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THIRD QUARTER 2018

# PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

## SMID-CAP COMPOSITE



### MEET ELLEN ADAMS OUR NEW SENIOR PARTNER



In business as in life, opportunities occasionally arise that are far too compelling to ignore. I have known Ellen Adams for over 25 years and have long admired her as a

skilled and disciplined investor. She possesses both the ability to spot “big ideas” and the tenacity needed to sort through short term noise and ride them to fruition.

Both Ellen and I start with the big picture, but where I gather information holistically, Ellen is a more linear thinker. We are seasoned investors, who seek to develop a deep understanding of a company’s business, from culture, financial gearing and its ecosystem.

I asked Ellen to do some consulting work with us and found that it was a joy to be working shoulder to shoulder with her daily, questioning company management, doing joint cross-checks to vet our investment theses, and speaking to the Street to gauge sentiment.

I have invited her to join me as a senior partner in the business (her official start date will be November 1st). The other Daruma partners have also welcomed her with open arms, and we have all adjusted our equity stakes to bring her on board. Since Daruma’s founding in 1995, I have been its majority shareholder and portfolio manager, and that remains unchanged, as I retain 52% of the equity and maintain trading authority.

In the coming weeks Ellen and I will be available for investor calls and or visits, and I am sure you will be as excited as we are about her addition to the Daruma team.

To learn more about Ellen, please go to [www.darumany.com/our-partners](http://www.darumany.com/our-partners).

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Dear Clients and Friends,

Daruma’s SMid-Cap composite returned +3.67% vs. +4.7% for the Russell 2500, trailing the Benchmark by 103 bps. We outperformed in two out of three months, but lagged in August when the market was up

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	Contribution (%)
Best	2.54
Worst	-1.98
Best Minus Worst	0.56
Rest of Portfolio	3.11
Total Daruma	3.67
Russell 2500	4.70
Return Difference	-1.03

4.3%. Roughly half the portfolio beat the Index in the quarter and the bulk of the underperformance was due to gold mine operator Agnico-Eagle (AEM), which cost us 98 bps. We added six positions in the quarter (three are overlap positions with the small-cap portfolio), and sold four positions.

Year to date we are +10.59% vs. +10.41% for the Index, leading by 18 bps. For the year we’ve booked some healthy winners, with nine stocks up 20% or more, and our top three contributors generating an impressive 576 bps. In contrast, we had only four stocks that were down 20% or more, and our worst three detractors cost us 224 bps. The net contribution of our outliers for the year is a healthy 352 bps. We have had to fight the headwinds of REITs (+29 bps), Utilities (+37 bps) and Biotechnology stocks (+73 bps) where our relative underexposure to the Index created a total drag of 139 bps. For the quarter, roughly half the portfolio beat the Russell 2500, with nine stocks up 14% or more, and only three down an equivalent amount. Our best three contributors generated solid +254 bps, but our worst three stocks detracted -198 bps which is a bit more than we’d like in a market that is up nearly 5%.

As always, we are happy to discuss our third quarter results with you.

All the best,

Mariko O. Gordon, CFA  
Founder & CEO



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# WINNERS AND LOSERS

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## Top Contributors

Company	Quarter End Position Size	Contribution
Planet Fitness	3.9%	0.91%
Kratos	3.6%	0.88%
Zebra Technologies	3.4%	0.75%
Total		2.54%

### PLANET FITNESS

*Budget fitness centers  
+91 bps*

### KRATOS

*Aerospace defense contractor  
+88 bps*

### ZEBRA TECHNOLOGIES

*Asset tracking devices & analytics provider  
+75 bps*



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Low-cost exercise chain Planet Fitness (PLNT) rose 23% and contributed 91 bps. Planet continues to deliver the solid same-store sales and new-store growth that investors are rewarding in 2018. Now that the test of a concept of limited-footprint outlets for smaller markets has proven successful, investors appear confident in the company's ability to continue to grow the business and generate impressive results.

Defense contractor Kratos' (KTOS) stock was up 28% in the quarter (a contribution of 88 bps) as a steady stream of positive announcements proved that the company was indeed fulfilling its promises. It delivered its first production order of new subsonic aerial-target drones to the U.S. Navy (\$80 to \$100 million annually at full production); announced that its Valkyrie drone (an unmanned "loyal wingman" for the U.S. Air Force) will begin flight testing; received a \$67.5 million single-award prime contract to provide engineering and technical support to the U.S. Navy; and garnered a number of additional contracts from international and domestic customers.

Mobile computing, barcode and RFID maker Zebra Technologies (ZBRA) rose 23% (contributing 75 bps) on strong sales and earnings, which prodded the Street to raise estimates and price targets. We believe Zebra can grow at a sustainable rate of 4% to 5%, (through both share gains and vertical expansions in the health care segment, public sector, and SMB markets) and further expand both gross and operating margins, and benefit from operating leverage. ZBRA has formidable competitive advantages: 40% market share (2x that of its nearest competitor); \$430 million in annual R&D spend; and now, with the acquisition of a rugged tablet maker, a complete solution portfolio.



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**Top Detractors**

Company	Quarter End Position Size	Contribution
Agnico Eagle Mines	3.5%	-0.98%
FCB Financial	0.0%	-0.50%
Entegris	3.0%	-0.50%
Total		-1.98%

**AGNICO EAGLE MINES**

*Gold miner  
 -98 bps*

**FCB FINANCIAL HOLDINGS**

*Commercial bank  
 -50 bps*

**ENTEGRIS**

*Semiconductor materials supplier  
 -50 bps*



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Despite a solid 2Q earnings report and solid fundamentals, gold mine operator Agnico-Eagle (AEM) declined 25% (-98 bps), due more to technical pressure on the sector. Specifically, gold futures became an extremely crowded short, a piling on the likes of which have not been seen since 2006. This was not a reflection of underlying supply and demand for physical gold which remained solid (e.g., central banks buying), but rather one of sentiment on the part of speculators. Additionally, the massive Vanguard Precious Metals and Mining Fund, the largest gold-mining-focused mutual fund in the world, changed its mandate to the Global Capital Cycles Fund and announced it would slash its holdings in precious metals and this caused selling pressure. Despite these short-term technical setbacks, we are optimistic about the long-term operating prospects for this company and added to our position on the pullback.

