



as of December 31, 2020

## Small Cap Core Alpha Strategy

Combining Opportunity and Growth

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND STRATEGY

We believe that stock selection is the key to creating excess returns and fundamental research is the foundation for selecting those stocks. Our bottom-up approach to stock selection is driven by numerous management meetings and extensive research, leading us to uncover investment themes in the market. Once these themes are identified, we look horizontally at the competitors in the group and vertically at the suppliers and customers in the group to identify the companies we believe are best positioned to capitalize on the themes. Themes can be macro (energy, interest rates) or micro (flat panel screens, in the technology sector). Once we identify a theme, we search out the companies we think it will benefit. Only the companies that we believe have the best overall business models, management teams and valuations go into the portfolio.

### PORTFOLIO SELECTION CRITERIA

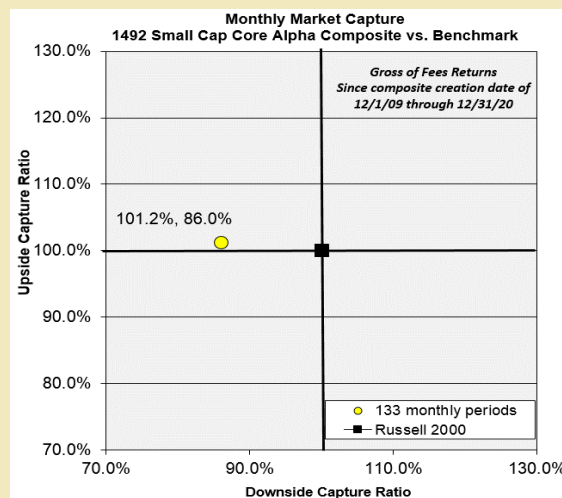
The Small Cap Core Alpha strategy is a portfolio combining approximately 25 to 35 stocks from our Small Cap Growth strategy and our Small Cap Value strategy. The selection process for the Core Alpha strategy, therefore, starts by selecting stocks from these portfolios that have what we believe are the best risk-to-reward metrics at the time of purchase.

Common elements of each stock in the portfolio include: a strong management team; a strong balance sheet; a catalyst or economic force that serves as a tailwind; an attractive valuation; and, a superior and defensible business model. Additionally, and specific to the growth company stocks, we look for potential 15% to 20% top and bottom line growth prospects over the next 12 to 18 months. Specific to the value company stocks, we look for dividend yield, an attractive buy point based on a 40% margin of safety and tangible assets both of which may serve to support the stock and protect capital during market downturns or if earnings become depressed.

Whether it's a growth or value company stock, our research process "triangulates" a target valuation. For growth company stocks, this process incorporates three components of information: earnings metrics; industry specific metrics; and, cash flow metrics. If the target valuation provides at least 35% upside, the stock is considered for inclusion in the portfolio. For value stocks, the balance sheet, cash flow statement and income statement are evaluated to find stocks with a 40% margin of safety.

### SELL DISCIPLINE

Our approach also incorporates a risk management process that includes an alert when a company exhibits fundamental deterioration and is not performing consistent with its peers and the overall market. Generally, we will sell a security when it reaches its target price, when we no longer believe it meets its investment criteria, or when a more attractive investment is discovered.



### Strategy Performance as of December 31, 2020 (U.S. Dollars)

\*\*Supplemental Information

Composite creation & Inception date: 12/1/09	QTD	1-Year	3-Year*	5-Year*	7-Year*	10-Year*	Since Inception*	Since Inception
Gross Return	27.38%	39.67%	13.04%	15.92%	8.69%	12.00%	16.88%	464.42%
Net Return	27.16%	38.65%	12.21%	15.05%	7.86%	11.08%	15.90%	413.69%
Russell 2000®	31.37%	19.96%	10.24%	13.25%	9.33%	11.19%	13.22%	296.36%
Net Excess Return	-4.22%	18.69%	1.97%	1.81%	-1.48%	-0.12%	2.68%	117.32%

\* Annualized Performance

Past performance does not guarantee future results. No investment firm, including 1492 Capital Management, guarantees gains or that loss may not occur from the strategies applied to manage portfolios. However, we are committed to minimizing downside risk by applying strategies that we believe will minimize that risk through diversification of investments determined to be consistent with each client's investment objective. \*\*Supplemental Information. This information supplements the 1492 Small Cap Core Alpha Strategy Composite GIPS Report on page 2 of this document.

### Portfolio Managers

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### Research Team

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### Investment Objective

The Small Cap Core Alpha strategy seeks capital appreciation by combining the most opportunistic stocks from the Small Cap Growth and the Small Cap Value strategies into a portfolio of approximately 25 to 35 stocks. The strategy focuses on the same bottom-up process of discovering themes, conducting fundamental research and utilizing a proprietary valuation approach.

