

## Small Cap Value

**June 2015** 

## **Factor Analysis and Commentary**

| 1. Valuation-Earnings/Cash Flow | Within t   |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 2. Valuation-Bal. Sheet/Revenue | Across H   |
| 3. Profitability                | 2000 Va    |
| 4. Growth                       |            |
| 5. Accruals/Earnings Quality    | Seven of   |
| 6. Balance Sheet                | more neg   |
| 7. Efficiency                   | Valuatio   |
| 8. Momentum                     | group to   |
| 9. Sentiment & Share-Related    | factors le |

thin the 14 customized sector-specific models, Piermont employs more than 40 individual factors, which can be summarized in nine broad factor groups. ross Piermont's factors, the following table summarizes the general monthly relative performance of each factor group for all of the stocks in the Russell 00 Value index, as indicated by the underlying factors' information coefficients and average spreads between top and bottom-quintile ranking stocks.

even of the nine factor groups produced significant positive-leaning average information coefficients (IC's) and spreads in June, ending a two-month steak of nore negative than positive leaning groups. Historically, multi-month negative periods have tended to be followed by significant positive periods. The /aluation-Earnings/Cash Flow and Profitability factor groups posted the most positive average IC's, while Valuation-Bal. Sheet/Revenue was the only factor roup to lean negative. Return on Assets and Return on Equity were the strongest factors, while Cash/Market Cap and Inventory Turnover were the only actors leaning significantly negative.

## **Performance Attribution**

The strongest sector returns versus the index were in the Consumer Staples & Health Care sectors while the weakest returns were in the Energy and Materials & Processing sectors. Piermont Small Cap Value strategy returned 1.04% for the month of June outperforming the Russell 2000 Value index by 0.91% and outperforming the FTSE CalPERS US TMI 2000 Value ex Tobacco Index by 2.11%.

|                                 | Pie     | rmont Small Cap | Value           |         | Russell 2000 Va | lue             |         | Variation           |                 | Attr       | ribution Effect | s      |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Piermont Small Cap Value (Gross | Average |                 | Contribution To | Average |                 | Contribution To | Average |                     | Contribution To |            |                 |        |
| of Fee) vs. Russell 2000 Value  | Weight  | Total Return    | Return          | Weight  | Total Return    | Return          | Weight  | <b>Total Return</b> | Return          | Allocation | Selection       | Total  |
| Russell Sectors                 |         |                 |                 |         |                 |                 |         |                     |                 |            |                 |        |
| Financial Services              | 40.37%  | 2.14%           | 0.84%           | 41.08%  | 1.93%           | 0.76%           | -0.71%  | 0.20%               | 0.08%           | -0.01%     | 0.08%           | 0.07%  |
| Producer Durables               | 13.15%  | 0.42%           | 0.07%           | 13.26%  | 0.02%           | 0.00%           | -0.11%  | 0.40%               | 0.07%           | 0.00%      | 0.06%           | 0.06%  |
| Consumer Discretionary          | 12.02%  | 1.68%           | 0.22%           | 12.13%  | 0.53%           | 0.10%           | -0.11%  | 1.15%               | 0.12%           | -0.01%     | 0.13%           | 0.12%  |
| Technology                      | 8.64%   | 1.31%           | 0.09%           | 8.86%   | -2.66%          | -0.25%          | -0.22%  | 3.98%               | 0.34%           | 0.00%      | 0.35%           | 0.34%  |
| Utilities                       | 7.65%   | -4.01%          | -0.32%          | 7.34%   | -5.25%          | -0.40%          | 0.31%   | 1.23%               | 0.08%           | -0.02%     | 0.10%           | 0.08%  |
| Energy                          | 3.57%   | -8.62%          | -0.34%          | 3.40%   | -6.44%          | -0.27%          | 0.17%   | -2.18%              | -0.07%          | -0.01%     | -0.09%          | -0.10% |
| Materials & Processing          | 6.03%   | -3.38%          | -0.19%          | 5.59%   | -2.26%          | -0.10%          | 0.44%   | -1.12%              | -0.09%          | -0.01%     | -0.07%          | -0.09% |
| Health Care                     | 5.88%   | 7.55%           | 0.43%           | 6.04%   | 2.09%           | 0.16%           | -0.16%  | 5.46%               | 0.27%           | 0.01%      | 0.30%           | 0.31%  |
| Consumer Staples                | 2.15%   | 11.07%          | 0.23%           | 2.31%   | 5.51%           | 0.12%           | -0.16%  | 5.55%               | 0.10%           | -0.01%     | 0.11%           | 0.10%  |
| [Cash]                          | 0.55%   | 0.00%           | 0.00%           | 0.00%   | 0.00%           | 0.00%           | 0.55%   | 0.00%               | 0.00%           | 0.01%      | 0.00%           | 0.01%  |
| Total                           | 100.00% | 1.02%           | 1.02%           | 100.00% | 0.13%           | 0.13%           | 0.00%   | 0.89%               | 0.89%           | -0.07%     | 0.96%           | 0.89%  |

Source: Factset. Attribution data for Piermont Small Cap Value and Russell 2000 Value for the period of 06/01/2015 through 06/30/2015. Calculations are gross of management fees, do not include intraday trading, and therefore, do not represent actual portfolio returns.

| Organizational Update       |         |                                      |                        |   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Change in Ownership         | None    | Small Cap Value Accounts Gained      | 0                      | Staff Size 8                              |  |  |  |
| Firm AUM (\$mil)            | \$335.1 | Small Cap Value Accounts Lost        | 0                      | Staff Changes None                        |  |  |  |
| Small Cap Value AUM (\$mil) | \$258.1 | New Address as of September 1, 2012: | 530 Maryville Centre E | Dr., Suite 230, St. Louis, Missouri 63141 |  |  |  |