Small-Cap Fundamental Value

QUARTERLY STRATEGY UPDATE

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COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE(%)

	COMPOSITE GROSS OF FEES	COMPOSITE NET OF FEES	RUSSELL 2000® VALUE INDEX
3 MOS.	4.64	4.44	2.05
1YR.	13.31	12.40	7.84
3 YR.	10.09	9.23	9.55
5 YR.	15.22	14.33	13.01
ITD (12/31/08)	17.11	16.02	13.34

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REP. ACCOUNT CHARACTERISTICS

		SMALL-CAP FUND. VALUE REP. ACCT	RUSSELL 2000® VALUE INDEX					
	Weighted Avg. Market Cap.	\$3.2 B	\$2.1 B					
	Weighted Median Market Cap.	\$2.0 B	\$1.8 B					
	Portfolio Turnover (3 Yr. Avg.)	29.5%						

REP. ACCOUNT TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

SECURITY	% PORTFOLIO
Albany International Corp. Cl A	4.7
Cash & Equivalents	4.2
Echostar Corp.	4.2
Linn Energy, Inc.	3.6
Forest City Realty Trust, Inc. Cl A	3.2
Primerica, Inc.	3.1
McGrath RentCorp	3.0
Nexstar Media Group, Inc.	3.0
Deltic Timber Corp.	2.8
Synovus Financial Corp.	2.7
TOTAL	34.5







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Review & Outlook

After a lackluster start in 2017, small-cap stocks rebounded during the last three or four months of the year. In particular, the rally was driven by both positive fundamental results within cyclical sectors, as well as the anticipation and eventual passage of the tax overhaul. Although small-cap value shares trailed both the broader markets and small-cap growth companies by a considerable margin, the strategy's benchmark, the Russell 2000° Value Index, did produce a 7.8% return for the year after a rebound from its lows in late August.

The strategy posted solid results for the quarter and for the year in absolute terms, and was comfortably ahead of its benchmark for both periods. The second and especially the fourth quarters were our strongest, while we were flat or up modestly in the other two quarters. While the strategy did experience a number of corporate actions, generally strong operating results across our industrial and energy holdings drove performance.

Both the year and quarter were marked by a fairly wide dispersion of returns among sectors, subsectors and their respective constituents. For the year, the health care sector was up over 30%, while the energy and telecom sectors were down 20% and 26%, respectively.

Our strategy's performance for the year was driven by results within the industrial sector, where a number of our larger positions posted excellent results during a strong cyclical recovery, and within the energy sector, where the weakness of many energy companies contrasted with the strong performance of the companies we own. **Albany International**, our largest position, appreciated nearly 35% for the year, as it continued to benefit from strong growth in LEAP engine production. **Kadant's** shares were up 65% for the year due to a combination of solid results from its core business and recent acquisitions, as well as a growing understanding of the size and profitability of its aftermarket parts business.

Consumer discretionary and telecom were our biggest detractors for the full-year period. Within consumer discretionary, **Core-Mark** suffered from a combination of lost rebids on several contracts, and challenges in achieving operating leverage on new business won. In general, our consumer discretionary investments failed to keep up with the sector's performance, especially within gaming and in retailing (the latter benefiting from strong year-end positive sentiment). Within the telecom sector, our investment in **ATN International** was materially impacted by the hurricanes that hit the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For the quarter, technology and industrials were the strongest contributors, while consumer discretionary and energy were the largest detractors. **Simpson Manufacturing** was up materially in the quarter on the announcement of a concrete plan to improve margins, working capital and ROIC. In addition, a number of our larger IT services businesses, including **Broadridge** and **DST**, benefited from multiple expansion. Conversely, **Casey's General Stores'** rural convenience store business was impacted by the slowdown in the farm economy. Finally, energy shares of exploration and production (E&P) companies rallied at the end of the quarter and outperformed our energy investments.

While there was a fair amount of merger and acquisition activity during the year, only a few transactions were of notable consequence. Early in the year, **Air Methods** announced its sale to private equity buyers. This had been in the works for some time. The premium it paid helped our health care investments keep pace with the dramatic rise of the sector during the year. In addition, **Deltic Timber**, after a thorough review of its options, announced that it was selling itself to a timber REIT. We were pleased with the valuation we received, but are also keenly interested in the equity of the acquiring company. A number of other announcements were related to smaller holdings in the portfolio, and generated solid, albeit relatively modest, impacts. Some of these positions were intentionally small, but one, **State National**, was simply small due to the timing of our initial investment and the subsequent run-up in the shares following a rumor of its sale.

