News In Brief

Portfolio Statistics as of 12/31/2024:

- **28** Equity investments
- 9.8% International equities
- Core portfolio average holding period 3-5 years

Top 5 Equity Investments:

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7.7% Costco

7.0% **Carpenter Technology**

Microsoft 6.7%

Booking Holdings 5.3%

36.0% Net Assets

Blue Point's Cumulative Return

Since its inception on 12/31/06, Blue Point's quarterly, time-weighted return net-of-fees is

589.51%. On a \$1,000,000 investment, the dollar value of Blue Point's Total Return net-of-fees is \$8,250,413 versus the \$5,906,509 Total Return of the S&P 500. The active manager value-add is \$2,343,904.

Time Weighted Return as of 12/31/24:

- 1 Year Blue Point TR 21.60%
- 1 Year S&P 500 TR 25.02%
- 3 Year Blue Point TR 17.32%
- 3 Year S&P 500 TR 29.29%
- 5 Year Blue Point TR 80.87%
- 5 Year S&P 500 TR 97.02%

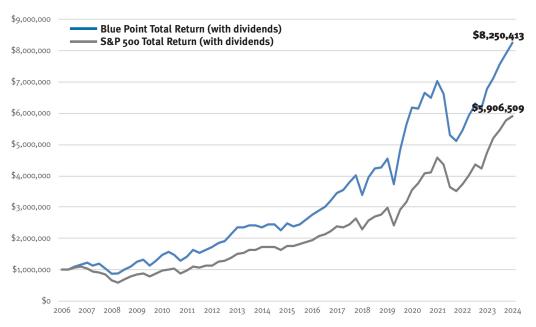
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Performance Summary

During the fourth quarter, Blue Point's model portfolio, applied to separately managed accounts, returned 4.50% net-of-fees. The Total Return of the S&P 500, which includes dividends, was 2.41%. Blue Point's active management outperformed the benchmark by 2.09%. During 2024, Blue Point returned 21.60% net of fees, while the Total Return of the S&P 500 was 25.02%. During 2024, Blue Point underperformed the benchmark by -3.42%, while maintaining cash levels of 15.17% prior to the U.S. Presidential election.



Graph footnote: Total Return (TR), includes the reinvestment of dividends.

Disclosures: Performance of the separate accounts can differ substantially from the performance of Blue Point's model portfolio due to timing of entry, whether account is taxable or non-taxable, and the timing of withdrawals. Returns include accrued income since 9/30/14. Past performan does not guarantee future results. The standard investment adviser fee schedule is 1.0% on the first \$3 million, 0.85% on the next \$7 million, o.75% thereafter. There is no stated account minimum, but the relationship needs to be mutually beneficial. The investment adviser fees are negotiable and may be waived. Blue Point Investment Management, LLC, is a Maryland registered investment adviser. To receive a copy of Blue Point's ADV Part 2, call 443-600-8050.

Market Outlook

- Policy Uncertainties Following President Trump's inauguration, dramatic policy changes are expected that will unnerve the markets due to the speed of the changes and the breath of the policy changes. The expectation is that it will be very much like a roller coaster going from o to 60. There is a strong possibility that abrupt sell offs in potentially impacted companies will create investment opportunities.
- ▶ Rationalized Energy Policy The U.S. needs to increase baseload power production to meet the increasing power consumption needs of electric vehicles, electronic devices, and AI data centers. Wind and solar can only produce intermittent energy. Power grids require the stable, cleaner energy that natural gas can offer.
- **▶ Higher Borrowing Costs** A higher 10-year Treasury rate is indicative of higher borrowing costs for governments, businesses, and home buyers. Dramatically higher interest expenses are limiting investment opportunities.
- **Deregulation and Efficiency** A hallmark of American capitalism is creative destruction. We invent new ways to do things better. Productivity gains from this disruptive improvement elevates living standards and creates new opportunities. Government regulations and agencies have been largely exempted from efficiency reviews. Once created they just exist and fail to adapt to changes in technology. The potential to improve U.S. GDP growth through regulation reduction is real.

A Global Perspective

Blue Point Investment Management offers equity-oriented growth with a global perspective. The investment discipline seeks Growth at a Reasonable Price. Each client account is managed separately.

The Growth At a Reasonable Price (GARP) investment strategy is a blend of active growth and value investing. As a rule, value investors focus on the price of the security, the numerator of the P/E ratio, while growth investors focus on earnings offered by the security, the denominator of the P/E ratio. GARP represents a blended approach and is often referred to as a market-oriented investment strategy.

Blue Point identifies sustainable, long-term trends through macro-economic research. From there, Blue Point uses fundamental research to identify and invest in companies that stand to benefit from favorable trends. Investments are geared towards long-term value creation while preserving capital.

Blue Point seeks equity-oriented growth while actively managing the downside risk. Under normal circumstances, Blue Point invests at least 60% of its net assets in domestic U.S. securities. This global approach offers significant investment opportunities here and abroad. In times of market crisis,

adjustments to portfolio holdings will be made that best serve the preservation of capital while seizing investment opportunities. Cash is used as an asset class in portfolio construction.

Each separately managed account stays in the client's name providing complete transparency. Blue Point receives no commission or compensation that would create a conflict of interest. To further ensure the alignment of interests, Blue Point's portfolio manager invests in the same Blue Point model portfolio as clients.

Blue Point's Eighteen Year Performance

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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| Blue Point Total Return net of fees | 23.04% | -28.78% | 44.08% | 17.26% | -4.55% | 21.69% | 37.05% | 0.12% | 5.27% | 11.21% | 25.51% | -2.42% | 34.84% | 35.27% | 13.98% | -22.53% | 24.53% | 21.60% |
| S&P 500 Total Return | 5.49% | -37.00% | 26.46% | 15.06% | 2.11% | 16.00% | 32.39% | 13.69% | 1.38% | 11.96% | 21.83% | -4.38% | 31.49% | 18.40% | 28.71% | -18.11% | 26.29% | 25.02% |
| Blue Point vs. Benchmark | 17.55% | 8.22% | 17.62% | 2.20% | -6.66% | 5.69% | 4.66% | -13.57% | 3.89% | -0.75% | 3.67% | 1.96% | 3.36% | 16.87% | -14.73% | -4.42% | -1.76% | -3.42% |



The Manager's Corner

PORTFOLIO MANAGER:

Niall H. O'Malley (pictured) is the founder and Managing Director of **Blue Point Investment** Management, which manages accounts on a separate account basis. Niall has an MBA from George Washington University in Finance and Investments with minors in Business Law and Taxation. All of these activities build on strong professional experience working for buy-side firms, consulting, and over seven years with a top-ten U.S. commercial bank. Prior to starting Blue Point, Niall was a Vice President of Credit & Risk Management at SunTrust Bank.

He passed Level II of the Chartered Financial Analyst examination in 2005, and holds the Series 65 License from FINRA.

Niall regularly speaks to CFA Society, university and investment groups. He served on the Board and the Program Committee of the CFA Society Baltimore for 13 years, and now serves on the Society's Advisory Board. Niall served as President of the CFA Society Baltimore from 2009-2010, and founded the Baltimore Business Review. He served as Co-Editor of the Baltimore Business Review for eight years, while being a contributor. Niall has

taught Investments and Equity Security Analysis as an Adjunct Professor at Towson University, College of Business and Economics.

EQUITY RESEARCH INTERNS

Anthony Lennon is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Business Analytics at Towson University.

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Additional Information is available at www.bluepointim.us

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