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QUALITY INVESTING: ITS IMPACT DURING DOWN MARKETS

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Highlights Include:

- Achieving long-term investment goals usually depends on staying invested during down markets and having an established risk management process.
- The downside capture ratio of Fenimore's three equity mutual funds helps quantify the benefits of our risk management approach.
- Fenimore Asset Management conducts firsthand research and seeks to invest in select, quality businesses. We believe it is our holdings' collective quality characteristics that have helped our mutual funds typically outperform during down markets.

Staying the Course

Fenimore Asset Management is dedicated to the delivery of long-term investment results through active management of portfolios constructed with our independent, in-depth research. In order to deliver on these long-term performance goals, we have learned the importance of staying invested through economic and market cycles rather than trying to time the stock market's lows and highs.

We are often reminded that the market and economy are different entities and that they can diverge — sometimes significantly. What this means is that even if we were experts at economic forecasting (we are not) and could predict when a recession would occur, there is no guarantee that our prediction would have any meaningful correlation with the market's direction.

This leaves us with two key thoughts:

1. The inability to predict stock market movements reinforces the importance of staying invested over time — and there are plenty of statistics that demonstrate the negative impact to long-term returns if an investor misses just a handful of the stock market's best performing days.

For example, Morningstar's "The Cost of Market-Timing" report analyzed the stock market from 2000 to 2019 which includes 5,035 trading days.

Invested for all trading days	= 6.1% return	20 best days missed	= 0.1% return
10 best days missed	= 2.4% return	30 best days missed	= -1.9% return

2. Équally important is having a process in place to manage risk during downturns to keep as many dollars as possible invested for potential long-term compounding.

Managing Risk

The conviction to stay invested during volatile market periods comes from having confidence in your risk management approach. At Fenimore, we manage risk (which we define as permanent loss of capital and not market volatility) by staying committed to our market-tested research process and only investing in what we deem to be quality businesses at reasonable prices.

We believe a quality business has specific attributes, including:

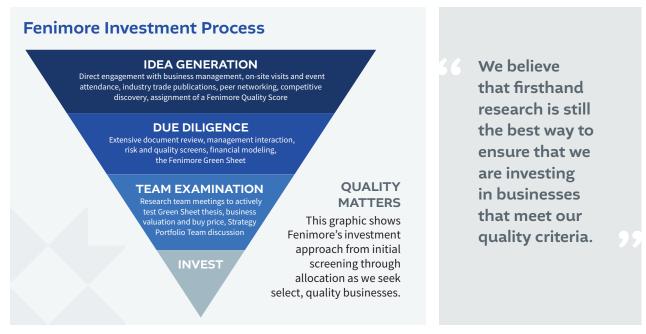
- Strong free cash flow generation
- A track record of performing through different market cycles

Little to no use of debt

• An astute, ethical, and experienced management team

While many organizations use mathematical modeling, computer systems, and data analysis to make investment decisions, we believe that firsthand research is still the best way to ensure that we are investing in businesses that meet our quality criteria.

This active, company-level research provides invaluable insights that help reinforce our confidence in our holdings' abilities to persevere and potentially thrive during downturns.



Downside Capture Ratio

The downside capture ratio of Fenimore's three equity mutual funds helps quantify the benefits of our risk management approach.

- Downside capture ratio measures the performance of a fund against its benchmark index during market downturns.²
- A ratio of less than 100 indicates that the fund outperformed the index during historical downturns.

A recent evaluation of our funds revealed the following downside/upside capture data as of September 30, 2022. We specifically highlight the number of quarters during which the strategy's benchmark was down greater than 5% since each fund's inception.

FAM VALUE FUND FAMVX		FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND FAMEX		*FAM Value Fund and FAM Dividend Focus Fund Benchmark = Russell Midcap Index	
					Downside Capture Ratio
92.25%	93.73%	87.32%	102.54%	unmanaged index that measures the performance of a mid-cap segment	
When Benchmark was Down > 5% (19 out of 141 Quarters)*		When Benchmark was Down > 5% (17 out of 104 Quarters)*		of the U.S. equity universe. This benchmark is used for comparative purposes only and may not reflect	
Portfolio Outperformed 74% of the Time	By an Average of 5.63%	Portfolio Outperformed 88% of the Time	By an Average of 5.86%	the risk or investment style of the investments reported. Additionally, you cannot invest directly in an index.	

²Calculation Methodologies = Downside Capture Ratio: (CAGR of product performance in down markets) / (CAGR of index performance in down markets) Upside Capture Ratio: (CAGR of product performance in up markets) / (CAGR of index performance in up markets)

FAM SMALI	*FAM Small Cap = Russell 2000 In	
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Downside Capture Ratio	Upside Capture Ratio	The Russell 2000 I unmanaged index
79.43%	84.06%	the performance of cap segment of th
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Fenimore's market-tested investment approach shows that all three funds generated less than 100 downside capture ratios or, said differently, that they typically went down less than the benchmark during market downturns. We believe this is due to our quality holdings.

Look through Earnings

"Look through Earnings" — a term coined by Warren Buffett — aggregates a fund's ownership of different companies, and their respective financial metrics, as if it were a single business. This allows an investor to view and compare the underlying fundamental performance of portfolios against indexes and other funds.

The following financial metrics demonstrate that our mutual funds tend to have higher profitable, lower leverage, and better returning businesses than our Russell benchmarks. We believe that this evidence also supports the quality of our holdings and their impact during down markets.

FUND METRICS* (9/30/2022)							
	EBITDA MARGIN	NET DEBT / EBITDA	CF ROIC				
FAM Value Fund	26.4%	1.6x	15.2%				
FAM Dividend Focus Fund	25.8%	1.5x	15.8%				
Russell Midcap Index	19.8%	1.7x	13.6%				
FAM Small Cap Fund	17.9%	1.5x	14.6%				
Russell 2000 Index	15.5%	1.7x	10.9%				

^{*}Operating Companies. All metrics are for 2022 expected, except CF ROIC = 2021 YE. EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization); CF (cash flow) ROIC (return on invested capital).

Past performance is not indicative of future results. FactSet as of 9/30/2022.

The Power of Compounding

Knowing an investment strategy has demonstrated good downside protection can hopefully help an investor stay the course through turbulent market times. Pulling money out of the market at the wrong time can cause an investor to miss some of the best trading days and limit the amount of dollars available for long-term compounding.



compounding is to never interrupt it unnecessarily.

Guided by Quality

As we have since 1974, Fenimore will continue to invest in what we believe are quality companies that are positioned to not only perform well in good times, but to endure the most challenging economic conditions — and even increase market share — while emerging on the other side poised for future growth.

Our firsthand, company-level research and active portfolio management should continue to help us mitigate risk on the downside and participate in the upside as we seek to create value for the long term.

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