

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

During the fourth quarter, the strategy trailed the Russell 2000 Value Index by 0.04%, returning 15.22% before fees (14.97% net of fees) versus the Russell 2000 Value Index's 15.26% return.

A Russell sector attribution analysis reveals approximately 99% of the index-relative performance was generated from security selection, in line with expectations given the strategy's sector, beta, and market-cap neutrality to the index. The strategy's security selection focus is driven by the factors underlying the portfolio's 15 sector-specific, multi-factor models.

FACTOR ANALYSIS



4Q'23 performance was generally in line with expectations, given relatively neutral factor information coefficients (IC's) during a very strong quarter for the index. Factor dispersion across groups was relatively low in Q4, masking a large shift from high-quality to low-quality stocks during the quarter. In October, high-quality stocks with low volatility (top factor), higher profitability and strong momentum outperformed, driving portfolio outperformance. A shift occurred in November and December with lower quality stocks (unprofitable, negative growth rates, high leverage) outperforming as the market surged, producing negative average IC's and excess returns.

Green=Positive, Blue=Neutral, Gray=Negative.

Resulting from Factor-Based Attribution of Index Constituents.

Source: FactSet, Ziegler Capital Management

STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Benchmark: Russell 2000 Value

Inception Date: October 1, 2005

STRATEGY SUMMARY

We believe significant alpha generation opportunities in the small cap value segment of the market can be identified through a systematic, risk controlled and repeatable process. We focus on security selection, limiting undesired tracking error, and positioning the portfolio optimally regardless of the type of market and economic environment. The strategy seeks to generate alpha utilizing 15 proprietary sector-specific, multi-factor models, each with a diverse, lower-correlated set of underlying factors. Stock-specific risks are identified through a qualitative risk assessment process. The strategy is effectively sector, beta, and market-cap neutral to the benchmark and diversified across 90+ stocks (2% max per position) with exposure to all major industries. Asset allocation, sector/industry rotation and market timing are not utilized.

PERFORMANCE*

	MOST RECENT QUARTER	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
Gross	15.22%	17.38%	12.16%	11.19%	8.23%
Net	14.97%	16.34%	11.16%	10.19%	7.27%
Benchmark	15.26%	14.65%	7.94%	10.00%	6.76%

Source - Bloomberg and ZCM

*Estimated, Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

As of December 31, 2023. All benchmark returns presented are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. Actual investment performance will vary due to fees and expenses. Investment performance reflects the reinvestment of dividends and other income. Gross-of-fees performance is shown net of trading expenses. Net of fees performance is shown net of a model investment management fee that is equal to the highest fee charged to the intended audience. For comparison purposes, the benchmarks include the reinvestment of income. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect fees and expenses, and are not available for direct investment. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



Piermont Small Cap Value: Characteristics

TOP TEN HOLDINGS BY WEIGHT

	TICKER	PERCENT WEIGHT
Evercore Inc.	EVR	1.59
M/I Homes Inc.	MHO	1.52
Patrick Industries, Inc.	PATK	1.47
BridgeBio Pharma, Inc.	BBIO	1.45
Mueller Industries, Inc.	MLI	1.44
Mr. Cooper Group Inc.	COOP	1.39
Hancock Whitney Corp.	HWC	1.38
Taylor Morrison Home Corp.	TMHC	1.38
Cousins Properties Inc.	CUZ	1.37
Gulfport Energy Corp.	GPOR	1.36

CHARACTERISTICS

GENERAL MEASURES	ZCM	BENCHMARK
Number Of Stocks In Portfolio	97	1,432
Dividend Yield (%)	2.0	2.2
Price/Earnings Ratio (12-Month Trailing)	8.7	11.4
Price/Book Ratio	1.4	1.3
Price/Sales Ratio	0.9	0.9
Weighted Average Market Cap. (\$ Mil)	2,554	2,763
Typical Annual Turnover Range (%)	60-80	—

