# OAK RIDGE SMALL/MID CAP GROWTH EQUITY COMPOSITE

Quarterly Performance Overview – December 31, 2023

GIPS <sup>®</sup> Composite Information		Annualized										
Reporting Date for all Data: December 31, 2023	QTR	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	7 YR	10 YR	Since <sup>1</sup> Inception					
Oak Ridge Small/Mid Cap (%; "Pure" Gross Rate of Return) <sup>2</sup>	6.51	9.30	-2.36	8.29	7.87	6.14	12.12					
Oak Ridge Small/Mid Cap (%; Net Rate of Return)	6.22	8.06	-3.48	7.03	6.60	4.88	10.74					
Russell 2000 Growth Index (%; Rate of Return)	12.75	18.66	-3.50	9.22	8.08	7.16	9.40					
Russell 2500 Growth Index (%; Rate of Return)	12.59	18.83	-2.68	11.43	10.24	8.78	9.64					

	Calendar																	
Reporting Date for all Data: December 31, 2023	YTD 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Oak Ridge Small/Mid Cap (%; "Pure" Gross Rate of Return) <sup>2</sup>	9.30	-24.37	12.65	28.69	24.29	-4.64	19.71	3.88	-2.78	5.74	41.01	12.13	2.72	31.55	26.83	-30.44	12.58	6.87
Oak Ridge Small/Mid Cap (%; Net Rate of Return)	8.06	-25.23	11.33	27.17	22.82	-5.81	18.24	2.59	-3.95	4.49	39.40	10.77	1.46	29.94	25.22	-31.40	11.11	5.45
Russell 2000 Growth (%; Rate of Return)	18.66	-26.36	2.83	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60	43.30	14.59	-2.91	29.09	34.47	-38.54	7.05	13.35
Russell 2500 Growth Index (%; Rate of Return)	18.93	-26.21	5.04	40.47	32.65	-7.47	24.46	9.73	-0.19	7.05	40.65	16.13	-1.57	28.86	41.66	-41.50	9.69	12.26

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#### <sup>1</sup> Inception Date is 02/28/1990

<sup>2</sup> The "pure" gross of fees performance results reflect the asset-weighted performance of accounts (including cash reserves) managed for the period and do not reflect the deduction of any wrap fees or fees in lieu of commissions on wrap-fee accounts or any advisory fees on the accounts, but do reflect the deduction of trading commissions for separately managed accounts. "Pure" gross of fees returns are supplemental to net returns.

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#### **Composite Description**

The Small/Mid Cap Growth Equity Composite (the "Composite") is comprised of growth equity accounts which invest primarily in companies with market capitalizations between \$250 million and \$4 billion at the time of first purchase. The Composite's investment objective is to achieve superior risk-adjusted returns over time. The Composite is made up of all eligible discretionary, fee paying, small to mid-capitalization separately managed accounts except for the performance for the period from October, 1999 to December 31, 2005 for a group of sub-advised accounts managed for a certain Broker/Dealer at anytime during that period. The investment performance of this group of accounts was calculated by that Broker/Dealer for periods ending on or before December 31, 2008 and was not integrated with the results of the Composite prior to December 31, 2005. The effect of their exclusion from the Composite performance prior to December 31, 2005 for the periods presented is not material. At December 31, 2005, the assets of that Broker/Dealer's accounts constituted approximately 32% of the dollar value of all fully discretionary, fee paying, small to mid-capitalization accounts in the Composite. For the periods ended December 31, 2006 – June 30, 2023 the results of these accounts, beginning January 1, 2006, have been integrated into the Oak Ridge Composite performance. The Composite was created in March 1990. Prior to April 1, 2016, the Small/Mid Cap Growth Equity Composite was known as the Small/Mid-Cap Growth Equity Composite.

#### **Calculation of Performance Returns**

Composite results are calculated using a time-weighted total rate-of-return formula and are U.S. dollar-based. The composite returns are asset-weighted based upon beginning period market values. Returns include dividends net of withholding taxes if applicable, interest, realized and unrealized gains or losses. The "net of fees" performance results reflect the deduction of wrap fees or fees in lieu of commissions on wrap-fee accounts and advisory fees and trading commissions paid by non wrap-fee separately managed accounts in the Composite since inception. Account performance is based on total assets in the account, including cash and cash equivalents. Historical performance results include the results of accounts which are no longer managed by the Firm. The composite returns presented represent past performance, which is not a reliable indicator of future results, which may vary.

#### Fee Schedule

The Composite includes wrap-fee and non wrap-fee separately managed accounts. Wrap-fee accounts are charged an all-inclusive asset-based fee that includes most costs. Wrap fees, including advisory fees, vary across brokerage firms and accounts based upon account size and other factors, however, they generally do not exceed 3% per annum. Published Oak Ridge investment advisory fee rates can be found in the Firm's Form ADV Part 2A Brochure, which is available upon request.

#### **Benchmark Information**

The Russell 2000 Index is a capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, an index that represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market measured by market capitalization. The Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Composite will differ significantly in terms of holdings, industry weightings, and asset allocation from these indices. Returns and volatility of the Composite may differ from these indices. The returns for any index include the reinvestment of dividends or interest. Indices shown are unmanaged and are not subject to fees and expenses typically associated with investment vehicles/accounts.

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### **Other Disclosures**

The information presented is for the separately managed portfolios of the Composite and is for illustrative purposes only. Actual account holdings will vary by account depending, among other reasons, on the size of an account, cash flows and cash levels within an account, restrictions on an account and the timing of purchases or sales for an account. The information in this document does not represent a recommendation to buy, hold or sell securities. Investment in securities entails risks, which may include but are not limited to equity portfolios being subject to the basic stock market risk that a particular security, or securities in general, may decrease in value and the stocks of small and medium-sized companies are often associated with higher risk than stocks of larger companies, including higher volatility. Investment advisory programs may require a minimum asset level and, depending on an investor's specific investment objectives and financial position, may not be suitable for all investors. Please consider the investment objectives, risk, charges, and expenses of the program carefully before investing. Oak Ridge Investments' Form ADV contains this and other important information about separately managed accounts managed by Oak Ridge Investments, LLC. Please read the Form ADV carefully before investing.

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