

# Q4<sub>2023</sub>

# Concentrated Value Equity

Investment Overview & Process

# **Strategy Overview:**

- 15 to 25 companies in our fully invested, concentrated portfolio
- \$1.4 billion minimum market capitalization at initial purchase\*\*
- 8 year track record
- \$1.4 billion CV assets under management as of 12/31/2023
- \$1.8 billion AUM capacity, assuming no net inflows into other strategies

# Philosophy

- Fundamentals drive stock prices
- Capital preservation improves returns
- Culture shapes investment decisions

#### Process

- Thorough, proprietary research by career analysts
- Focus on valuation and risk controls
- Team environment group discussion/analyst decision

# Portfolio

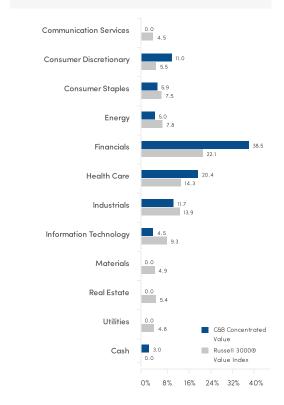
GENERATES

- Long-term/low turnover
- Fully invested/limit on cash

# Performance

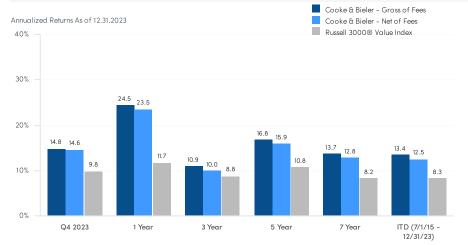
- Consistent pattern of results
- Objective: Outperform the benchmark over the longer term

#### Sector Weights



Source: FactSet and Russell®

# Concentrated Value Equity Composite Performance



Source: FactSet and Russell®

Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investing involves risk, including loss of principal.

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# **Quality Characteristics**

	C&B Concentrated Value*	Russell 3000® Value Index*		
ROC 5 Year Avg	13.2%	7.2%		
Cash Interest Coverage	8.1x	5.4x		
Debt/EBITDA	2.9x	3.0x		
Forecasted P/E (Wtd. Harm. Avg.)	13.7x	16.9x		
P/Normalized Earnings (Wtd. Harm. Avg.)	12.2x	-		

\* Median Source: FactSet and Russell®



#### Portfolio Attributes

	C&B Concentrated Value <sup>†</sup>	Russell 3000® Value Index
# Holdings	18	2,280
Market Cap (\$B) Range	2.1 - 377.3	0.0 - 773.4
Market Cap (\$B) (Wtd. Avg.)	68.9	130.8
Annual Turnover	62%	-

Source: FactSet and Russell®

#### Top 10 Holdings<sup>††</sup>

Brookfield	8.1%
AerCap	6.6%
Fidelity National Financial	6.5%
State Street	6.1%
Chubb	6.1%
Becton Dickinson	6.1%
Philip Morris	5.9%
Globe Life	5.9%
Charles Schwab	5.7%
Teleflex	5.4%

### Concentrated Value Equity Composite

Year	Total Return Gross of Fees (%)	Total Return Net of Fees (%)	Russell 3000® Value Index (%)	Russell 3000® Value Index 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Composite Dispersion (%)	Market Value (\$Millions)	Total Firm Assets (\$Millions)	# of Portfolios
7/1/15-12/31/15	-1.61	-2.06	-3.64	-	<3 Years	N/M	1.9	4,804.9	<5
2016	20.75	19.71	18.40	-	<3 Years	N/M	2.4	5,303.4	<5
2017	21.10	20.07	13.19	-	<3 Years	N/M	2.8	5,912.3	<5
2018	-6.75	-7.60	-8.58	11.05	13.73	N/M	2.6	5,084.6	<5
2019	46.58	45.43	26.26	12.01	15.90	N/M	10.0	9,757.1	<5
2020	8.80	7.87	2.87	19.95	25.15	1.10	67.2	9,540.8	7
2021	30.18	29.15	25.37	19.34	24.36	0.54	662.0	11,942.6	8
2022	-15.80	-16.54	-7.98	21.53	25.34	0.16	1,078.6	10,678.1	8
2023	24.49	23.49	11.66	16.69	19.73	0.08	1,274.8	11,834.8	7

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The standard fee agreement is 0.85 of 1% per annum on the first \$25 million, 0.70 of 1% per annum on the next \$25 million, and 0.60 of 1% per annum on the balance, however fees are negotiable. Net of fee returns are calculated quarterly by deducting one quarter of the model fee rate for the respective period from the gross of fee Composite return. The Composite includes accounts that pay performance-based fees.

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