RUSSELL SECTOR WEIGHTS

	ZCM	BENCHMARK	DIFFERENCE
Basic Materials	4.10%	4.22%	-0.12%
Consumer Discretionary	14.35%	13.76%	0.59%
Consumer Staples	2.38%	2.19%	0.19%
Energy	9.15%	9.37%	-0.22%
Financials	25.49%	26.10%	-0.61%
Health Care	8.82%	8.68%	0.14%
Industrials	14.35%	14.42%	-0.07%
Real Estate	10.52%	10.80%	-0.28%
Technology	5.50%	5.50%	0.00%
Telecommunications	1.10%	1.11%	-0.01%
Utilities	3.70%	3.84%	-0.14%
Cash	0.55%	0.00%	0.55%

As of December 31, 2023. *Price/Earnings ratios exclude stocks with zero or negative earnings. Data Source: FactSet | Past performance does not guarantee future results. The benchmarks are unmanaged and unavailable for direct investment. Holdings are subject to change and are as of the date indicated. These holdings should not be considered a recommendation to purchase, hold, or sell any particular security. There is no assurance that any of the securities noted will remain in the portfolio at the time you receive this presentation. It should not be assumed that any of the holdings discussed were, or will prove to be profitable, or that the investment recommendations or decisions we make in the future will be profitable. A complete list of all recommendations made by the firm is available upon request. Portfolio characteristics are shown for a model portfolio of the referenced investment strategy and do not reflect an actual active, managed account. Portfolio characteristics may vary among actual accounts invested in the same investment strategy. ZCM believes the model portfolio closely resembles its intended strategy. Portfolio holdings and allocations are subject to change at any time without notice.



Year-End	Gross-of-Fees Return	Net-of-Fees Return	Benchmark Return	Composite 3 Yr. Ex Post Std. Dev.	Benchmark 3 Yr. Ex Post Std. Dev.	Composite Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion	Composite Assets (USD millions)	Strategy Assets (USD millions)	Firm AUM (USD millions)	Firm AUA (USD millions)
2013	37.4%	36.2%	34.5%	16.5%	16.1%	11	0.1%	\$158	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2014	7.5%	6.5%	4.2%	12.6%	13.0%	15	0.1%	\$219	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2015	-5.1%	-6.0%	-7.5%	13.4%	13.7%	15	0.2%	\$224	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2016	27.9%	26.8%	31.7%	15.0%	15.7%	11	0.3%	\$252	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2017	10.7%	9.7%	7.8%	14.0%	14.2%	7	0.2%	\$190	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2018	-10.1%	-10.9%	-12.9%	15.3%	16.0%	7	0.3%	\$166	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2019	23.2%	22.1%	22.4%	15.6%	15.9%	7	N.A.	\$127	\$177	\$10,693	\$2,112
2020	-2.2%	-3.1%	4.6%	25.6%	26.5%	8	N.A.	\$119	\$124	\$8,238	\$2,118
2021	34.2%	33.1%	28.3%	25.1%	25.4%	<6	N.A.	\$103	\$132	\$8,035	\$2,293
2022	-10.5%	-11.3%	-14.5%	27.4%	27.7%	<6	N.A.	\$20	\$94	\$6,383	\$1,734

Ziegler Capital Management, LLC, doing business as ZCM, claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. ZCM has been independently verified for the periods 01/01/01-12/31/22. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Piermont Small Cap Value composite has had a performance examination for the periods 04/01/19-12/31/22. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. The performance shown from 01/01/07 to 03/31/19 is the performance record while at Piermont Capital Management, Inc (PCM). PCM was independently verified from 10/01/05 till 12/31/18. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

ZCM is a registered investment advisor that became a majority owned indirect subsidiary of 1251 Capital Group, Inc. that they acquired from Stifel Financial on March 27, 2020. ZCM was formed in 1991 and has grown significantly through strategic business combinations. Through these combinations, we have expanded our investment strategy offerings and broadened our portfolio management teams to best serve our expanding client base. ZCM's CEO changed in May 2021, and in February of 2023. Please refer to the firm's ADV Part 2 for additional disclosures regarding the firm and its practices. ZCM's definition of the firm used to determine the total firm assets and firm-wide compliance includes all fee-paying and non-fee-paying discretionary and non-discretionary assets under management, including accrued income, in all strategies. Assets under Advisement ("AUA"), in the form of model portfolios provided to other financial institutions, are excluded from our definition of the firm and are provided as supplemental information. Returns are calculated in U.S. dollars and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. A list of broad distribution and limited distribution pooled funds is available upon request. To obtain a GIPS report or a list of our composite descriptions and/or policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports, please call (312) 368-1442 or send an e-mail to letters@zieglercap.com.

