RMB Fund

Portfolio Update: First Quarter 2024

During the first quarter ending March 31, 2024, the RMB Fund (the "Fund") increased, +5.91% net of fees, trailing the +10.56% increase in the S&P 500 Index (the "Benchmark") return for the for the same period.

	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
RMBHX	+5.91%	+5.91%	+20.30%	+7.37%	+12.19%	+10.74%	+10.59%
S&P 500 Index	+10.56%	+10.56%	+29.88%	+11.49%	+15.05%	+12.96%	+11.63%
RMBHX (Load Adjusted)	+0.61%	+0.61%	+14.30%	+5.55%	+11.05%	+10.17%	+10.47%

Performance listed is as of March 31, 2024. 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 expense ratio is 1.20%.

The Fund's investment advisor, Curi RMB Capital, LLC, has adapted a contractual expense limitation agreement for each fund through April 30, 2024 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. The Funds have a maximum front-end sales charge of 5.00%. Sales charges are waived for clients of investment intermediaries, or for those who purchase shares via no-transaction-fee platforms.

The first quarter was exceptionally strong for absolute returns, but the passive index continued to see the concentration of a small handful of names contributing an outsized percentage to the overall index return. This can be seen in the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index which returned +7.61%, which is a better representation of what the average stock returned, well below the market capitalization weighted index. This continues the trend we saw last year. From a traditional attribution perspective, the Fund's under performance in the first quarter relative to the S&P 500 was all driven by negative stock selection with almost no impact, positive or negative, from sector allocation. The Information Technology, Health Care, Consumer Staples, and Financials sectors were notable detractors to the Fund's relative performance, partially offset by positive contribution in the Consumer Discretionary and Utilities sectors. Within Technology, non-ownership of a single stock, NVIDIA Corp. (NVDA) caused a 216 basis point headwind to relative performance. While we did see a significant divergence in the individual performance of the Mag 7 stocks[1] during the quarter, not owning NVIDIA, and to a lesser extent Meta Platforms Inc. (META), was painful in trying to keep up with a very strong market.

Macroeconomics continued to play an important factor in the backdrop of the first quarter of 2024. Interest rates began to rise again as the odds of future Fed interest rate cuts declined, or at least got pushed out into 2025. The domestic economy continues to be quite resilient and the odds of a so called economic "soft landing" or "no landing" continue to increase. We have to admit that a year ago we were in the camp that believed a recession was more likely than not, but a significant economic slowdown has yet to arrive. Perhaps it will come later this year or in 2025, but for now, the economy has taken the gut punch from the Fed's interest rate hiking cycle of 2022/2023 extremely well. Historically it's rare for the economy to not falter after significant Fed tightening, but there are exceptions to every rule and economic forecasting is a precarious profession. On a positive note, the year-over-year impact of inflation has been steadily decreasing over the past several months to more manageable levels under 3%, but not yet sustainably at the Fed's long term 2% target. The labor market has also remained quite strong, with sub 4% unemployment and significantly positive monthly net job creation,

[1] The Mag 7 refers to the following stocks: Apple Inc. (AAPL), Microsoft Corp. (MSFT), Alphabet Inc. (GOOG), Amazon.com Inc. (AMZN), Tesla Inc. (TSLA), Meta Platforms Inc. (META), and NVIDIA Corp. (NVDA).

although we note that job statistics can be somewhat of a lagging economic indicator and these statistics can be revised in subsequent months. The performance of the stock market has been somewhat of a push and pull between the benefits of a resilient economy and corporate earnings versus the negative impact of higher rates. While the concentration of returns driving the indices higher remains a concern to us, a 10% move up in just three months is quite remarkable. Clearly the market vote has been to shrug off "higher for longer" interest rates in favor of more optimism around the economy and future corporate earnings growth. We would view a broader market with less concentration in returns and lower correlations between individual securities as a better environment for stock selection in the Fund. We will continue to look for opportunities in new names within our high quality, growth at a reasonable price (GARP) universe while adhering to our long-term investment philosophy.

