

# RMB Mendon Financial Services Fund

## Portfolio Update: Fourth Quarter 2019

For the three months ended December 31, 2019, the RMB Mendon Financial Services Fund (the "Fund") returned +10.54 net of fees, while its benchmark, the Nasdaq Bank Index, returned +10.15%.

	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (6/7/1999)
RMBKX	+10.54%	+22.80%	+22.80%	+4.50%	+12.26%	+11.72%	+12.49%
NASDAQ Bank Index	+10.15%	+24.37%	+24.37%	+3.21%	+10.55%	+11.53%	+6.22%
RMBKX (Load Adjusted)	+5.02%	+16.67%	+16.67%	+2.73%	+11.11%	+11.15%	+12.20%

***Inception date: 6/7/1999. 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 1.27%.***

***The Fund's investment advisor, RMB Capital Management, LLC, has adapted a contractual expense limitation agreement for each fund through May 1, 2020, 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.***

During the quarter, the top contributors to the Fund's returns were Veritex Holdings Inc., which continued its snapback rally from year end 2018, Carolina Financial Corp., which sold for \$1.1bn during the quarter, and Equity Bancshares Inc., which continued to recover from a credit announced earlier in the year as the market realizes that the event was isolated, not systemic. The Fund's top three detractors resulted in neither contribution nor detractor in aggregate, so undeserving of additional commentary.

In the quarter, we continued to dedicate a significant amount of time to financial technology (FinTech), meeting with a firm developing a new banking core processor in the cloud off a modern technology stack and attended Money 20/20, which is the premier trade show for all things FinTech. We do these things to stay on the leading edge of the constant drumbeat of change within our focal industry. We emerged from these trips with a reinforced viewpoint of the convergence between traditional financial services and technology. We strongly believe that many banks will remain the relevant gatekeeper of the customer relationship while partnering with technology providers on a host of offerings, ranging from niche lending strategies to payments and digital banking offerings. This is especially true for commercially-oriented banks where relationship penetration spans far beyond a single product line. In other instances, banks will serve as the infrastructure partners of technology companies who do not wish to wade into regulatory and compliance matters. It reminds us of five years ago when merchants, telecom providers, and upstarts wanted to replace the major payment networks (V, MA, AXP) only to switch to a strategy of partnering with these companies to develop solutions on top of their existing infrastructure. Banks have seen the likes of Lending Club's peer-to-peer lending strategies or OnDeck's small business lending as an effort to replace them, before these companies realized that low-cost, sticky deposit funding was a critical component of successful lending (in addition to the ability to be paid back...). In the end, those firms or successors, such as GreenSky's point-of-sale lending business, pivoted to partner with banks, not wanting to become subject to the vast regulatory burdens associated with fully replicating the existing banking ecosystem.

After attending Money 20/20, we worry more that some segments of the banking marketplace will be more susceptible to technological change. As firms like Uber and Apple partner with Goldman Sachs and Greendot to enable partial solutions, we feel that homogenous consumer products will be a very competitive area going forward with many very powerful brands in the space. This is why we view the mid-size regional banks as being net losers, as they are too small to be cost leaders and too big to be able to nimbly work with fast-moving technology companies. Community banks, however, offer a very different value proposition that is targeted toward small- and medium-sized businesses, and they don't try to compete with mass-

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market consumer products. We continue to focus on where we think the business is going and to find the businesses and management teams that are most capable of getting there quickly and taking advantage of the dislocations along the way.

We hope that the above discussion demonstrates that we are not defending a static posture among the banks from the myriad of technologies looking to disintermediate or partner with them. Rather, we are increasingly pushing our management teams to refine their technology strategies and giving those strategies a greater weight in our management assessment process. And the attention amongst banks is higher. What was different this year at the conference is the adoption of digital, customer-facing technology amongst the banks and a more fulsome discussion around how to use open technology to partner with niche providers on things such as payment solutions. At the end of the day, the key is to find ways to de-commoditize the banking business, which is likely going to be done through partnerships and open architecture initiatives. Over time, this is going to drive more pronounced winners and losers in the banking space.

As always, we welcome your feedback, comments, and questions.

Sincerely,



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## TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS OF 12/31/19

<b>Company</b>	<b>% of Assets</b>
Veritex Holdings Inc.	9.46%
FB Financial Corp.	9.31%
Ameris Bancorp	8.79%
Equity Bancshares Inc.	6.57%
Carolina Financial Corp.	4.98%
Live Oak Bancshares Inc.	4.92%
The First Bancshares Inc.	4.53%
First Bancorp	3.65%
Origin Bancorp Inc.	3.32%
Howard Bancorp Inc.	3.18%

*Holdings are subject to change. The above is a list of all securities that composed 58.70% of holdings managed as of 12/31/2019 under the RMB Mendon Financial Services 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 12/31/2019. 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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