

# Russell 2000 Index Replication Strategy

## Q2 2020



June 30, 2020

### Annualized Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Gross of fees	25.42	-12.93	-6.58	-	-	-	-	-1.64
Net of fees	25.41	-12.94	-6.6	-	-	-	-	-1.66
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	25.42	-12.98	-6.63	-	-	-	-	-1.65

<sup>1</sup> Inception Date: April 16, 2018 <sup>2</sup> Benchmark: Russell 2000

### Characteristics

	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight
Excess return (gross since inception)	0.01%	-
Excess return (net since inception)	-0.01%	-
Holdings	2003	2003
P/E using FY1 est	18.3	18.3
P/E using FY2 est	15.8	15.8
Dividend yield	1.8%	1.8%
Historical 3 year EPS growth	16.8%	16.8%
Weighted average market cap	\$2,111mm	\$2,111mm

### Sector Weights (%)

	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight
Communication Services	2.53	2.53
Consumer Discretionary	11.80	11.80
Consumer Staples	3.34	3.34
Energy	2.25	2.26
Financials	16.31	16.34
Health Care	20.66	20.63
Industrials	14.54	14.52
Information Technology	13.87	13.86
Materials	4.03	4.03
Real Estate	7.05	7.05
Utilities	3.63	3.63

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio Weight
Deckers Outdoor Corporation	0.31
LHC Group, Inc.	0.30
BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings, Inc.	0.29
Churchill Downs Incorporated	0.29
Novavax, Inc.	0.27
MyoKardia, Inc.	0.27
Helen of Troy Limited	0.27
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	0.27
EastGroup Properties, Inc.	0.26
Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical, Inc.	0.25

### Portfolio Facts

Inception date	4/16/2018
Assets in strategy	\$82mm
Benchmark	Russell 2000
Predicted tracking error	0-0.25% vs. b/m
No. of stocks	B/m
Sectors	B/m
Annual Turnover	20-30%
Min. investment	\$10mm
Vehicle(s) available	Separately managed

Portfolio characteristics are subject to change, and current holdings may differ. Past performance is not an indication of future results. A complete list of firm composites and performance results is available upon request. Additional disclosures are found at the end of this presentation. Statistics shown are supplemental information to the GIPS compliant presentation at the end of this presentation. Results represent preliminary data which is subject to change.

### Portfolio Management



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### About Xponance®

Xponance® is a multi-strategy investment firm offering strategies across equity and fixed income. We are independent and employee owned by women and diverse professionals, whose common passion is to do the right thing for our clients and each other. Xponance® is the successor firm representing the integration of two great legacy firms, FIS Group, Inc. and Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC.

### Investment Philosophy & Process

Founded on a risk-aware philosophy and quantitative investment process, the goal of index strategies at Xponance is to replicate the returns of the client specified benchmark as closely as possible in a cost efficient way and with minimal tracking error. The Russell 2000 Index Strategy is managed on a fully replicated basis where the weight of each stock in the portfolio is in line with its weight in the benchmark. This portfolio holds cash at 0.25% or less. Portfolio managers have the ability to use ETFs to minimize non-equity exposure in the portfolio. The portfolio for this index strategy is constructed using full replication so that the tracking error of the portfolio is minimal, and the portfolio is self-rebalancing, allowing turnover to be in line with the benchmark and transaction costs to remain very low. The portfolio is compared and tracked versus the benchmark throughout each trading day to ensure that it reflects the index as closely as possible. Transactions resulting from benchmark changes or changes in cash levels are planned ahead of time and executed in a cost efficient manner. We use data from the index providers to construct and monitor our portfolios.

### Distinguishing Attributes

- Structured and disciplined investment process
- Capabilities to customize index mandates
- Experienced investment team
- Corporate culture built on client service and diversity

## Russell 2000 Index Strategy Composite

### Annual Disclosure Presentation

Year End	Total Firm Assets (\$mm)	Composite Assets		Annualized Performance Results (%)			3 Year Ex-Post Standard Deviation (%)		
		USD (\$mm)	Number of Accounts	Composite Gross	Composite Net	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Composite Dispersion	Composite	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
2019	5,411	37	5 or fewer	25.46	25.43	25.52	N/A <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A
2018 <sup>3</sup>	4,026	32	5 or fewer	-11.68	-11.68	-11.70	N/A <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index

<sup>2</sup> The internal dispersion is not presented for those periods marked "N/A" because the composite did not have at least six portfolios for the entire annual period.

<sup>3</sup> Partial Period Performance Shown from 04/30/18-12/31/18

The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the year. The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

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Total firm assets presented through, and including, Calendar Year 2019 represent total firm assets for PIA, prior to April 1, 2020, this composite was managed by legacy firm PIA. Total firm assets presented post April 1, 2020 represent the total firm assets of Xponance®.

**Russell 2000 Index Strategy Composite** contains fully discretionary passive Russell 2000 accounts and for comparison purposes is measured against the Russell 2000 Index. The strategy is to replicate and track the return of the Russell 2000. The Russell 2000 Index Strategy Composite was created on April 30, 2018. The Russell 2000 is an index composed of small-capitalization U.S. equities.

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The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance was calculated using actual management fees. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

The management fee schedule is as follows: First \$250mm: 8 bps; Next \$250mm: 4 bps; Over \$500mm: 3 bps

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