

RMB SMID Cap Fund

Portfolio Update: Second Quarter 2022

During the second quarter ending June 30, 2022, the RMB SMID Cap Fund (the “Fund” or “RMBMX”) returned -15.86%, net of fees, compared to a -16.98% return for the Russell 2500 Index.

	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (12/31/2004)
RMBMX	-15.86%	-23.33%	-16.65%	+9.70%	+10.53%	+11.02%	+8.23%
Russell 2500® Index	-16.98%	-21.81%	-21.00%	+5.91%	+7.04%	+10.49%	+8.12%

Performance over one year is annualized. The performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that those shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. To obtain performance as of the most recent month end, please call 855-280-6423. The Fund’s gross expense ratio is 0.84%.

The Fund’s investment advisor, RMB Capital Management, LLC, has adapted a contractual expense limitation agreement for each fund through April 30, 2023, reducing the applicable Fund’s operating expenses. This may be continued from year to year thereafter if agreed upon by all parties. In the absence of such waivers and/or reimbursements, the applicable Fund’s total return and yield would be lower.

As a quick review, the quarter witnessed the economy weaken while inflation remained persistently high. The Federal Reserve pivoted towards a more “hawkish” tone in its determination to bring down inflation from 8.9% towards its goal of 2%. In fact, it raised the Fed Funds rate by 75 basis points, even after previously suggesting an increase of that magnitude was “off the table.” Given currently low unemployment, the Fed has shifted its mandate somewhat, indicating it is willing to risk a recession to meet its 2% inflation goal.

For the second quarter in a row, portfolio holdings reported great fundamental quarters and outlooks, but positive fundamentals for many companies were not rewarded as the market shifted its focus to anticipating deteriorating fundamentals due to higher interest rates, tighter liquidity conditions, slower economic growth, and increased odds of a recession over the next 12 months.

Credit spreads have finally started to crack, increasing from 3.77% to 6.52%, which compares to 5.36% on a 20-year average¹. In our last quarterly letter, we expected several of our quality cyclical names to come roaring back if the Federal Reserve successfully threads the needle between restraining inflation while avoiding a recession. This does not appear to be happening. We also said if the Fed causes a recession, we expect credit spreads to widen and reward the Fund’s inherent quality bias. We believe this appears to be happening.

¹ Source: RMB Capital.

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Contributors and Detractors

The two top contributors for the quarter were American Financial Group Inc. (AFG +1.42%) and Devon Energy Corp. (DVN -5.31%).

AFG was relatively resilient in the quarter, given an overall strong set of first quarter results and a sustained strong outlook. AFG reported a strong first quarter that was driven by favorable loss development and higher investment income results. Management communicated that portfolio reinvestments would be higher in duration from low 2-year levels, which will bolster investment income results in coming quarters. Management affirmed the combined ratio expectations for the year (85-87%) and raised premium growth expectations.

Devon's stock price was relatively strong in the quarter, as the price of oil remained above \$100. Devon reported higher earnings/FCF than estimates driven by better than expected volumes and pricing. DVN beat oil production estimates and cap ex was lower than expected. In addition, management raised dividends above expectations and continues to repurchase shares. We believe the combination of a shareholder-friendly return structure, strong balance sheet, and deep drilling inventory position the company well going forward.

West Pharmaceutical Services Inc. (WST -26.45%) detracted this quarter, as one-time labor issues negatively impacted margin. Margin improvement from new, higher value products as well as better operating efficiencies is key to our positive thesis, so the market did not like the margin hit. We are confident this is a one quarter issue and expect the margin and the stock to recover. The rest of the detractors were quality cyclicals negatively impacted by the slowing economy and increasing recession expectations.

Portfolio Activity

As mentioned in our last quarterly letter, overall we feel good about the companies we own. Having said that we sold some holdings that were not tracking to their positive thesis including Helen of Troy Ltd. (HELE), 2seventy Bio Inc. (TSVT), Roku Inc. (ROKU), Terminix Global Holdings Inc. (TMX) Editas Medicine Inc. (EDIT), SVB Financial Group (SIVB), MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (MKTX) and NeoGenomics Inc. (NEO).

We reallocated proceeds to higher conviction names including Curtiss-Wright Corp. (CW) and Avery Dennison Corp. (AVY).