### Investment Details

Market Segment:

Small Cap Core

Benchmark:

Russell 2000 @ Index

Account Minimum: \$250,000

### Portfolio Statistics

Market Capitalization:

In line with Russell 2000 Index

Approximately 25 to 35 holdings

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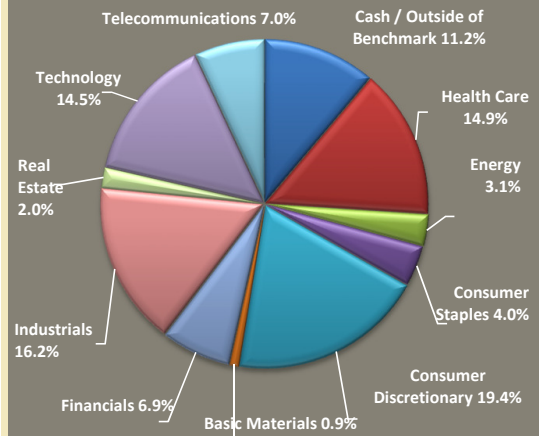
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Portfolio Characteristics*			Top 10 Equity Holdings*	
	Portfolio	Russell 2000® Index	Equity Holdings	%
# of Holdings	34	2,042	RingCentral, Inc. Cl A	7.1%
Wtd Avg Market Cap	\$6,847 million	\$3,227 million	Horizon Therapeutics Plc	6.0%
EV/Sales ('21)	2.6x	2.1x	Livent Corp.	4.4%
EV/EBITDA ('21)	15.7x	10.3x	Upland Software, Inc.	4.2%
Dividend Yield	1.5%	1.0%	The Buckle, Inc.	4.1%
Inside Ownership	13.8%	10.3%	NeoGenomics, Inc.	4.0%
			World Fuel Services Corp.	4.0%
			Copa Holdings, S.A. Cl A	3.8%
			Lovesac Company	3.6%
			Green Thumb Industries, Inc.	3.5%

**Portfolio Diversification\***


\*Supplemental Information. This information supplements the 1492 Small Cap Core Alpha Strategy Composite presentation below. The portfolio diversification presented above represents the weightings for the quarter. Source: 1492 Capital Management, LLC, FactSet.

**1492 Small Cap Core Alpha Strategy Composite Performance**

	Year	COMPOSITE RETURNS			BENCHMARK		COMPOSITE			% of Firm Assets	Firm Assets (MM)	% Non-Fee Paying Assets
		Gross	Net	3-Yr Std Dev (Gross)	Return %	3-Yr Std Dev	Accts at Yr End	Assets (MM)	Internal Dispersion			
		2020	39.67%	38.65%	26.63%	19.96%	25.27%	22	\$56.8			
2019	12.28%	11.44%	16.26%	25.53%	15.71%	24	\$48.3	0.07%				
2018	-7.86%	-8.53%	17.85%	-11.01%	15.79%	21	\$39.5	0.14%				
2017	19.02%	18.08%	15.60%	14.65%	13.91%	22	\$45.7	0.13%				
2016	21.84%	20.89%	17.03%	21.31%	15.76%	21	\$63.1	0.12%				
2015	-5.75%	-6.50%	13.81%	-4.41%	13.96%	17	\$57.0	0.00%				
2014	-9.21%	-9.95%	15.89%	4.89%	13.12%	17	\$56.9	0.00%				
2013	47.09%	45.63%	19.87%	38.82%	16.45%	8	\$24.6	0.00%				
2012	30.90%	29.61%	24.96%	16.35%	20.20%	4	\$13.3	0.06%				
2011	-9.96%	-10.73%		-4.18%		5	\$10.4	0.00%				
2010	65.22%	63.57%		26.85%		1	\$0.7	N/M				

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1492 Capital Management, LLC ("1492 Capital Management") is an independent investment management firm that is not affiliated with any parent organization and was established in September 2008. The firm began managing portfolios in December 2008. 1492 Capital Management manages primarily small cap equity assets in the Small Cap Core Alpha strategy.

The results shown are from fully discretionary accounts having 1492 Capital Management's Small Cap Core Alpha strategy applied to them. The Small Cap Core Alpha strategy is a portfolio focused on combining 25 to 35 stocks which have already been selected for either the Small Cap Growth or Small Cap Value strategies. The Small Cap Growth strategy acquires primarily domestic and foreign equities listed in the U.S. that will generally have a market capitalization in line with the Russell 2000 Index and have prospects for 15% to 20% top and bottom line growth over the next 12 to 18 months. The Small Cap Value strategy acquires primarily dividend paying domestic equity and foreign equities listed in the U.S. that will generally have a market capitalization in line with the Russell 2000 Index. The account minimum for the composite is \$100,000.

For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the Russell 2000® Index and due to the difference in the number of securities in the index compared with the strategy, volatility may be different.

Benchmark descriptions: The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000® Index is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership.

Returns are calculated on a total return, time-weighted basis. Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars. Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees but after all trading expenses. Net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting the management fee actually charged to the client portfolios. The management fee schedule for separate accounts in the Small Cap Core Alpha strategy is 1.25% of assets. Some clients may have lower fee schedules applied. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Clients having portfolios containing securities other than used in the calculations, and portfolios subject to different objectives, or to tax, client-imposed or other restrictions, would have had higher or lower returns than the actual performance shown.

Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request. A list of composite descriptions is available upon request.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year.

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period

Portfolios may be removed from the composite for the month if there is a significant cash flow. A significant cash flow is determined to be 10% of the market value of the portfolio preceding the cash flow event.

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Beginning in 2011, the composite for the Small Cap Core Alpha strategy excluded wrap accounts. By excluding the wrap accounts from that composite, certain returns during the year and for the entire year for the Small Cap Core Alpha strategy have been adjusted. The returns prior to the change in the composite were: 11.99%, -7.79%, -22.24%, 14.77%, and, -8.12% for the first quarter, second quarter, third quarter, fourth quarter, and year-to-date 2011, respectively.

The composite creation dates and inception dates for the Small Cap Core Alpha and Small Cap Dynamic Hedge strategies are 12/1/09 and 1/1/12, respectively.

The firm's 2010 composite returns for the Small Cap Core Alpha strategy were audited by Baker Tilly. An audit report is available upon request. The firm's 2011-2013 composite returns were verified by Cohen Audit Services, Ltd., and a report is available upon request.