

# Russell 2000 Index Replication Strategy

## Q3 2023

September 30, 2023

### Annualized Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Gross of fees	-5.11	2.54	8.90	7.13	2.38	-	-	4.12
Net of fees	-5.12	2.52	8.88	7.11	2.36	-	-	4.10
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	-5.13	2.54	8.93	7.16	2.40	-	-	4.13

<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)	-0.03%	-
Holdings	1985	1985
P/E using FY1 est	13.3	13.3
P/E using FY2 est	12.2	12.2
Dividend yield	1.6%	1.6%
Historical 3 year EPS growth	30.0%	30.0%
Weighted average market cap	\$2,805mm	\$2,804mm

### Sector Weights (%)

	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight
Communication Services	2.40	2.40
Consumer Discretionary	10.61	10.61
Consumer Staples	3.59	3.59
Energy	8.48	8.47
Financials	16.14	16.13
Health Care	14.82	14.86
Industrials	17.17	17.15
Information Technology	13.31	13.32
Materials	4.57	4.56
Real Estate	6.07	6.07
Utilities	2.83	2.86

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio Weight
iShares Russell 2000 ETF	0.64
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	0.56
Chart Industries, Inc.	0.32
ChampionX Corporation	0.31
Chord Energy Corporation	0.30
Murphy Oil Corporation	0.30
Matador Resources Company	0.30
Light & Wonder, Inc.	0.29
Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	0.28
Weatherford International plc	0.28

### Portfolio Facts

Inception date	4/16/2018
Assets in strategy	\$115mm
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

### Distinguishing Attributes

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

### Portfolio Management



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### About Xponance®

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### 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 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.

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**Trailing period performance as of 09/30/2023<sup>1</sup>**

(%)	QTD	CYTD	1- Year	3- Years	5- Years	10- Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Composite Gross	-5.11	2.54	8.90	7.13	2.38	N/A	4.12	4/30/18
Composite Net	-5.12	2.52	8.88	7.11	2.36	N/A	4.10	
Index	-5.13	2.54	8.93	7.16	2.40	N/A	4.13	

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The standard management fee schedule is as follows: First \$50mm: 6 bps; Next \$100mm: 5 bps; Next \$200mm: 4 bps; Next \$250mm: 3 bps; Over \$500mm: 2.5 bps. Fees are charged to clients on a quarterly basis. Fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management and vary based upon the type of product and the total amount of assets under management. The percentage fee is expressed terms of basis points ("BPS") for our products. One hundred basis points equal 1%. All fees are negotiable.

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Year End	Performance Results (%)			3-Yr Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation (%)		Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$mm)
	Composite Gross TWR	Composite Net TWR	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Composite Gross	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>			
2022	-20.45	-20.47	-20.44	25.99	26.02	Five or fewer	112	13,512
2021	14.79	14.76	14.82	23.31	23.35	Five or fewer	141	14,866
2020	19.96	19.94	19.96	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	71	12,493
2019	25.46	25.43	25.52	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	37	5,411
2018 <sup>2</sup>	-11.68	-11.68	-11.70	N/A	N/A	Five or fewer	32	4,026

Composite inception date: April 30, 2018.

Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index

<sup>2</sup> Results shown for the calendar year 2018 represent partial period performance from April 30, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

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

Internal dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented.

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