# Focused Absolute Value® III

A HIGH CONVICTION STRATEGY | QUARTERLY UPDATE AS OF JUNE 30, 2023



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# **Investment Objective**

Long-term total return = Russell 3000 Value index  $\underline{\text{plus}}$  a minimum of +200 bps

# **Strategy Summary**

Focused Absolute Value® III (FAV III) is a concentrated, all cap value strategy comprised of what the firm's associate portfolio managers and analysts believe are the 'best and most timely ideas' selected from the stocks held across all River Road U.S. equity strategies.¹

The FAV III strategy leverages the existing Focused Absolute Value® (FAV) strategy's portfolio design and investment process and typically invests in companies with a market cap of \$2 B or greater at the time of initial purchase (versus \$250 MM for the FAV strategy).

If a holding is liquidated from all RRAM portfolios, the stock must be sold from the Focused Absolute Value®  $\|I\|$  portfolio within a reasonable period of time (typically less than 30 days).

#### **Portfolio Managers**



**R. Andrew Beck** Chief Executive Officer & Senior Portfolio Manager

24 years of experience; managed portfolio since inception

University of Louisville, BS Babson College, MBA



J. Alex Brown Chief Investment Officer

17 years of experience; managed portfolio since 2022

United States Air Force Academy, BS Harvard Business School, MBA



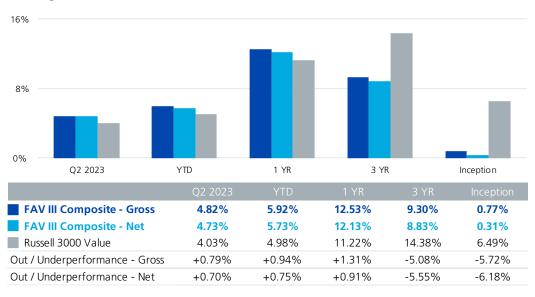
**Ashley L. Abney, CPA**Associate Portfolio Manager,
Derived Strategies

17 years of experience; managed portfolio since 2021

Centre College, BS

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# **Trailing Returns**



### **Calendar Year Returns**

	2022	2021	2020
FAV III Composite - Gross	-15.53%	16.29%	-1.29%
FAV III Composite - Net	-15.83%	15.68%	-1.80%
Russell 3000 Value	-7.98%	25.37%	2.87%
Out / Underperformance - Gross	-7.55%	-9.08%	-4.16%
Out / Underperformance - Net	-7.85%	-9.69%	-4.67%

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#### **Market Highlights**

- Stocks continued to advance amidst a sharply bifurcated market.
- Large cap and growth outperformed small cap and value, but at a slower pace than Q1.
- Within the Russell 3000 Value index, Communication Services (+10.97%) and Industrials (+9.05%) posted the highest total returns, while Utilities (-2.79%) and Energy (-0.66%) posted the lowest.

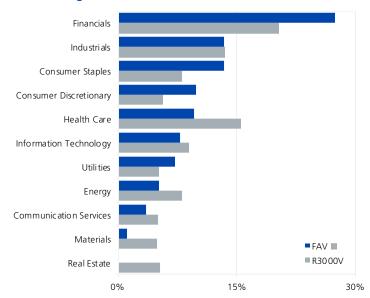
#### **Portfolio Highlights**

- The River Road Focused Absolute Value<sup>®</sup> III (FAV III) composite returned <u>+4.82%</u> (+4.73% net) for Q2 versus <u>+4.03%</u> for the Russell 3000 Value benchmark. Year to date, the composite returned <u>+5.92%</u> (+5.73% net) versus <u>+4.98%</u> for the benchmark.
- The holdings with the highest contribution to active return were Patterson Companies Inc. (PDCO: +30%, +75 bps) and Molson Coors Beverage Co. (Cl B) (TAP: +26%, +75 bps).
- The holdings with the lowest contribution to active return were BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc. (BJ: -16%, -72 bps) and AES Corp. (AES: -13%, -61 bps).

#### **Outlook**

- A mild to moderate recession remains base case, but we believe FAV is positioned for a range of scenarios
- Normalization to a real yield regime is underway, which we believe will promote healthy price discovery and value leadership.

### **Sector Weights**



#### **Portfolio Contribution**

Top Cor	ntributors	Avg Wgt	PCAR
PDCO	Patterson Companies Inc.	3.59%	+0.75%
TAP	Molson Coors Beverage Co. (Cl B)	1.21%	+0.75%
ORCL	Oracle Corp.	2.70%	+0.59%
FRFHF	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	5.91%	+0.47%
BRK.B	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (CI B)	7.63%	+0.46%

Bottom Contributors			
BJ	BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc.	3.25%	-0.72%
AES	AES Corp.	3.39%	-0.61%
PFE	Pfizer Inc.	3.31%	-0.45%
KR	Kroger Co.	4.96%	-0.41%
UPS	United Parcel Service Inc. (CI B)	3.36%	-0.40%

#### **Characteristics & Risk Statistics**

	FAV III	R3000V
Number of Holdings	32	2,302
EV / EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	8.9	11.1
Price / Earnings <sup>2</sup>	14.6	16.0
Price / Book	2.26	2.29
Price / Cash Flow	11.4	14.8
ROE (5 YR Avg)	14.8	14.7
EPS Growth (5 YR)	11.5	12.7
LT Growth Estimate <sup>3</sup>	8.9	7.1
Annualized Standard Deviation <sup>4</sup>	18.67	17.38
Jensen Alpha <sup>4</sup>	-5.58	
Beta <sup>4</sup>	1.04	
Cash	1.8%	
Dollar Turnover (3 YR Avg) <sup>5</sup>	88.6%	

# **Market Cap Breakdown**

	FAV III	R3000V
Wtd Median Market Cap	\$19.82 B	\$66.53 B
Wtd Avg Market Cap	\$97.71 B	\$130.07 B
Large/Mega Cap: > \$45 B	31.3%	57.6%
Mid Cap: \$10 B - \$45 B	35.6%	28.4%
Micro/Small Cap: < \$10 B	31.3%	13.9%

#### **Top 10 Portfolio Holdings**

Symbol	Company	% Port
BRK.B	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Cl B)	7.62%
FRFHF	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	5.96%
FI	Fiserv Inc.	5.00%
KR	Kroger Co.	4.72%
LKQ	LKQ Corp.	3.71%
VST	Vistra Corp.	3.71%
BJ	BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc.	3.63%
WEX	WEX Inc.	3.54%
PDCO	Patterson Companies Inc.	3.48%
CMCSA	Comcast Corp. (Cl A)	3.44%

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