Contributors and Detractors

Repeating the title from the fourth quarter, Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) was again this quarter's largest positive basis point contributor due to its moderately above market return and large position size. Fundamentals for Microsoft remained strong with a solid fiscal second quarter earnings report and increasing evidence that it will be a meaningful beneficiary of artificial intelligence (AI) in coming years. The company's Azure cloud services business continues to grow, as corporate workloads move to the cloud and increasingly AI models are being run off Azure infrastructure. We continue to watch competitive behavior amongst the hyperscale players which has been rational and enjoys the benefits of having a sticky customer base due to switching costs. Microsoft is one of the few companies that can afford the capital expenditures that it will take to run AI effectively, given its compute intensity and interaction with vast amounts of data. The capital requirements alone are a significant barrier to entry for incumbents. Microsoft is also using AI within its existing enterprise software business with the high-profile launch of CoPilot within its Office software suite. Microsoft is the Fund's largest position at year end, and we continue to like its multi-year outlook, but will manage portfolio risk by not letting the position size get too large.

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FIRST QUARTER 2024 CONTRIBUTION REPORT
Ranked by Basis Point Contribution

	Basis Point Contribution	Return
Top Contributors		
Microsoft Corp.	+118	+11.98%
Amazon.com Inc.	+87	+18.72%
Alphabet Inc.	+58	+7.99%
Progressive Corp.	+52	+30.48%
Walt Disney Co.	+47	+35.52%
Bottom Detractors		
Apple Inc.	-46	-10.84%
American Tower Corp.	-21	-8.47%
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.	-19	-6.69%
Zoetis Inc.	-19	-14.07%
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	-14	-5.66%

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Amazon.com Inc. (AMZN) was the second largest contributor in the quarter. Similar to Microsoft, it also reported a very solid fourth quarter that supported our long-term investment thesis from when we originally bought the stock in mid-2022. We continue to see improving margins in the core retail business. After over investing during the pandemic, Amazon has been rightsizing the business and emphasizing more efficiency. Consistent from when we initially bought the stock, we continue to think the margin embedded in Wall Street's forward estimates remains biased to the upside and is key to driving long-term earnings power. Growth in its Amazon Web Services (AWS) division also appears to have bottomed out and we believe will start reaccelerating this year, a key catalyst for the stock. Amazon should continue to benefit from workloads and AI being done in the cloud with years of growth left ahead of it. The stock is the Fund's third largest holding at the end of the quarter.

On the negative side of the performance ledger, we had names adversely affecting the Fund's overall return. Apple Inc. (AAPL) was the Fund's second largest detractor in the quarter as a number of negative data points emerged. Combined with a reasonably full valuation, the stock moved lower. China remains a very significant market for Apple and reports have emerged that iPhone sales have been weak in this market, perhaps influenced by anti-American sentiment, increased competition from local brands like Huawei and a Chinese government ban from government workers using Apple devices. The first quarter also saw an anti-trust lawsuit filed against Apple by the U.S. government, citing anti-competitive behavior. Apple is not alone in this camp as it seems like all the big technology companies are under fire from exerting their competitive moats over the years. These suits are very hard to handicap as to their likelihood of hurting the business models and will take years to play out, thus will remain overhangs on the stocks to varying degrees. We took a modest trim in our Apple position right before year-end 2023, but have largely stuck with our position. The stock is the Fund's fifth largest position at quarter end although we are under-weight the name by 250 basis points relative to the S&P 500's weighting. We also face the challenge that our Apple position has an extremely low tax basis (literally $1.54 per share) and want to remain sensitive to any sales for taxable investors.

American Tower Corp. (AMT), a real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns cellular towers and data centers, was the Fund's second largest detractor. Real Estate was the worst performing sector in the S&P 500 during the first quarter as rising rates are a headwind to this highly rate sensitive group. REIT's also generally tend to underperform during a "risk on" market environment. AMT underperformed the group as its 2024 guidance from its most recent earnings report was moderately disappointing and the stock entered the year after a big fourth quarter rally. As long-term investors, we wouldn't read much into one quarter's underperformance as we believe AMT is very much a "slow and steady" long-term compounder with a steadily growing dividend attached to its total return. The stock is a bit below the median sized Fund position at quarter end.

