

In Q3 2017, the Fund gained 5.61% while the Russell 2000 (R2) gained 5.67% (as of 9/30/17).

Since inception (March 31, 2011), the Fund is up a cumulative 102.39%, the R2 is up 93.49%.

The AlphaOne Small Cap Opportunities Fund's objective is to achieve higher returns than the R2 with less volatility through active management. Through the years, the team has applied a consistent core (value and growth) process that targets companies that demonstrate earnings and earnings growth, return on capital and management that exhibits an ownership mentality. Since inception, the Fund has managed to outperform its benchmark with below-average volatility compared to peers and to the Russell 2000 Index. The Fund typically holds 50-70 domestic common stock positions and a targeted holding period of 3-5 years.

AlphaOne Small Cap Opportunities Fund (6/30/17) Annualized Returns	AOMAX	Russell 2000® Index	AlphaOne Advantage
Trailing 1-Year	27.70%	20.74%	6.96%
Trailing 3-Year	15.44%	12.18%	3.27%
Trailing 5-Year	14.54%	13.79%	0.74%
Inception-to-Date	11.46%	10.69%	0.77%
Inception-to-Date (Cumulative Return)	102.39%	93.49%	8.90%
<p>The performance quoted herein represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost, and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month end, please call 1-855-4-ALPHAONE. Gross Expenses for Small Cap Opportunities Fund I Shares are 1.30%. Returns do not reflect the effect of a 2.00% redemption fee which is incurred on shares held less than 90 days. The expense ratio does not reflect the ability of the Adviser to recover all or a portion of prior waivers, which would result in higher expenses for the investors. This option is available contractually to the Adviser until April 1, 2018. Other share classes are available, which would have different results.</p>			

Looking back on the past nine months, we feel 2017 can be properly summarized by the Grateful Dead's familiar lyric; "what a long strange trip it's been". From timorous tweets to bombastic bloviation to lackluster legislative leadership, who could have foreseen this behavior and results in our capital district? Furthermore, events outside of human control have deposited untold misery, both temporary and permanent, upon fellow citizens. Even with all that said, so far in 2017 these tumultuous political headlines and hurricane winds have had relatively little impact on blowing the US equity markets off their continued course of growth. Yet, we began the year, somewhat, hopeful for the Fund. To wit, we thought the economic and legislative environment was establishing a solid foundation for investors to support small cap stocks. Interest rates were rising, the dollar was strengthening, and D.C. was ruled by one party. However, we quickly saw the unraveling of each of these. The excessive exuberance for small cap that powered through the last quarter of 2016 came quickly undone as investors moved back towards larger cap equities. And within small caps, investors moved from financials and industrials to non-earners in biotech or growthier technology companies. The move from value to growth investment styles proved overwhelming once again during the first half of the year. Thank goodness investing is a long race.

In our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter commentary and research piece, we highlighted several categories of potential policy changes that could have an impact on domestic small cap companies. These were (and still are) as follows:

- **Corporate tax rate reduction:** the percentage decline and timing of enactment.
- **Regulatory rollback:** specifically how such non-legislative rollback could impact large portions of smaller companies and their earnings power.
- **Infrastructure spend:** follow through on infrastructure and defense spending to "Make America Great Again".
- **Energy policy:** follow through on commitments for looser regulatory enforcement with its' impact on drilling and oil field services.
- **Affordable Care Act (ACA) restructuring:** Not an easy task, but a potential repeal and/or replacement of the ACA could have varied and considerable implications for certain segments of the Healthcare industry.

Due to the incomplete nature of the above legislative agenda items, we will withhold assigning any grades. History has taught us that significant legislative changes take a long time to happen. Some of the above have been legislative items for quite a long time. For instance, tax policy was last changed a generation ago. The ACA came almost 50 years after the establishment of Medicare. Nonetheless, as investors, we need to look at where we are in the legislative process and where we might be going.

We are presently debating corporate tax reform. Original requests for a 15% corporate rate, a border adjustment tax (BAT), and repatriation of cash trapped overseas are beginning to move towards a 25% rate, no BAT, and the potential for a

10-12% tax on overseas cash. We still believe corporate tax reform will occur and it will be applicable to 2018 taxes.

Regulatory rollback is occurring. This doesn't necessarily mean rules are discarded. It may mean they are re-written. Or more to the point, they are either loosely enforced or re-interpreted. Two of the bigger impact re-interpretations are the Clean Power Plan and ACA rules.

The potential to increase infrastructure spending seems mired in debate over repatriation of overseas earnings. More than likely a decision and its impact is slated for 2018 and beyond.

Energy policy remains in place except for the potential impact on coal companies under a repeal of the Clean Power Plan.

The repeal and replace rhetoric of the ACA was a failure. However, the potential for executive orders to alter the mechanics of ACA implementation may provide a means to change the pathway of ACA towards a single payor system.

Again, at the beginning of the year, we wrote that the potential legislative agenda would be positive for small quality companies with low leverage, solid revenue and earnings growth. Financials and industrials would benefit more than other sectors owing to a reduction in the corporate tax rate and the potential for immediate expensing of capital equipment. However, for more than half of the year, non-earners, fast growers proved the better performers as investors saw little hope for tax reform given a desultory legislative batting average achieved by those in power. Then, September happened.

While the campaign promises promoted by our new administration have been hostilely delivered and clumsily endorsed, there has been progress on Capitol Hill. The probability of a tax reform win is beginning to rise and investors have swapped a growthier exposure for a more fundamental one. We argue that this move is not all due to the potential for a change to fiscal policy. The increasing realization that the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) will continue to increase short-term rates and that the potential for the yield curve to remain positively sloped, but at higher rates is an important component in moving investors from non-earning companies to earners.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, owing to our exposure to financials and industrials, the Fund outperformed the Russell 2000 (R2) just shy of one percent. This relative move cut in half the portfolios underperformance suffered through the prior six months. We remain steadfast in our commitment to investing your capital in quality companies with low levels of debt, sustainable business models, and above average profitability. We believe the shares of these companies will be the winners in the investment race as pro-business tax legislation takes shape

in combination with the normalization of the FRB balance sheet and yield curve.

As always, we appreciate your confidence and support in our team and process.

Sincerely,



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#### Disclosures

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