We continue to focus on the implications of the recent changes to the tax code on the net income and cash flows of our portfolio companies. Based on our understanding of the legislation, as well as discussions with our portfolio companies' management teams, it is clear that after-tax net income and cash flows will rise. However, our management teams are still working through the impact of any offsets. Finally, we have to evaluate the revised results in the context of a significant expansion of valuations over the past 15 months. Given the opaque outcomes, we have not made any material changes to the portfolio due to the tax bill, but believe that our management teams should soon be in a position to give some guidance into what the short- and medium-term impacts will be.

Activity was relatively heavy at the end of the quarter. We made four new investments. After surveying the carnage within the retail space, we made an investment in one retailer, **DSW**, a 500-store footwear retailer. We also made an investment **in REX American Resources**, which operates some of the most efficient ethanol facilities in the country. Other investments included **Landmark Infrastructure Partners**, an MLP focused on cell towers, and **Consolidated-Tomoka Land Co.**, a C-corp that is liquidating its undeveloped land portfolio and converting to an REIT. We did receive shares through several M&A transactions that we either sold or are in the process of selling. Other than sales due to M&A transactions, the only investment we sold outright was **Carriage Services**, a funeral home business, due to valuation.

While valuations are high for the market overall, we are excited about our pipeline due to the wide dispersion of results throughout the year and the variation of valuations that this has created.

Sector Diversification

- The weighting within the consumer discretionary sector increased as we initiated a new position in DSW Inc.
- Our energy weighting saw an increase due to positive performance from Linn Energy. We also initiated a new position, REX American Resources.
- Our weighting in the telecom sector decreased as we sold our position in Hawaiian Telcom. We also trimmed our position in ATN International.

SECTOR	SMALL-CAP FUNDAMENTAL VALUE REP. ACCOUNT (%)	RUSSELL 2000® VALUE INDEX (%)	DIFFERENCE (%)	SMALL-CAP FUNDAMENTAL VALUE REP. ACCOUNT (%)		
	Q4 '17	Q4 '17	Q4 '17	Q3 '17	Q4 '16	
Consumer Discretionary	17.17	10.98	6.19	16.26	16.26	
Consumer Staples	1.07	2.73	-1.66	1.09	1.62	
Energy	5.87	6.06	-0.19	4.98	2.26	
Financials	27.89	30.40	-2.51	28.71	31.99	
Health Care	1.96	6.19	-4.23	1.91	3.11	
Industrials	19.28	12.79	6.48	19.36	13.71	
Information Technology	10.57	8.98	1.59	10.84	10.10	
Materials	5.95	4.49	1.46	6.06	7.57	
Real Estate	8.69	10.36	-1.67	8.85	9.73	
Telecommunication Services	1.00	0.50	0.50	1.31	3.24	
Utilities	0.56	6.52	-5.96	0.62	0.41	

Quarterly Attribution Detail by Sector

- We saw outperformance across a number of sectors during the fourth quarter.
- Industrials and information technology had the strongest relative performance, while consumer staples and energy had the weakest.

SECTOR		DAMENTAL VALUE		LL 2000 [®] E INDEX		TRIBUTION ANALYSIS	
	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	ALLOCATION EFFECT (%)	SELECTION AND INTERACTION EFFECT (%)	TOTAL EFFECT (%)
Consumer Discretionary	16.44	7.32	10.54	6.83	0.29	0.07	0.37
Consumer Staples	1.11	2.51	2.66	6.01	-0.06	-0.04	-0.10
Energy	5.39	3.10	5.58	6.26	0.05	-0.20	-0.15
Financials	28.52	2.97	30.98	0.77	0.05	0.59	0.64
Health Care	1.92	8.08	6.10	-0.19	0.10	0.15	0.26
Industrials	19.52	7.79	12.54	4.55	0.16	0.65	0.81
Information Technology	10.84	7.86	9.15	-0.24	-0.03	0.85	0.82
Materials	5.96	3.06	4.31	3.66	0.03	-0.03	-0.01
Real Estate	8.66	-1.68	10.84	-1.20	0.06	-0.05	0.01
Telecommunication Services	1.07	5.18	0.55	-7.39	-0.04	0.13	0.09
Utilities	0.57	-4.30	6.75	0.52	0.09	-0.03	0.06
Total	100.00	4.85	100.00	2.05	0.71	2.09	2.80