Outlook

U.S. corporate earnings, which is the biggest long-term driver of stock prices, have returned to positive year-over-year growth rates over the last two quarters of 2023 after declines in the first half. Earnings are expected to continue their positive growth in the first quarter this year, which will be reported later this month and into May. Earnings proved to be quite resilient in 2023 largely due to the domestic economy holding up much better than the consensus recession call that never arrived. The same is being baked into 2024 and 2025 expectations: a moderately growing economy and less pressure on margins from inflation. It also should be pointed out that when we talk about earnings expectations for the S&P 500, the Mag 7 have an outsized influence on the total for the index, given their sheer size in dollars and the fact that, as a group, they are growing faster than the combination of the other 493 companies. Current expectations for S&P 500 earnings are for 11.1% growth in 2024 and 13.5% in 2025. We believe that these expected growth rates are overly optimistic, but it's not at all that unusual for Wall Street to be too high coming into a year and have downward revisions follow through the year.

Equity valuations look to be on the expensive side at 21.5x 2024 and 18.9x 2025 earnings estimates versus a very long-term average around 16x. Downward revisions would only make these multiples even higher. So what is "the market pricing in"? We believe current valuations are clearly pricing in a soft or no landing scenario for the economy, interest rates that at a minimum don't go any higher from current levels and eventually come down and maybe even a little upside to current earnings estimates. In other words, a pretty optimistic macro-outcome. While this might be what ends up playing out in coming quarters, it doesn't feel like there is a big margin of safety built into stock prices. As always, while we may opine our view of the overall market, we do not pretend to have any ability of predicting where the market is heading in the short or intermediate term. It's a very difficult, if not impossible, task to add value by timing the market and using valuation as a tool to predict where market indices are heading. After a big rebound in 2023 and a fantastic first quarter for absolute returns, we believe it remains prudent to keep return expectations modest, not just for the balance of 2024, but for the next few years. When we say prudent, we think mid-single digit types of returns for domestic equities are more realistic over the next 3-5 years, not double digit. Hopefully we'll be surprised higher, but given the starting point of an expensive market, we'd temper investor return expectations. We continue to focus the Fund's efforts on owning companies with what we believe to be good secular growth prospects, strong economic moats, underleveraged balance sheets, and superior management teams. These are companies we believe can compound value for shareholders for years into the future. The opportunities to find high-quality growth companies selling at highly attractive valuations is not overly abundant, but we will continue to use our bottom-up search to optimize the portfolio while keeping turnover low. If we adhere our disciplined investment process and manage portfolio risk, we aim to continue to add value to market returns in subsequent years.

We'd like to thank you for the continued trust you place in us to manage your assets. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Todd Griesbach

Todd Griesbach
Portfolio Manager

TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS OF 3/31/24

Company	% of Assets
Microsoft Corp.	10.31%
Alphabet Inc.	7.28%
Amazon.com Inc.	5.27%
Visa Inc.	4.11%
Apple Inc.	3.59%
The Cooper Companies Inc.	2.62%
Avery Dennison Corp.	2.49%
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.	2.42%
Nordson Corp.	2.36%
Kenvue Inc.	2.34%

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High-quality stocks are those that we believe offer greater reliability and less risk. The quality assessment is made based on a combination of soft (e.g., management credibility) and hard (e.g., balance sheet stability) criteria.

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

*The **price-earnings ratio** (**P/E ratio**) relates a company's share price to its earnings per share. A high P/E ratio could mean that a company's stock is over-valued, or else that investors are expecting high growth rates in the future.*

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All investing involves risk including the possible loss of principal. The RMB Fund invests in larger, more established companies, which may not respond as quickly to competitive challenges or have higher growth rates than smaller companies might have during periods of economic expansion. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

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