# **GIPS REPORT**



# Congress Asset Management Co. SMid Growth Composite 4/1/2017 - 12/31/2023

| Year                 | Total Return<br>Gross of<br>Fees% | Total Return<br>Net of Fees% | Russell<br>2500 Growth<br>Return %<br>(dividends<br>reinvested) |      | Russell 2500<br>Growth 3-Yr<br>annualized<br>ex-post St<br>Dev (%) | Number of<br>Portfolios | Gross Dis-<br>persion % | posite<br>Assets | Total Firm<br>Discretionary<br>Assets<br>lEnd of Period<br>(\$ millions) | ry-Only | Total Firm<br>Assets End of<br>Period #<br>(\$ millions) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|---------|--|
| 2023                 | 18.8                              | 18.3                         | 18.9  | 19.8 | 21.0   | 195                     | 0.56                    | 173              | 12,146   | 8,514   | 20,660   |
| 2022                 | -21.5                             | -21.7                        | -26.2   | 22.8 | 25.2   | 158                     | 0.51                    | 96               | 10,083   | 6,799   | 16,882   |
| 2021                 | 28.4                              | 27.9                         | 5.0   | 18.5 | 22.0   | 98                      | 0.91                    | 79               | 12,778   | 8,018   | 20,796   |
| 2020                 | 50.3                              | 49.7                         | 40.5  | 20.7 | 23.9   | 47                      | 0.62                    | 55               | 10,746   | 5,523   | 16,269   |
| 2019                 | 28.7                              | 28.2                         | 32.7  | n/a  | n/a  | 14                      | n/a                     | 37               | 8,445  | 4,083   | 12,528   |
| 2018                 | 1.3                               | 0.9                          | -7.5  | n/a  | n/a  | ≤5                      | n/a                     | 27               | 7,102  | 3,132   | 10,234   |
| 3/31/17-<br>12/31/17 |                                   | 12.5                         | 17.1  | n/a  | n/a  | ≤5                      | n/a                     | 35               | 7,272  | 3,274   | 10,546   |

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## Average Annualized Performance % as of 12/31/2024

|                                       | QTD  | YTD  | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | Since Inception<br>4/1/2017 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|
| SMid Growth Composite (Gross of Fees) | 0.0  | 13.0 | 13.0 | 1.8   | 15.3  | 15.2                        |
| SMid Growth Composite (Net Fees)      | -0.2 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 1.4   | 14.8  | 14.8                        |
| Russell 2500 Growth®                  | 2.4  | 13.9 | 13.9 | 0.0   | 8.1   | 10.2                        |

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# Information About GIPS Composite

#The "Total Firm Assets" column includes unified managed account (UMA) assets

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Composite Characteristics: The creation and inception date of the SMid Growth Composite is April 1, 2017, which reflects the first full month an account was fully invested in the strategy and met the inclusion criteria. The composite includes all fully discretionary portfolios with a value over \$100 thousand (US dollars) managed in the SMid growth style for a minimum of one full month. The SMid growth strategy invests in the equity of high-quality companies with market capitalizations between \$300 million and \$20 billion (at the time of purchase) exhibiting consistent earnings growth. Accounts with wrap commissions are excluded from the composite. The primary composite benchmark is the Russell 2500 Growth Index. The benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. Closed account data is included in the composite as mandated by the standards in order to eliminate a survivorship bias. A list of composite descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds, and a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions are available upon request.

Calculation Methodology: Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. Gross of fees returns are calculated gross of management and custodial fees and net of transaction costs. Net of fees returns are calculated using actual management fees. The composite results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and other earnings when appropriate. Accruals for equity securities are included in calculations. Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross-of-fees returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite, and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not presented for periods prior to 2020 because 36-month returns were not available.

Fee Schedule: The firms' individual account fee schedule is as follows: 1.00% for first \$1 million, 0.80% for next \$4 million, 0.60% for next \$5 million. Management fees for individual accounts with assets under management exceeding \$10 million, and for institutional accounts are negotiated. The individual account fee schedule may be subject to negotiation where circumstances warrant. As fees are deducted quarterly, the compounding effect will increase the impact of the fees by an amount directly related to the gross account performance. For example, an account earning a 10% annual gross return with a 1% annual fee deducted quarterly would earn an 8.9% annual net return due to compounding.

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