Quarterly Contribution to Return

- Primerica saw continued strength in the fourth quarter following reported earnings that exceeded consensus expectations.
- Nexstar rose on strong third-quarter reported results and expectations for continued improvement in core advertising growth in the fourth quarter. Since the close of the Media General acquisition in January, the company has repurchased \$100 million of stock and reduced its debt outstanding by more than \$100 million. In addition, in the fourth quarter, the FCC voted to reduce restrictions around local television ownership and initiated a Proposed Rulemaking proceeding to re-evaluate the national local television ownership cap of 39% reach of the U.S. population. Both regulatory developments benefit players with scale like Nexstar.
- Murphy USA shares had strong performance in the fourth quarter as fuel supply chain disruptions from the major hurricanes helped boost fuel margins for many convenience store chains, which more than offset any in-store weakness from lower traffic. Murphy also continues to benefit from high RIN prices that have been protected by new federal government mandates.
- Albany International was a top contributor to performance during the quarter due to position size (largest holding) as well its solid third-quarter earnings report. Albany reported third-quarter earnings that were well above investor expectations, and the company raised guidance for both of its divisions for the full year. The company's machine clothing business generated its best top-line growth rate in more than five years, and management said they will update the long-term targets to the engineered composites business on the next quarterly conference call.
- Simpson Manufacturing was a strong contributor to performance during the period after the company announced a new "2020 plan" with its third-quarter earnings release. The plan included sales, working capital, ROIC and margin targets that were well above the market's expectations. This was the first long-term guidance Simpson has given in some time, and while the targets are aggressive, we believe that they are achievable. Despite the move in the stock, we do not believe the market fully appreciates the potential earnings power at Simpson if the company is able to achieve these goals.
- Forest City was a detractor in the fourth quarter, along with other real estate names. The REIT sector underperformed the market with investors favoring growth-oriented sectors. From a fundamental perspective, Forest City continued to execute well on its strategic plan to sell its retail real estate assets, and consummated the closing of the first of its sales to joint venture partners QIC and Madison International at pricing in line with expectations. The core portfolio of office and multifamily assets performed well in the quarter, with net operating income (NOI) growth accelerating to a healthy 3.5%. Stepping back, Forest City was a solid performer for the full year, with a total return of 18%, outperforming REITs as well as the broader benchmark.
- MFA Financial was down during the quarter due to concern over the company's ability to profitably replace portfolio runoff as well as recent price weakness in its CRT portfolio.
- National Bank Holdings was under pressure following a third-quarter earnings release that saw EPS and loan growth fall below consensus expectations. Additionally, late in the quarter, the company announced that it was taking a valuation allowance against its deferred tax asset as a result of anticipated tax reform. This impact will result in an approximate 4% markdown to current tangible book value.
- Loral, which holds a majority stake in Telesat, declined in the fourth quarter on little news.
- Colony NorthStar saw weakness following a third-quarter earnings release that fell below consensus expectations. Additional management commentary prompted downward revisions to forward estimates.

	SMALL-CAP FUNDAMENTAL VALUE REP. ACCOUNT TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS								
TICKER	NAME	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%)					
PRI	Primerica, Inc.	3.11	24.78	0.69					
NXST	Nexstar Media Group, Inc. Class A	2.54	26.10	0.64					
MUSA	Murphy USA, Inc.	2.68	16.46	0.41					
AIN	Albany International Corp. Class A	5.11	7.35	0.39					
SSD	Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	2.48	17.56	0.36					
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FCE.A	Forest City Realty Trust Inc Class A	3.51	-4.98	-0.18					
MFA	MFA Financial, Inc.	2.18	-7.31	-0.17					
NBHC	National Bank Holdings Corporation Class A	1.77	-8.88	-0.17					
LORL	Loral Space & Communications Inc.	1.47	-11.01	-0.17					
CLNS	Colony NorthStar, Inc. Class A	2.25	-7.03	-0.16					

