

# Strategy Overview - Fourth Quarter 2023

## Small Cap Focus Strategy

### Investment Philosophy

We seek to help our clients meet their long-term investment objectives and to outperform for our clients by investing in small companies that can become large companies. We buy them when we believe management skill, competitive position, and potential to create long-term shareholder value is not fully reflected in the share price.

**Inception Date:** December 31, 2018

**Portfolio Manager:** Christopher Faber

### Investment Approach

- Under normal circumstances, the Small Cap Focus Strategy (the "Strategy") invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities of companies with small market capitalizations (less than or equal to the largest market capitalization of any company in the Russell 2000 index at the time of purchase)
- The Strategy seeks to invest in high-quality companies by employing our proprietary value creation and qualitative analysis to identify investment opportunities
- The Strategy seeks to maintain a concentrated portfolio of approximately 40 securities

Performance	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (12/31/2018)
<b>Small Cap Focus Composite</b> (net of IM fees)	+11.38%	+19.85%	+19.85%	+5.66%	+13.55%	+13.55%
<b>Small Cap Focus Composite</b> (net of IM & WM fees)	+11.13%	+18.72%	+18.72%	+4.63%	+12.44%	+12.44%
<b>Russell 2000<sup>*</sup> Index</b>	+14.03%	+16.93%	+16.93%	+2.22%	+9.97%	+9.97%

Strategy Profile	Top 10 Holdings	Weighting	GICS Sectors	Weighting
Assets <b>\$374.1 million</b>	<b>Monolithic Power Systems Inc.</b>	5.72%	<b>Industrials</b>	20.98%
Total Number of Holdings <b>39</b>	<b>Watsco Inc.</b>	4.72%	<b>Information Technology</b>	14.27%
Assets in Top 10 Holdings <b>43.64%</b>	<b>Fair Isaac Corp.</b>	4.63%	<b>Financials</b>	13.51%
Weighted Avg. Market Cap <b>10,860</b>	<b>Curtiss-Wright Corp.</b>	4.58%	<b>Materials</b>	11.81%
Expected Turnover <b>20 - 30%</b>	<b>Kadant Inc.</b>	4.28%	<b>Health Care</b>	11.57%
Active Share <b>98.09%</b>	<b>Eagle Materials Inc.</b>	4.22%	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	11.33%
	<b>EastGroup Properties Inc.</b>	4.04%	<b>Real Estate</b>	6.76%
	<b>West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.</b>	3.93%	<b>Energy</b>	5.73%
	<b>Carpenter Technology Corp.</b>	3.86%	<b>Utilities</b>	2.52%
	<b>Pool Corp.</b>	3.67%	<b>Consumer Staples</b>	1.52%
			<b>Communication Services</b>	0.00%

Source: RMB Asset Management, FactSet. Performance for periods longer than one year is annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results, and there is a risk of loss of all or part of your investment. Data and position weightings are based on a representative account as of December 31, 2023 and are subject to change. Please see the GIPS report and important disclosures on the back of this presentation. Actual client holdings may vary. Investment management (IM) fees are charged for managed investment accounts, is intended to compensate the portfolio managers for their time and expertise for selecting investments and managing the specific strategy as well as other items, such as investor relations expenses and the administration costs. Wealth management (WM) fees are charged to cover the construction and management of a portfolio and the holistic wealth management services that a client has chosen beyond their investments including, but are not limited to, estate planning, tax strategies (and related services), risk management, financial planning, retirement planning, investment advice, and insurance/banking oversight services. These fees vary by client and for this presentation the highest possible wealth management fees has been applied in these calculations.

While "high-quality" has no single, strict industry definition, we define high-quality stocks as those that we believe offer more reliability and less risk based on a set of clearly defined fundamental criteria including hard criteria (e.g., balance sheet stability, operating efficiency, enterprise life cycle) and soft criteria (e.g., management credibility). We define well-managed companies as those that intentionally grow assets when their economic return on capital is above the cost of capital, are willing to shrink assets when economic return is below the cost of capital, and actively seek to improve economic return when it is approximately equal to the cost of capital.

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## RMB Asset Management

Small Cap Focus Composite // GIPS Report

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**Description** | The Small Cap Focus Strategy reflects the performance of fully discretionary equity accounts, which have an investment objective of long-term growth using a portfolio of primarily small-cap stocks and for comparison purposes is measured against the Russell 2000® index. The Strategy seeks to maintain a concentrated portfolio of approximately 40 securities. The inception date of the Small Cap Focus Composite is December 31, 2018 and the Composite was created on December 31, 2018. The composite includes small cap equity portfolios invested in undervalued companies as suggested by RMB Capital's proprietary economic return framework, with relatively small market capitalizations (generally under \$2.5 billion at the time of initial purchase) and with both growth and value attributes. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO STATED BENCHMARK

Year End	Composite Assets			Annual Performance Results						
	Total Firm Assets as of 12/31 (\$M)	USD (\$M)	# of Accounts Managed	Composite Gross-of-Fees (%)	Composite Net-of-Fees (%)	Russell 2000® (%)	Composite 3-YR ST DEV (%)	Russell 2000® 3-YR ST DEV (%)	% Non-Fee Paying Assets (%)	Composite Dispersion (%)
2022	5,228.7	279.22	670	-22.46	-22.97	-20.44	23.30	26.02	0.78	0.94
2021	6,277.6	309.86	528	28.55	27.78	14.82	19.80	23.35	0.00	0.99
2020	5,240.6	207.48	388	23.35	21.68	19.96	N/A	N/A	0.00	2.24
2019	4,947.9	97.96	253	32.23	31.57	25.52	N/A	N/A	1.21	0.79

\* Composite dispersion is reported as N/A when the information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

**Fees** | The standard management fee is 0.750% of assets on the first \$2.0 million, 0.700% on the next \$2.0 - \$5.0 million, 0.650% on the next \$5.0 million, 0.600% on the next \$10.0 - \$20.0 million, and 0.550% over \$20.0 million. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. Composite performance is presented on a gross-of-fees and net-of-fees basis and includes the reinvestment of all income. The net returns are reduced by all actual fees and transactions costs incurred. The annual composite dispersion is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the Composite the entire year. Risk measures presented are calculated using gross-of-fees performance. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

**Minimum Value Threshold** | There is no account minimum in the Small Cap Focus Composite.

**Comparison with Market Indices** | RMB compares its Composite returns to a variety of market indices. These indices represent unmanaged portfolios whose characteristics differ from the Composite portfolios; however, they tend to represent the investment environment existing during the time period shown. The returns of the indices do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs. Benchmark returns presented are not covered by the report of independent verifiers. The benchmark for the Small Cap Focus composite is the Russell 2000® Index, which for comparison purposes is fully invested and includes the reinvestment of income. The Russell 2000® is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index, representing about 8% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2000® index is an unmanaged index that is designed to measure the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The index does not reflect investment management fees, brokerage commissions, or other expenses associated with investing in equity securities. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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