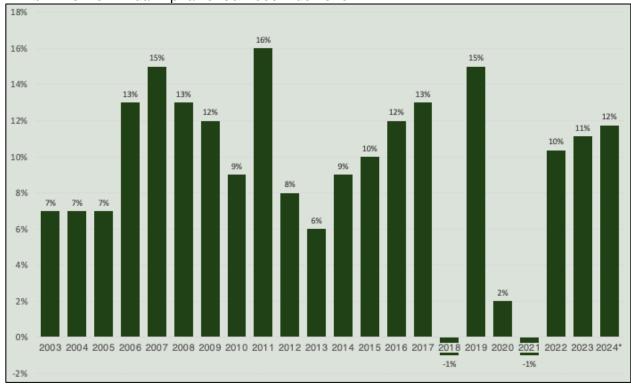


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## OWS HISTORICAL & YTD PERFORMANCE: 2003 - 2024 YTD

In Exhibits 1 and 2 below we provide historical and 2024 YTD performance of an equal weighted OWS short portfolio versus the S&P 500 Index short.

Exhibit 1: OWS Annual Alpha vs. S&P 500 Index Short



Source: Bloomberg, OWS

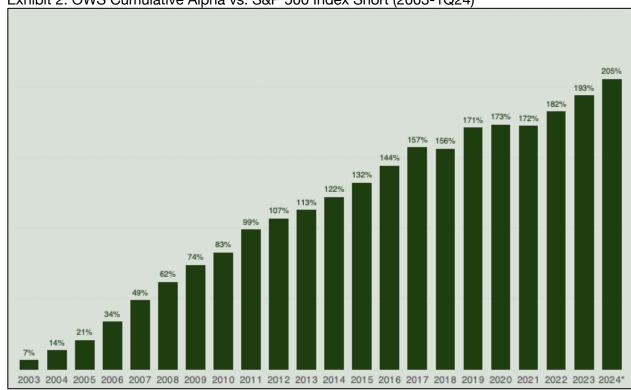


Exhibit 2: OWS Cumulative Alpha vs. S&P 500 Index Short (2003-1Q24)

Source: Bloomberg, OWS. \*2024 YTD

## OWS QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE & COMMENTARY: 1Q24

Market strength continued in 1Q24 despite signs that the Fed might not ease as quickly and as often in 2024 as investors had anticipated at the end of 2023. All continued to be a theme driving markets. NVDA, VRT and SMCI were some of the strongest performers in the 1Q24, up 82%, 70% and 255%, respectively. The S&P 500 index rose 10.2% in the quarter while the Nasdaq increased by 9.1%.

OWS's short recommendations performed well in 1Q24, even though some of our names got caught up in the Al craze. An equal-weighted basket of OWS short ideas was up 3.8% in the quarter. On a relative basis, the performance was even better, and an equal-weighted basket of OWS short ideas beat the inverse of the S&P 500 index by 11.7 percentage points.

Alternative energy hype story was the best performer in the quarter, and was down 46.2% in the quarter before we closed it on

January 18. Shares were down 73.7% from initiation on June 25, 2023, to close. Such outcomes showcase OWS's ability to select stocks with weak underlying businesses, although the results are not always as good.

In 1Q24, OWS initiated three short recommendations We closed four short ideas,

Although our primary focus will always remain on the short side, we will continue to publish a handful of long ideas each year. In 1Q24, there were no long initiations. Currently, there are two names in the OWS long portfolio, An equal-weighted basket of these OWS long ideas was down 13.4% in 1Q24, and trailed the S&P 500 index by 23.6 percentage points.

At the end of 1Q24, OWS had 18 short recommendations and 2 long recommendations outstanding.

OWS Notes details our work on names we worked on, but did not publish. We hope that our commentary speeds up the research process for clients who wish to investigate these names. In 1Q24, we wrote 9 OWS Notes:

In Exhibits 3 and 4 below, we list our short and long ideas as of December 29, with associated performance data.





Source: Bloomberg, Google Finance, OWS

Exhibit 4: OWS Long Ideas Quarterly Performance for 1Q24 (ended March 28, 2024)

Source: Bloomberg, Google Finance, OWS

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"Competition" is when your returns are getting competed down by other players, but the business remains essentially the same. Most competition stories are about new players either coming in via a new channel [e-commerce], having a better mousetrap, or simply catching onto and copying whatever it was that generated the excess returns for the company in question.

"Structural" is when the playing field itself is changing. You're shackled to an obsolete technology. The end market is going away because people are doing something else now.

"Misunderstood Business" is when the business model is not what people think it is. Examples are accounting fraud, misrepresentation (such as organic growth figures with rollups), or broken business models being touted as something else.

"Cyclical" is when investors extrapolate cyclical strength too far into the future.

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