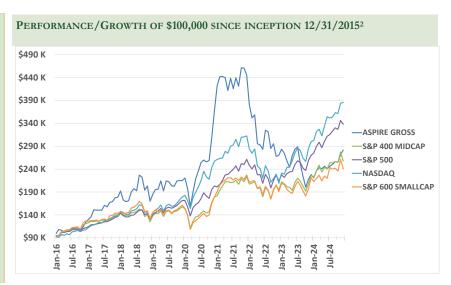


# INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

The TFCM Aspire Strategy adheres to the same disciplined process that is applied to our flagship Core Growth Strategy and our narrative-based approach, which has been deployed by the principals of Taylor Frigon for almost three decades. Over that period of time, an integral part of our investment strategy has been to invest in companies that possess unique characteristics of solid core growth companies, primarily in the areas of core technology, healthcare and biotechnology. The TFCM Aspire strategy portfolio is a derivative of the TFCM Core Growth Strategy and is made up of what the Investment Committee determines to be the companies with the highest growth potential, and are generally smaller in size. As such, the TFCM Aspire Strategy is a highly concentrated portfolio and will generally consist of ten to twenty companies, therefore, it is a highly aggressive strategy.

## TFCM ASPIRE SMALL-CAP STRATEGY

We have been heavily researching and investing in high growth companies in core technology, healthcare and biotechnology for decades at TFCM. Our experience in our venture capital partnership, Taylor Frigon Capital Partners LP, uniquely exposes us to some of the most exciting aspects of these markets and provides us the insight and knowledge necessary to navigate the complex concepts that exist in the most innovative and rapidly changing industries of today. The most significant narratives for the future are happening in Biosciences and core technology and the TFCM Aspire Strategy is well-positioned for the investor that desires exposure to these significant growth opportunities.



|                  | Tota   | l Return |        | Cumulative |        |                              |                              |
|------------------|--------|----------|--------|------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                  | QTD    | YTD      | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR     | 5 YEAR | since inception <sup>1</sup> | since inception <sup>1</sup> |
| TFCM Net         | 9.25%  | 21.66%   | 21.66% | -15.34%    | 4.05%  | 10.55%                       | 146.91%                      |
| TFCM Gross       | 9.66%  | 23.49%   | 23.49% | -14.17%    | 5.54%  | 12.18%                       | 181.53%                      |
| NASDAQ           | 6.17%  | 28.64%   | 28.64% | 7.26%      | 19.59% | 16.16%                       | 285.64%                      |
| S&P 500          | 2.41%  | 25.02%   | 25.02% | 8.93%      | 14.51% | 14.47%                       | 237.86%                      |
| S&P 400 Midcap   | 0.35%  | 13.93%   | 13.93% | 4.87%      | 10.33% | 11.08%                       | 157.60%                      |
| S&P 600 SmallCap | -0.58% | 8.70%    | 8.70%  | 1.91%      | 8.35%  | 10.23%                       | 140.53%                      |

<sup>1</sup> Inception date 12/31/2015

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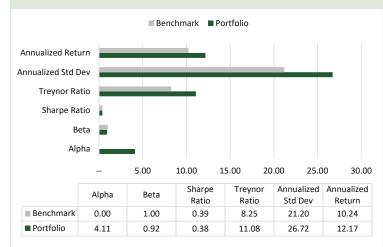
### TOP 5 POSITIONS <sup>3</sup>

|                                   | Weight (%) | Mkt Cap<br>(\$Mil) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Impinj, Inc.                      | 11.20      | 424                |
| Boot Barn Holdings, Inc.          | 9.21       | 171                |
| ClearPoint Neuro, Inc.            | 8.14       | 8267               |
| Glaukos Corp                      | 7.54       | 4634               |
| NAPCO Security Technologies, Inc. | 7.29       | 1836               |

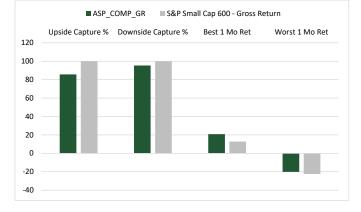
### SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%) <sup>3</sup>

|                    | Portfolio | BM    |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|
| Technology         | 31.33     | 12.02 |
| Healthcare         | 30.87     | 9.47  |
| Finance            | 9.47      | 25.41 |
| Industrials        | 8.03      | 16.18 |
| Consumer Cyclicals | 7.54      | 10.92 |
| Cash               | 6.45      | 0.00  |

#### **MODERN PORTFOLIO STATISTICS4\***



### **RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**<sup>4</sup>



#### CHARACTERISTICS<sup>3</sup>

|                             | Portfolio | BM    |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| # of Securities             | 17        | 603   |
| Weighted Ave Mkt Cap        | 2,877     | 3,604 |
| Weighted Med Mkt Cap        | 1,836     | 3,022 |
| Price/Sales                 | 10.4      | 5.6   |
| Hist 3Yr Sales Growth       | 35.1      | 13.3  |
| Hist 3Yr EPS Growth         | 39.0      | 31.1  |
| Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth       | 20.8      | 12.8  |
| LT Debt/Capital             | 28.3      | 33.3  |
| Ave Portfolio Turnover 2023 | 34.1      | 33.3  |

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<sup>3</sup> Source: FactSet PA; Benchmark SPDR S&P 600 Small Cap ETF. These statistics are based on a composite of actual portfolios.

