

## MICRO OPPORTUNITIES **STRATEGY**



Data Current as of December 31, 2024

#### FIRM OVERVIEW

Riverwater Partners is an employee-owned, independent advisor based in Milwaukee, WI dedicated to small-cap responsible investing and a foundational belief that small companies can have a big impact - on portfolios and the world. We are proud to be a Certified B Corp.™

#### WHY RIVERWATER

#### INDEPENDENT AND ALIGNED

Small-cap focused, founder-led and employeeowned boutique investment firm. We proudly invest alongside our clients. As a Certified B-Corp, Riverwater is committed to using business as a force for good.

#### DESIGNED FOR ALPHA

Concentrated portfolios crafted by a team with a contrarian mindset to identify stocks with idiosyncratic drivers in pursuit of superior riskadjusted returns. The team seeks to achieve alpha through security selection.

#### MINDFUL INVESTING: LEVERAGING THE POWER **OF POSITIVE TRANSITION**

Riverwater takes a mindful approach to responsible investing, seeking unique opportunities in companies committed to transitioning toward a better, more sustainable world. Our foundational belief is that employing a responsible investment lens enhances resilience, captures inefficiencies, and improves return potential.

#### RESEARCH TEAM

#### ADAM J. PECK, CFA

Founder & CIO

25 yrs experience, 8 yrs on team

#### NATHAN FREDRICK, CFA

Analyst

9 yrs experience, 7 yrs on team

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#### **ELIZABETH GAUTHIER**

Analyst

2 yrs experience, 2 yrs on team

#### **OUR MISSION**

To make the world a better place by growing wealth through sustainable investing.

### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

BENCHMARK	Russell 2000
NUMBER OF HOLDINGS	25-40
VEHICLE	SMA
MARKET CAP	Less than \$1.5 billion at initial purchase
INCEPTION DATE	7.31.2018

STRATEGY RETURNS						
	3 mo	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR S	ince Incep.
Composite (gross)	3.16%	11.39%	11.39%	-1.41%	15.70%	10.62%
Composite (net)*	2.90%	10.29%	10.29%	-2.39%	14.55%	9.52%
Russell 2000	0.33%	11.54%	11.54%	1.24%	7.40%	6.04%
iShares Microcap ETF (IWC)	5.81%	13.46%	13.46%	-0.51%	6.28%	5.18%

-100 bps

#### **CONTRIBUTORS / DETRACTORS**

#### Contributors

1. Coastal Financial (CCB)	210 bps
2. Centrus Energy (LEU)	169 bps
3. Aris Water Solutions (ARIS)	134 bps

Detractors	
1. A-Mark Precious Metals (AMRK)	-119 bps
2. Mayville Engineering (MEC)	-110 bps

#### **TOP 5 HOLDINGS**

6.8%	Limoneira Company
6.0%	Coastal Financial
4.9%	First Business Financial
4.9%	iRadimed Corporation
4.7%	Perella Weinberg Partners
27.3%	of total net assets

#### STRATEGY INFORMATION

3. Anika Therapeutics (ANIK)

#### STRATEGY STATISTICS

	Micro Strategy	R2000 Index
Price to Earnings	22.9x	17.4x
AWMC (\$M)	\$837	\$3,590
Dividend Yield	0.90%	1.30%
Return on Equity	12.50%	4.80%
LT Debt to Capital	22.2%	35.6%
Number of Holdings	29	1,966

#### **SECTOR WEIGHTINGS**

	Ending Weight	R2000 Index
Consumer Disc.	1.87	10.05
Consumer Staples	12.66	2.78
Energy	3.55	4.14
Financials	29.01	17.83
Health Care	11.68	16.15
Industrials	15.79	17.90
Info Tech	6.51	15.24
Materials	2.39	4.41
Real Estate	0.00	6.28
Comm Services	6.85	2.33
Utilities	8.04	2.89

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<sup>\*</sup>net returns reflect retail fee of 1%

# Riverwater Partners Riverwater Micro Opportunities 07/31/2018 to 12/31/2024



	Composite Composite						Internal
	Gross	Net	Benchmark	Ending	Composite	Firm	Dispersion
Year	Return (%)	Return (%)	Return (%)	Portfolios	Assets (\$)	Assets (\$)	(%)
2018 <sup>1</sup>	-19.466	-19.799	-18.768	<=5	250,667.20	31,452,911.10	n/a
2019	14.475	13.342	25.530	<=5	307,040.07	625,880,780.28	n/a
2020	66.832	65.180	19.942	<=5	741,076.61	747,241,349.50	n/a
2021	29.664	28.380	14.807	10	12,035,585.84	891,439,562.74	n/a
2022	-20.476	-21.263	-20.433	11	5,868,195.52	743,061,621.11	0.447
2023	8.183	7.112	16.933	13	12,027,754.92	870,548,569.03	0.087
2024	11.391	10.288	11.538	11	8,622,112.55	598,962,335.44	0.172

#### **Partial Years**

1. Riverwater Partners, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Riverwater Partners has been independently verified for the periods April 27, 2016 to December 31, 2024.

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 Riverwater Micro Opportunities Equity Composite has had a performance examination for the periods August 1, 2018 through December 31, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

- 2. Riverwater Partners is defined as a registered investment advisor that is not affiliated with any parent organization. Riverwater Partners acquired Falcons Rock Investment Counsel in 2019.
- 3. The Riverwater Micro Opportunities Strategy seeks to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns versus its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Index. The Micro Opportunities Strategy holds 25-40 holdings with market capitalizations generally below \$1.5B at initial purchase. Key material risks include the risks that stock prices will decline and that the composite will underperform its benchmark. There is no account minimum for the composite.
- 4. Returns presented are time-weighted based on net of transaction costs and non-reclaimable withholding taxes, if any, are expressed in US dollars. Accounts included in the composite generally include reinvestment of dividends and additional proceeds. Gross composite returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees. Net returns are calculated using a model investment advisory fee by deducting 1/12th of the model management fee from the monthly gross portfolio return. The net fee applied is the maximum annual advisory fee based upon the fee schedule in effect during each respective performance report. Any changes to the fee schedule are reflected in the calculation of the net composite returns beginning with the period in which the fee schedule is revised. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size. The management fee for the Riverwater Micro Opportunities portfolio is 1.00%.
- 5. A list of composite descriptions, policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request.
- 6. The composite was created in July 2019 and the inception date is July 31, 2018.
- 7. 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 composite requires more than 5 accounts to calculate this metric.
- 8. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The composite and benchmark 3-year standard deviation is not presented if there are not 36 months of available consecutive performance.
- 9. Since inception, portfolios are removed from the composite if they have a significant cash flow. A significant cash flow is defined as a contribution or withdrawal greater than 20% of the beginning market value of a portfolio. The portfolio is removed from the composite for the month in which the significant cash flow occurred.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Returns for 2018 are from 07/31/2018 to 12/31/2018