

**Morgan Dempsey Small/Micro-Cap Value - Fourth Quarter Commentary**

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**Day(s) the Credit Market Stood Still**

The tremors resulting from the deflationary spiral introduced by the collapse of sub-prime loans and Alt-A mortgages in August 2007 culminated in a 10-day abyss which assailed the stock and bond markets during the beginning of October 2008.

The quotational value of our small/micro-cap holdings fell -13.74% in October, accounting for nearly our entire yearly deficit. After five straight years of double-digit positive performance, we are disappointed with our decline of -13.98% in 2008, but our clients can take some solace knowing that our strategy performed more than twice as well as our closest benchmark, the Russell 2000 Value Index (-29%) and nearly three times better than the Russell Micro-Cap Index (-39%).

Our value portfolio attempted to navigate the trepidation and volatility in 2008 with increased weightings to 18 of our core holdings focusing on infrastructure (22%) and packaged foods/grocery stocks (25%).

We swapped defense stocks during October scaling down our Herley Industries (HRLY) position and significantly increasing our position in National Presto Industries Inc. (NPK). We began buying at NPK at \$47.50 as it rebounded during the year to the low \$80s. National Presto now ranks as one of our top seven “locomotive” holdings.

We believe in the benefits of concentration and the portfolio typically provides a tilted weighting of 4%-8% to roughly 1 out of every 10 holdings. (A total of 68 holdings results in 7 “locomotive” positions.) NPK is a company we have owned since 2005 and we have become increasingly

**Performance Summary**

	Morgan Dempsey Small-Cap (Net)	Russell 2000 Value
Oct	-13.74%	-19.98%
Nov	-4.07%	-11.58%
Dec	4.77%	6.15%
<b>Q4</b>	<b>-13.31%</b>	<b>-24.89%</b>
2008	-13.98%	-28.93%

**Account Information**

Management Fee: 1.00%  
Minimum Investment: \$1,000,000  
No lockup period or redemption restrictions

**Manager Information**

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Mr. Rafn joined Morgan Dempsey in October of 2003. He has over 20 years of experience in securities analysis, portfolio management, trading and trust accounting. He additionally has degrees in Finance, Accounting and Economics.

**Portfolio Information**

Top 10 holdings as of 12/31/08

7.1% - Granite Construction, Inc.	GVA
6.5% - Aptar Group, Inc.	ATR
6.2% - J&J Snack Foods Corp.	JJSF
6.2% - National Presto Ind.	NPK
4.7% - Gorman Rupp Co.	GRC
4.3% - L.B Foster Co.	FSTR
3.9% - Jos. A. Bank Clothiers, Inc.	JOSB
3.9% - Utah Medical Products, Inc.	UTMD
2.9% - Cubic Corp.	CUB
2.6% - Flower Foods, Inc.	FLO

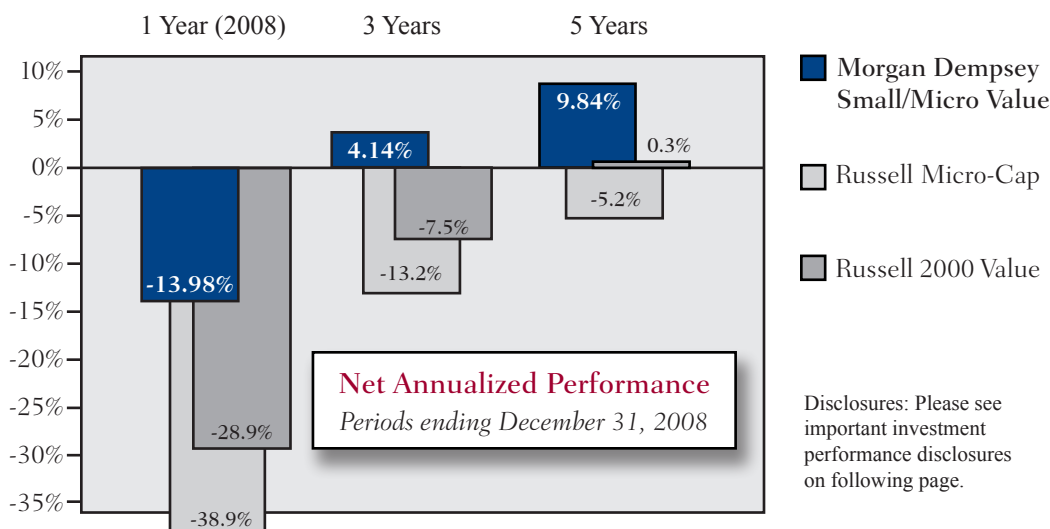
Total Number of Holdings: 68  
3-Year Annualized Turnover: 32%  
Median Market-Cap: \$424 million  
Weighted Market-Cap: \$777 million

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comfortable with both their management and business prospects. The recent volatility allowed us to increase our position in this company from 1.77% to 6.16% at what we felt to be bargain prices. National Presto performed quite well for us during the year rising 47.5%.

Along with NPK, a few of the other “locomotive” stocks in our portfolio also provided meaningful returns and helped buoy our overall performance for the year including Granite Construction, Inc. (GVA +22.6%) and J&J Snack Foods Corp. (JJSF +15.9%).