Composite and Benchmark Description: The Piermont Small Cap Value strategy invests primarily in U.S.-based, small company equity securities. Maximum individual position size is limited to no more than 3% of the total portfolio by market value. The strategy seeks long-term growth of capital. Dividend income is generally not a consideration of this strategy. Smaller company equity securities can carry increased level of risk and are less liquid than larger company equity securities. The benchmark is the Russell 2000 Value Index. The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of the small-cap value segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with relatively lower price-to-book ratios, lower I/B/E.S. forecast medium term (2 year) growth and lower sales per share historical. The composite contains fully discretionary small cap value equity accounts only.

Minimum Account Size: No minimum

Composite Creation and Inception Date: The Piermont Small Cap Value composite creation date is March 29, 2019. Prior returns reflect the performance of Piermont Capital Management, Inc. ("PCM"). The composite inception date is October 1, 2005.

Significant Cash Flow Policy: Beginning 03/31/2019, accounts with significant cash flows are removed from the composite. Cash flows of 10% or greater are considered significant.

Internal Dispersion: The internal dispersion is measured by the asset-weighted standard deviation across asset-weighted portfolio returns represented within the composite for the period. If there are less than 6 portfolios in the composite for the entire year, the internal dispersion is not statistically meaningful and is presented as N.A. All risk measures are calculated using gross-of-fees returns.

Fees: Gross-of-fees returns are presented after trading expenses and before management fees. Net-of-fees returns are presented after the highest applicable management fee applied on a monthly basis. A client's actual return will be reduced by management fees. Fees are calculated separately for each portfolio, and therefore, performance may differ from one portfolio to another. The effect of fees and expenses on performance will vary with the relative size of the fee and account performance. For example, if \$10 million were invested and experienced a 10% compounded annual return for ten years, its ending dollar value, without giving effect to the deduction of the advisory fee, would be \$25,937,425. If an advisory fee of 0.90% of average net assets per year for the ten-year period were deducted, the annual total return would be 9.06% and the ending dollar value would be \$23,793,362. The composite results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and other earnings when appropriate, including accruals. (9) The fee schedule for Small Cap Value is as follows: 0.90% for the first \$25 million, 0.80% for the next \$25 million, and 0.70% on the remainder.

Other: Strategy assets include all portfolios in the PCM Small Cap Value strategy, even those portfolios that are excluded from the composites because of significant cash flows or for other reasons, and include non-wrap, wrap and UMA assets. This is presented as supplemental information. For all periods prior to October 2008, the composite is solely non-fee paying accounts.



This review is for institutional advisory clients of Ziegler Capital Management, LLC, doing business as ZCM. The strategy review often expresses opinions about the direction of market, investment sector and other trends. The opinions should not be considered predictions of future results. The information contained in this report is based on sources believed to be reliable, but is not guaranteed and not necessarily complete.

Information contained herein is for informational purposes only and is not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. Contribution to portfolio return is calculated by multiplying the total return for the security by its average weight in the portfolio. There is no assurance that any securities discussed herein will remain in an account's portfolio at the time you receive this report or that securities sold have not been repurchased. The securities discussed do not represent an account's entire portfolio and in the aggregate may represent only a small percentage of an account's portfolio holdings. A complete list of all holdings is available upon request. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities represented herein. Other factors may impact overall performance for different accounts including the execution and timing of trades and any wrap sponsor's policies.

All investments involve risk, including loss of principal, and there is no guarantee that investment objectives will be met. Equity securities are subject generally to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, among other factors to varying degrees. Equity securities may rise and decline in value due to both real and perceived market and economic factors as well as general industry conditions. Small capitalization stocks are likely to be more volatile in price and carry a higher risk of failure than large capitalization stocks. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect fees and expenses and are not available as direct investments.

The Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of the small-cap value segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with relatively lower price-to book ratios and forecasted earnings growth values.

NOT FDIC INSURED; NO BANK GUARANTEE; MAY LOSE VALUE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL: (312) 368-1442 | EMAIL: LETTERS@ZCM.COM | VISIT: WWW.ZCM.COM

WWW.ZCM.COM

