

## Investment Philosophy

The Munder Small-Cap Growth Strategy continues to focus on companies that we believe have strong growth prospects, competitive advantages, and strong profitability or free cash flow, and whose stock trades at reasonable valuations within the small-cap universe. We believe that blending fundamental strength with a valuation overlay produces an attractive combination for investment performance.

## Market Overview

- The Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index was down 19.25% for the second quarter of 2022.
- The correction which began in the fourth quarter of 2021 continued and encompassed all sectors during the second quarter. Investors are grappling with stubbornly high inflation and the potential policy responses to control it. Financial conditions are tightening, confidence has declined, and recession fears have grown.
- All sectors were down. Staples and Utilities were the most resilient sectors given their defensive characteristics while Consumer Discretionary and Technology were notable laggards.

## Outlook and Positioning

- We believe the events of the past quarters have altered the investing landscape for years to come. It may be the start of a generational shift in policy with wide implications for investing.
- Small-cap stocks should be more insulated from increased global economic concerns, as their sales are more domestic-oriented compared to their larger counterparts.
- We think inflation readings will peak out this summer, allowing the U.S. Federal Reserve to pivot its expectations for further rate increases. As this occurs, the market should bottom and stocks can stage a meaningful rally into year-end.
- Financial conditions have already tightened, doing a lot of the heavy lifting for the Fed in its fight against inflation. Thirty-year fixed mortgage rates have soared to over 6%, Europe may be on the brink of recession, and the stock market decline could be the largest negative wealth effect tightening in history. These effects impact the economy with a lag, so they mitigate the need for the Fed to tighten much further. The biggest risk we see is that the Fed overtightens and slows the economy too much.
- Despite the stock market correction and recession fears, we feel credit conditions remain favorable as spreads are moderate and banks are not seeing any widespread credit issues.
- The labor market is strong, and wages are soaring. We see significant pent-up demand and ample liquidity throughout the economy. We see supply as the biggest impediment to growth, and that reaches across many areas of the economy (housing, autos, retail, etc.). We believe many of the supply constraints will ease over the coming quarters as Covid restrictions are lifted, and we think the economy will likely be able to absorb higher interest rates and elevated commodity costs as this occurs.
- Companies have already had to evaluate their supply chains as a result of Covid-related issues, as they have built inventories and started to reshape their supply chains to domestic supplies. We think the Russian invasion of Ukraine has accelerated that shift.

- We think the events in Ukraine will reshape nations' policies with a greater emphasis on security—that is, energy security, food security, cybersecurity, and national defense. This brings major challenges but also great opportunities for investment. We have increased our investments in those areas, as we believe this will not be a short-term phenomenon but rather a generational shift in the policies, which will revalue the companies working to address those issues.
- We also see noteworthy opportunities within regional banks, housing, retail, construction/building products, automotive, and energy.
- We feel secular trends around digital transformation, cloud computing and artificial intelligence can continue, providing support to current outsized growth rates. This is reflected in our active overweights in software and IT services.
- The Strategy is overweight Financials, Consumer Discretionary, and Technology, and is underweight Health care and Industrials,.
- The Strategy is overweight value and growth exposures compared to the benchmark, with benchmark-like exposure to earnings yield and profitability, with slightly less momentum.

## Performance and Attribution

- The Munder Small-Cap Growth Strategy was down 20.51% (gross) and 20.72% (net) in the second quarter.
- Relative to the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index, during the second quarter the Strategy (net) underperformed by about 147 basis points, largely driven by negative selection in Health Care, specifically biotech, partially offset by positive selection in Energy, Comm Services, and Financials.
- The Strategy (net) has now generated a positive excess return in 19 of the last 24 quarters and is outperforming the benchmark by roughly 383 bps over the last three years and by 504 bps over the last five years, both on an annualized basis.

### Top Contributors

- **Datto Holding Corp.** was the strongest contributor in the Strategy and was sold after the company agreed to be bought out.
- **Talos Energy (2.7%)** and **Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp. (2.7%)** were strong outperformers and contributors within the Energy sector.

### Largest Detractors

- The Strategy had the weakest relative returns in Health Care, as a number of biotechnology and pharmaceutical stocks sold off. **Bicycle Therapeutics (0.5%)** sold off on disappointing clinical data, while **NanoString Technologies (0.5%)** sold off on weaker than expected sales.
- **Avaya Holdings (0.5%)** sold off on weaker than expected earnings.

Top 5 Contributors (% Rep. Account)	
Datto Holding Corp.	0.26
Celsius Holdings, Inc.	0.18
Sovos Brands, Inc.	0.18
Dynavax Technologies Corporation	0.13
NAPCO Security Technologies, Inc.	0.10

Top 5 Detractors (% Rep. Account)	
Avaya Holdings Corp.	-1.06
F45 Training Holdings, Inc.	-0.53
Customers Bancorp, Inc.	-0.52
CS Disco, Inc.	-0.52
Smartsheet, Inc. Class A	-0.51

Top Ten Holdings (Rep. Account)	Sector
Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp. Class A	Energy
NAPCO Security Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology
Talos Energy, Inc.	Energy
Coastal Financial Corporation	Financials
WNS (Holdings) Limited Sponsored ADR	Information Technology
Elastic NV	Information Technology
Performance Food Group Company	Consumer Staples
Chart Industries, Inc.	Industrials
Sovos Brands, Inc.	Consumer Staples
Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. Class A	Financials
<b>Total % of Portfolio</b>	<b>18.84%</b>

Investment Performance (%)	ANNUALIZED RETURNS						
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception*
Munder Small-Cap Growth Composite (Gross)	-20.51	-31.58	-33.68	6.30	11.05	-	9.68
Munder Small-Cap Growth Composite (Net)	-20.72	-31.94	-34.37	5.23	9.84	-	8.44
Russell 2000® Growth Index	-19.25	-29.45	-33.43	1.40	4.80	-	-

Source: Zephyr

\*Since inception results are as of May 1, 2015. A GIPS® report is available upon request.

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The Munder Small Cap Growth Composite includes all fee-paying, non-wrap discretionary portfolios of \$100,000 or more that are managed according to the Munder Small Cap Growth Strategy. The Strategy seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of small sized (small-capitalization) companies. Small sized means those companies with market capitalizations within the range of companies included in the Russell 2000® Growth Index. The Strategy's investment style focuses on companies with superior growth opportunities that meet (often projected) minimal hurdle rates for capital efficiency/free cash flow and present at reasonable valuations. Specifically, the management team looks to invest in companies that have consistent and higher-than-average earnings growth, are financially stable with a below average debt level, and have a leadership position in their industry and an effective management team, and whose stock price is attractive relative to the market and company's growth rate. The composite creation date is May 2015.

The benchmark of the composite is the Russell 2000® Growth Index. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is an unmanaged market-capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of those companies in the Russell 2000® Index with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth values.

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