The historic volatility exhibited during the October/November 2008 bear raid saw the VIX volatility index hit 90 and the unprecedented collapse of the stock market in a mere seven weeks. The M&A deals and IPO underwriting trends evaporated as markets seized up and our portfolio recorded only a single deal with the GE Healthcare acquisition Vital Signs (VITL) on July 24th for \$74.50 (\$860 million.)

Vital Signs was a meaningful position for us, having been in the portfolio for many years and ranking as one of our top 10 holdings at the time of acquisition. While one hates to lose a meaningful position whose future prospects were bright, we were pleased with the 26% premium we received during a rather slow time in the market.

Our focus on fortress balance sheets remains a secular religion rather than fashion. The recent market volatility afforded us the opportunity to rotate out of overvalued energy stocks and less discounted positions and into positions in Columbus McKinnon, Inc. (CMCO), Graham Corporation (GHM), Harman International Industries, Inc. (HAR), Mine Safety Appliances Company, Inc. (MSA), Hawkins Inc. (HWKN) and Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. (TR). All of these are companies which, in addition to trading at significant discounts, should benefit from a variety of catalysts in the near future.

In 2009, we believe the following trends will emerge as we transition to an era of higher savings, de-leveraging of consumer balance sheets and fiscal austerity.

1. The shortfall in consumption spending from a 71% of GDP peak in 2006/2007 to a new 60%-62% level in 2008 will need to be offset by an increase in infrastructure spending. Infrastructure spending estimated at \$1.2 – \$1.6 trillion will be required to compensate for the shortfall of approximately 11% of GDP.
2. A formalization of a strategic U.S. Energy Policy to develop a portfolio of diversified sources—oil petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear, geothermal, hydroelectric, wind, solar, tidal wave, oil shale/tar sands and biomass, limiting OPEC exposure.
3. Following the resolution to the current panic, the federal U.S. Government should avail itself of Eisenhower Era 1950's yields after liquidating TARP debt and guarantees at a premium.
4. Supply-side tax stimulus via lower statutory corporate tax rates of near 25% along with accelerated depreciation and small business tax credits.
5. Reversion to the principal loan underwriting function of credit analysis, funding and service.

6. Update the 1930's regulatory structure to consolidate the FEDERAL RESERVE, O.C.C., FDIC, SIPC, CFTC, FINRA and PBGC.

7. A reduction in the export of petro dollars as imports from international oil fields decline, evidenced by the reduction from annualized rates of \$738 billion in July 2008 to the current \$155 billion.

Looking to the future, we believe the Keynesian stimulus for infrastructure spending and a rollover decline in commodity feed spot prices (energy, grains, fertilizers, metals) coupled with high price inflation to consumers will support increased margins for package food stocks. These themes will continue to be a focus for our value portfolios in 2009. We additionally look to be proactive in building our natural gas and oil field services holdings which trade at attractive, albeit depressed, valuations and should benefit from a national U.S. energy policy.

Equity markets will likely exhibit a grinding basing formation throughout early 2009 with episodic spasms of volatility. The bond market should foster credit quality spread declines, as the term structure of corporate rates shift along the yield curve toward government paper. We anticipate sentiment bias should navigate a bullish course supported by stimulus funding from the Obama government, although we expect earnings power weakness could likely prevail during the 2009 quarterly earnings seasons.

Alan Greenspan described the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve as an exercise similar to steering the helm of a barge in the fog of a narrow shallow river, where steering turns are initiated two miles before the fork or bend in the river at night. With a similar perspective, we believe the economic deflation of 2010-11 could manifest its influence on stock returns as early as the summer or fall of 2009.

Research from Satuit Capital Management shows that in the two years following the last 10 recessionary periods (post WWII), the annualized returns of micro-caps have outperformed large-caps an astonishing 90% of the time. Moreover, the average annualized return for micro-caps coming out of these periods was 26.35%.

Even though the evidence convincingly points to micro-caps as the most rewarding asset class to have exposure to post-recession, the decrease in market value of the Russell 2000 Value Index has many small-cap managers shifting their portfolios to larger names as a perceived flight to safety. We believe our understanding of the micro-cap universe and our ability to pursue smaller names will benefit us greatly as the economy recovers.

While historians and economists will analyze the fourth quarter of 2008 many years down the road, our eventual success will be determined not by what has happened in the past, but by our ability to position ourselves in companies who leverage future economic opportunities at a profit. Our enthusiasm as value miners is tempered by the time required to stabilize markets and re-ignite capital formation, along with the temptation of government to control capitalism. As always, we will continue to sift through 10Ks and dig into balance sheets as we prospect for durable business franchises priced at a discount.

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2003	1	363,200	137,315,376	0.00	32.87	31.68	46.03
2004	3	2,225,425	72,707,427	0.00	23.82	22.59	22.25
2005	6	3,140,055	68,492,815	0.95	16.60	15.47	4.71
2006	7	3,904,553	190,286,996	0.20	19.74	18.46	23.48
2007	8	4,556,445	186,950,509	0.43	11.90	10.83	-9.78
2008	12	4,642,479	141,315,924	2.37	-13.11	-13.98	-28.93

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