Outlook

We estimate that we are at least halfway through the current bear market. The average bear market is approximately 16 months accompanied by a 41% decline. The current bear market for the Russell 2500 is 8 months, with a 23% decline. Further downside can't be ruled out given the Fed is just getting started on interest rate increases and quantitative tightening. Inflation remains above target; consumer confidence is plummeting and the economy is slowing.

RMB SMID Cap Fund SECOND QUARTER 2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORT Ranked by Basis Point Contribution

	Basis Point Contribution	Return
Top Contributors		
American Financial Group Inc.	+3	+1.42%
Devon Energy Corp.	0	-5.31%
PTC Inc.	-1	-1.25%
CRISPR Therapeutics AG	-1	-3.42%
RPM International Inc.	-3	-3.66%
Bottom Detractors		
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.	-70	-26.45%
EastGroup Properties Inc.	-69	-24.23%
Teledyne Technologies Inc.	-66	-20.61%
Pinnacle Financial Partners Inc.	-58	-21.20%
Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc.	-57	-28.00%

The performance presented above is sourced through Factset Research Systems Inc. Past performance is not indicative of future results, and there is a risk of loss of all or part of your investment. The above does not represent all holdings in the Fund. Holdings listed might not have been held for the full period. For informational purposes the top contributors shown only include those positions held at quarter-end for the entire quarter. Holdings sold intra-quarter are not included. To obtain a copy of RMB's calculation methodology and a list of all holdings with contribution analysis, please contact your service team. The data provided is supplemental. Please see important disclosures at the end of this document.

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The key to the ultimate duration and depth of the current bear market is inflation. How low will it go, and how fast can it get there? We estimate that current market prices imply a mild recession, with long term inflation at 2-3%. If the recession is deeper, and/or inflation persists higher, there may be as much as 20% more downside to come. However, if the Fed threads the needle by avoiding a recession, or engineers a shallow, short recession, downside can be more modest with large upside when the Fed pivots to less hawkishness. We are watching credit spreads to help us get a read on which scenario is most likely. Given our quality bias, we believe the Fund is positioned well on a relative basis if credit spreads continue to widen and the economy continues to slow. If credit spreads do blow out on a deeper recession, our plan is to intentionally add portfolio risk by increasing exposure to the tails of the corporate Life Cycle (Rockets on the left and Fallen Angels on the right) like we did during the COVID bear market in March 2020. Regardless of which scenario plays out from here, investors should be preparing to upgrade their equity allocations over the next 6-12 months. Note, small cap stocks may lead the way out of bear markets as they are often more sensitive to changes in liquidity and credit spreads.

As always, the companies we aim to invest in demonstrate high managerial skill in capital allocation, which we believe can create value for customers, employees, communities, and shareholders.

Thank you for your commitment to the Fund. Should you have any questions regarding your investment, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Chris Faber
Portfolio Manager

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TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS OF 6/30/22

Company	% of Assets
American Financial Group Inc.	3.44%
Teledyne Technologies Inc.	3.05%
Catalent Inc.	2.93%
Pinnacle Financial Partners Inc.	2.77%
ServisFirst Bancshares Inc.	2.74%
EastGroup Properties Inc.	2.69%
Markel Corp.	2.67%
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.	2.66%
Copart Inc.	2.64%
Fair Isaac Corp.	2.64%

Holdings are subject to change. The above is a list of all securities that composed 28.21% of holdings managed as of 3/31/2022 under the RMB SMID Cap Fund ("Fund") of RMB Capital Management, LLC ("RMB Capital") based on the aggregate dollar value. This list is provided for informational purposes only and may or may not represent the current securities managed. It does not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for advisory clients (under the Fund or otherwise) during the calendar quarter ending 3/31/2022. The reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable. For a complete list of historical recommendation for the Fund, please contact RMB Investors Trust at 855-280-6423.

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Basis Point (bps): *A unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1% and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument.*

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For complete information about the Fund, including a free prospectus, please contact RMB Investors Trust at 855-280-6423, or visit the website at www.rmbfunds.com. The prospectus contains important information about the funds, including investment objectives, risks, management fees, sales charges, and other expenses, which you should consider carefully before you invest or send money.

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