<sup>4</sup> Source: FactSet SPAR; Benchmark: S&P Small Cap 600 - Gross Return. These statistics are based on GIPS compliant gross-of-fees monthly composite returns.

**Definitions:** Std Dev: A statistical measure of the degree to which an individual portfolio return tends to vary from the mean, based on the entire population. The greater degree of dispersion, the greater degree of risk. **Treynor Ratio**: Measures reward per unit of beta risk. The numerator of this ratio is the difference between the portfolio annualized return and the annualized return of the risk free instrument (T-Bills). The denominator is the portfolio's beta. **Sharpe Ratio**: A risk-adjusted measure that measures reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better. The numerator is the difference between the portfolio's annualized return and the annualized return of a risk-free instrument. The denominator is the portfolio's annualized standard deviation (population). **Beta**: The systematic risk of a portfolio. The beta of a portfolio is is sensitivity to a benchmark. A portfolio with a beta of 1 is as risky as the benchmark. **Alpha**: The standard intercept. Alpha is a risk (beta-adjusted) return measurement. If two managers had the same return, but one had a lower beta, that manager would have a higher alpha.



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|          | ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RESULTS |                   |               |         |                 |         |                 |         |                 |         |                          |         |                       |           |                     |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
|          | Composite Assets           |                   |               | NASDAQ  |                 | S&P 500 |                 | S&P 400 |                 | S&P 600 | TFCM<br>Aspire Composite |         |                       | Composite |                     |
| Year End | Assets<br>(millions)       | USD<br>(millions) | # of<br>Accts | NASDAQ  | 3 Yr<br>Std Dev | S&P 500 | 3 Yr<br>Std Dev | S&P 400 | 3 Yr<br>Std Dev | S&P600  | 3 Yr<br>Std Dev          | Gross   | 3 yr Gross<br>Std Dev | Net       | Dispersion<br>Gross |
| 2024     | \$224.402                  | \$3.084           | 24            | 28.64%  | 21.36%          | 25.02%  | 17.15%          | 13.93%  | 20.76%          | 8.70%   | 22.90%                   | 23.49%  | 25.10%                | 21.66%    | 1.69%               |
| 2023     | \$224.955                  | \$3.010           | 28            | 43.42%  | 21.21%          | 26.29%  | 17.29%          | 16.45%  | 19.75%          | 16.05%  | 20.97%                   | -15.59% | 27.32%                | -16.54%   | 1.39%               |
| 2022     | \$206.423                  | \$3.998           | 28            | -33.10% | 23.88%          | -18.11% | 20.87%          | -13.06% | 24.51%          | -16.10% | 26.07%                   | -39.37% | 34.44%                | -40.27%   | 1.74%               |
| 2021     | \$363.183                  | \$6.824           | 29            | 21.39%  | 18.70%          | 28.71%  | 17.17%          | 24.77%  | 21.83%          | 26.82%  | 23.57%                   | 21.00%  | 30.02%                | 19.20%    | 1.22%               |
| 2020     | \$337.373                  | \$5.798           | 29            | 43.64%  | 20.77%          | 18.40%  | 18.53%          | 13.64%  | 23.31%          | 11.29%  | 25.50%                   | 71.28%  | 33.72%                | 68.73%    | 3.11%               |
| 2019     | \$183.542                  | \$3.659           | 34            | 35.23%  | 14.32%          | 31.49%  | 11.93%          | 26.21%  | 14.46%          | 22.78%  | 16.24%                   | 26.60%  | 24.18%                | 24.71%    | 2.77%               |
| 2018     | \$141.460                  | \$2.918           | 37            | -3.88%  | 13.57%          | -4.38%  | 10.80%          | -11.08% | 13.31%          | -8.48%  | 16.02%                   | -5.01%  | 22.58%                | -6.43%    | 1.18%               |
| 2017     | \$153.814                  | \$2.563           | 32            | 28.24%  | NA              | 21.83%  | NA              | 16.82%  | NA              | 13.23%  | NA                       | 44.73%  | NA                    | 42.57%    | 3.52%               |
| 2016     | \$128.752                  | \$1.128           | 31            | 7.50%   | NA              | 11.96%  | NA              | 17.60%  | NA              | 26.56%  | NA                       | 23.50%  | NA                    | 21.66%    | 3.89%               |

NA - Information is not presented due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite period. In addition, the three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of

Aspire Composite contains fully discretionary Aspire Strategy accounts which invest primarily in 10-20 growth stocks in the areas of core technology, health care and biotechnology, with small components of cash, and for comparison purposes is measured against the NASDAQ, S&P 500, S&P 400 Midcap indices and S&P 600 SmallCap indices. The S&P 400 Midcap Total Return is an unmanaged index consisting of 400 domestic stocks. To be included in the index, a stock must have a total market capitalization that ranges from \$1.4 billion to \$5.9 billion at the time of addition to the index. S&P 600 SmallCap Total Return is an unmanaged index consisting of 600 domestic stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry group representation. The index has dividends reinvested in its value. It is a market-value weighted index with approximately \$8 billion indexed to it.

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