Composite. Index returns are shown on a total return basis which assumes the reinvestment of dividends and interest income. Equities represent the total return of the S&P 1500 equal-weighted index. Bonds represent the returns of the Bloomberg US Treasury index with 7-10 years to maturity. Cash represents the returns of the Bloomberg 1-3 month Treasury Bill index. Indices are unmanaged, do not incur fees or other expenses, and are generally not available for investment. See the Important Disclaimers at the end of this document for additional pertinent information.





Core Equity

| | | | Annualize d | Cumulative | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | YTD 09/30/24 | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | Inception 01/01/16 | Inception 01/01/16 |
| Ironvine Core (net) | 12.21% | 25.11% | 4.28% | 12.99% | 13.59% | 204.94% |
| S&P 500 | 22.08% | 36.35% | 11.91% | 15.98% | 14.62% | 229.92% |
| Equities | 10.34% | 24.75% | 5.32% | 12.01% | 10.80% | 145.47% |
| Bonds | 4.06% | 10.98% | (2.72%) | (0.69%) | 1.19% | 10.95% |
| Cash | 4.08% | 5.52% | 3.57% | 2.33% | 1.86% | 17.55% |

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Performance presented prior December 1, 2013 occurred while the Portfolio Management Team was affiliated with a prior firm and the Portfolio Management Team members were the only individual(s) responsible for selecting the securities to buy and sell. A review of the performance record for compliance with the portability requirements of the GIPS standards was completed by an independent accounting firm. The verification and performance examination report are available upon request.

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The firm's list of composite descriptions is available upon request. Effective 1/1/2017 Ironvine merged with Saddle Road Partners, LLC (Saddle Road). The surviving entity is Ironvine Capital Partners, LLC. For more information about any of the above contact Paul Penke at 402.916.1702 or <u>ppenke@ironvinecapital.com</u>. No part of this article may be reproduced in any form, or referred to in any other publication, without express written permission.

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