

PERFORMANCE (AS OF 09/30/2022)

	3Q 2022	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Riverbridge Smid Cap Growth (Gross)	-0.18%	-31.93%	-31.10%	4.39%	8.96%	11.03%	10.65%
Riverbridge Smid Cap Growth (Net)	-0.37%	-32.32%	-31.62%	3.63%	8.16%	10.18%	9.83%
Russell 2500™ Growth	-0.12%	-29.54%	-29.39%	4.76%	6.30%	10.30%	8.29%

Periods greater than one year are annualized; Inception Date: 12/31/2006

HIGHLIGHTS

- Equity markets started strong but weakened as the quarter progressed, dragged down by stubbornly persistent inflation and aggressive Federal Reserve actions and rhetoric
- Strategy slightly underperformed its primary benchmark, though relative performance improved later in the quarter as market participants began to contemplate a slowing economy and the increasing possibility of a recession
- Inflation and higher interest rates will likely lead to slowing GDP growth, favoring companies which enable customer efficiencies and possess strategic market positions

MARKET COMMENTARY

The third quarter of 2022 featured a rally in July – in response to better-than-feared corporate earnings reports – followed by declines in August and September as inflation persisted and interest rates rose.

On the surface, the market action in the third quarter appeared to be a continuation of the same trends observed in the first half of the year. Each higher-than-expected inflation print or hawkish Federal Reserve signal induced a sell-off of nearly every financial instrument.

Yet a deeper look suggests that market participants are beginning to shift their focus from the indiscriminate discounting of growth stocks to concerns about slowing economic growth. In the small and mid cap portion of the market, growth stocks outperformed value as companies with higher revenue growth and higher valuations, as well as those with lower debt, outperformed the broader Russell 2500™ Growth index. Generally, these characteristics are preferred by short-term investors when they expect tepid or recessionary economic conditions.

In the Russell 2500™ Growth, Health Care was the top-performing sector, driven by a sharp increase in Biotech. Energy, Financials, and Industrials also generated positive returns. The economically sensitive Real Estate, Materials, and Utilities sectors lagged.

STRATEGY COMMENTARY

In the third quarter, the Riverbridge Smid Cap Growth generated a roughly flat return and very slightly underperformed its primary benchmark, the Russell 2500™ Growth Index. The portfolio lagged the first two months of the quarter but outperformed in September as market participants began to grapple with projections of slowing economic growth and potentially a recession.

The Health Care sector detracted from the strategy's relative performance. Two Health Care technology holdings declined due to elongated or delayed deals in their end markets. In addition, our customary avoidance of Biotech, which rose more than 11 percent in the quarter and represent approximately 7 percent of the index, created a challenge for relative performance. We remain confident, however, that the portfolio's Health Care companies are poised to continue building earnings power in a tight labor market and challenging macro environment.

The portfolio's holdings in the Information Technology sector, on the other hand, contributed to relative performance. As a group, our Information Technology investments appreciated in the quarter while the benchmark's constituents declined. The strategy's strength was most notable in the Software industry, which recovered modestly from a challenging first half of the year. As the economy slows but continues to grapple with wage growth and talent scarcity, we expect our Information Technology holdings to play an important role in helping customers run their businesses more efficiently. This should result in more persistent demand for their solutions relative to providers of more discretionary products and services.

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One example of a company which demonstrates its value to its customers in a challenging economic environment is Blackline (BL), a cloud-based software platform focusing on modernizing processes within a company's finance and accounting department. Blackline's solutions primarily address historically manual processes such as account reconciliation and the financial close, helping customers increase efficiencies through process automation while simultaneously providing real-time visibility into their operations. In recent quarters, BL has continued to report robust growth with expanding margins. The company demonstrates the value it is adding to its customers by successfully passing through price increases while maintaining and even slightly increasing its net retention rate.

OUTLOOK

Inflation and Fed policy promise to be the primary market drivers for the fourth quarter. Investors will attempt to look ahead to discern which companies are best positioned in a slower global economy. The good news for investors, perhaps paradoxically, is that expectations have been lowered. Corporate earnings growth estimates have declined. Professional fund managers are holding abnormally high levels of cash in their portfolios. Pessimism amongst individuals has spiked to its highest level since early 2009. Low expectations and pessimism are an encouraging harbinger for equity markets.

The Riverbridge portfolios are well positioned regardless of what may transpire over the short term. Our portfolios hold companies that we believe can grow even if broader economic activity slows. Many of our companies offer their customers products or solutions which combat rising input costs by increasing their operating efficiency. Riverbridge portfolio companies are generally immune to rising borrowing costs as they are internally financed and not dependent on borrowing capital to grow their businesses. Our portfolios contain many fundamentally vibrant businesses that we expect to adapt or even thrive in more challenging operating environments.

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SMID CAP GROWTH COMPOSITE

Year	Gross-of-Fee Return (%)	Net-of-Fee Return (%)	Russell 2500™ Growth Return (%)	Portfolios	Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Year Ex-Post Std. Dev.	Russell 2500™ Growth 3-Year Ex-Post Std. Dev.	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Ttl Firm Assets (\$ Millions)	Advisory Only (\$Millions)	Ttl Firm Assets & Advisory Only (\$Millions)
2021	6.88	6.12	5.04	106	0.41	19.06	21.97	1,569.8	9,408.0	6,149.6	15,557.6
2020	47.90	46.84	40.47	83	0.83	20.53	23.93	1,459.6	8,478.1	4,896.5	13,374.6
2019	33.09	32.11	32.65	82	0.55	14.46	15.85	972.9	5,378.3	2,633.2	8,011.5
2018	0.44	-0.34	-7.47	82	0.48	14.65	15.33	996.2	4,737.1	1,842.0	6,579.1
2017	26.27	25.33	24.46	85	1.12	11.97	13.04	1,187.4	5,047.9	1,791.1	6,839.0
2016	8.58	7.73	9.73	86	0.49	13.45	14.67	942.6	4,686.7	1,546.6	6,233.3
2015	0.37	-0.42	-0.19	90	0.48	12.24	13.29	850.3	5,030.8	1,202.4	6,233.2
2014	3.90	3.08	7.05	112	0.36	11.31	12.53	957.3	5,523.2	1,215.6	6,738.8
2013	35.98	35.00	40.65	101	0.72	11.78	16.48	911.9	5,718.3	1,085.7	6,804.0
2012	14.93	14.26	16.13	53	0.22	14.22	19.82	427.2	3,225.7	650.8	3,876.5

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