PortfolioActivity

- Consolidated-Tomoka Land is undergoing a shift in strategy from a land holding company to a triple-net-lease operator. We believe that the company is sitting on 8,100 acres of undeveloped land that, when accounting for recent contract pricing and expected sales proceeds, implies its underlying NNN lease portfolio is trading at an 8.8% implied cap rate, well above the approximate 6.8% average for publicly traded peers. Furthermore, proceeds from an accelerated land monetization plan laid out by management could be redeployed into income-producing properties that could more than double the NOI earned at the company, even at today's low cap rates. As the company transitions to a pure-play operator, we believe it will convert into an REIT structure.
- DSW is an off-price retailer of footwear and accessory brands that sells through over 500 retail stores and online. While the challenges of brick-and-mortar retail as well as the omnipresent threat of Amazon (Zappos) are well-known, we believe DSW presents a compelling investment opportunity. Although DSW's business has been impacted by secular retail issues, this is reflected in its low valuation (approximate 4x EBITDA), and we believe the business has shown early signs of stabilization in key metrics (same-store sales, profitability per square foot and inventory control). Further, the company has reduced store growth targets, almost entirely invested in the build-out of its omni-channel capabilities, and is now producing high levels of free cash flow (approximate 8% free-cash-flow yield). With a net cash position and a \$500 million share repurchase authorization on a \$1.7 billion market cap company, DSW's balance sheet and capital allocation policies are strong. The company also pays a quarterly dividend, which is yielding close to 4%. We believe the near-term scenario for the company is attractive; if early 2018 reports beat current consensus estimates, it could lead to a re-rating of DSW shares.
- Landmark Infrastructure Partners LP (LMRK) is an MLP that acquires and manages real property interests on land or structures underlying infrastructure in wireless communications (towers), outdoor advertising (billboards) and renewable power generation (utility-scale solar farms). We are buying an infrastructure-based MLP at a current yield of 8.4% that has growing cash flows from its existing asset base, which are long-lived leases with escalators supporting infrastructure that is critical to LMRK's customers' businesses. Additionally, LMRK's sponsor has an existing portfolio of assets, which LMRK will be able to purchase to grow its asset base and distribution.
- REX American Resources (REX) has ownership stakes in six leading ethanol production facilities in the Midwest. Despite the underlying volatility of the price of ethanol as well as its largest input prices (corn and natural gas), REX has been able to generate positive free cash flow every year since 2011. It has consistently shown that it has some of the most efficient, lowest-cost plants in the U.S., and the recent weakness in ethanol pricing gave us an opportunity to purchase these assets well below replacement cost. We think the outlook for ethanol remains favorable and should be supported by continued strength in the export market, as countries like China and India look to expand their biofuel mandates. We expect REX's free cash flow to accelerate in 2018 as the company completes its final capacity expansions at its two consolidated facilities. Capex should fall by 60% in 2018, and ethanol production should increase over 10% from 2016 levels. REX has a strong history of returning cash to shareholders, with total shares outstanding reduced by 25% since 2011 and by 64% since 2001. We believe our downside is protected given REX's overcapitalized balance sheet (\$28/share in net cash or 33% of current market cap), falling capex profile, historical track record of capital returns and strong free cash flow yields even in our downside scenario.

SMALL-CAP FUNDAMENTAL VALUE REP. ACCOUNT PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY						
ADDITIONS		SECTOR				
СТО	Consolidated-Tomoka Land Co.	Real Estate				
DSW	DSW Inc. Class A	Consumer Discretionary				
LMRK	Landmark Infrastructure Partners LP	Real Estate				
REX	REX American Resources Corporation	Energy				
SHARES RECEIVED FROM CORPORATE ACTONS						
FHN	First Horizon National Corporation	Financials				
MAXR	Maxar Technologies Ltd.	Information Technology				

- We acquired First Horizon National Corp after the company finalized its merger with Capital Bank Financial.
- The Maxar Technologies deal to purchase Digital Globe closed during the quarter.

Portfolio Activity

- **Cars.com** was spun out of Tegna, a current investment.
- The Capital Bank, State National and Digital Globe transactions closed on schedule. We received shares in Maxar Technologies Ltd. (MAXR) from the Digital Globe transaction.
- We sold Carriage Services due to valuation and concern about the company's strategic goals.
- We sold out of Hawaiian Telcom after the company entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by Cincinnati Bell (CBB) for \$30.75, with a targeted 60%/40% cash/stock split.

SMALL-CAP FUNDAMENTAL VALUE REP. ACCOUNT PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY						
DELETIONS		SECTOR				
CARS	Cars.com	Information Technology				
CBF	Capital Bank Financial Corp. Class A	Financials				
CSV	Carriage Services Inc.	Consumer Discretionary				
DGI	DigitalGlobe, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary				
HCOM	Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc.	Telecommunication Services				
MAXR	Maxar Technologies Ltd.	Information Technology				
SNC	State National Cos., Inc.	Financials				

Small-Cap Fundamental Value Composite

Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Portfolios in Composite at End of Year	Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$USD Millions)	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)
2016	23.4	22.4	31.7	13.0	15.5	46	0.3	1,660	30,417
2015	-4.6	-5.3	-7.5	12.3	13.5	45	0.2	1,186	43,746
2014	7.1	6.3	4.2	10.7	12.8	41	0.4	1,002	44,772
2013	42	41	34.5	14.1	15.8	32	0.3	693	40,739
2012	23	21.9	18.1	17.7	19.9	13	0.1	269	26,794
2011	2.9	1.9	-5.5	20.6	26.1	9	0.6	190	19,962
2010	28.3	26.7	24.5	NA	NA	Five or fewer	N/A	61	16,859
2009	25.7	24	20.6	NA	NA	Five or fewer	N/A	30	11,058

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