Florida Community Bank (FCB) was down 16% in the quarter which cost us 50 bps in performance. The news that it was being acquired in an all-stock deal by Synovus (SNV) was viewed as a “take under” and not well received. Synovus, itself rumored to be an acquisition target, had been bid up in anticipation. Those who had been playing for Synovus’ take out by a larger regional bank tanked the stock, since the FCB deal effectively took it out of play. Despite this, the deal makes compelling strategic sense. On a stand-alone basis, Synovus was deposit heavy but struggled to grow, and FCB struggled to attract enough deposits to fund its conservatively underwritten, fast-growing loan book, but the combination of both companies is quite symbiotic. Additionally, FCB adds critical mass in Florida to Synovus’ regional footprint. While the stock will be range bound until the



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deal closes (expected in 1Q 2019), we feel the combined bank will make for a compelling stock in 2019. We sold FCB late in the quarter to make room in the portfolio, with the intent to buy it back as we got closer to closing. FCB subsequently declined materially, along with the rest of the bank group — the valuation got too ridiculously cheap in the process so we bought it back in early 4Q.

Entegris (ENTG), a leading supplier of yield-enabling products and materials for semiconductor and other advanced manufacturing environments, declined 14% in the quarter detracting 50 bps. The company is also a key supplier of specialty chemicals and gases, filtration solutions, and other materials critical to semiconductor equipment OEM's and semiconductor manufacturers. Approximately 70% of the company's revenue is driven by wafer starts with the other 30% tied to capital equipment spend. The semiconductor industry is in the midst of a moderation in demand, and ENTG's stock has corrected along with the semiconductor equipment group. We believe the company will demonstrate its relative defensiveness and continue to grow EPS through this period of softness, accelerating when demand inflects back up.



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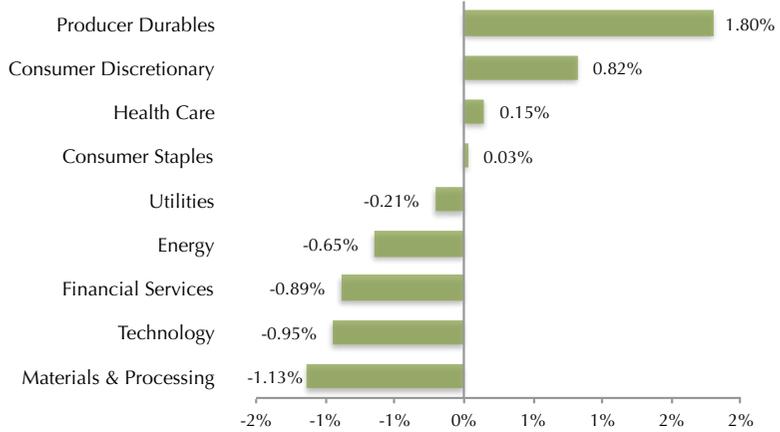


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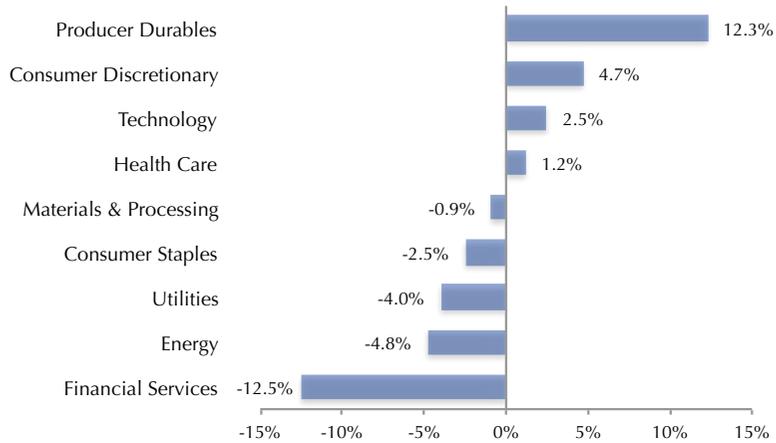
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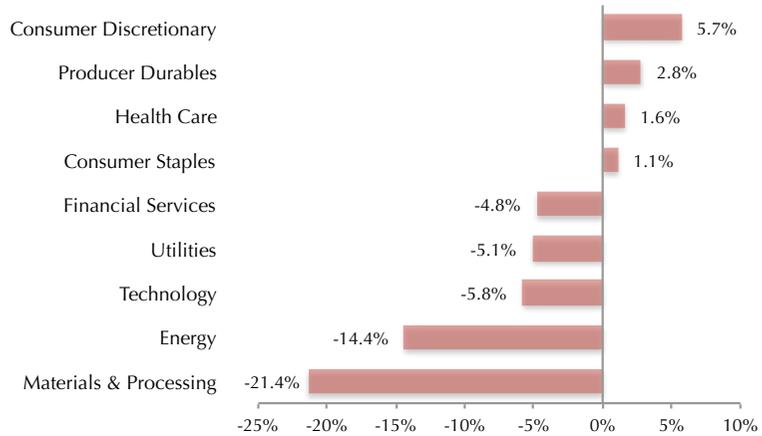
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# 3RD QUARTER 2018 DECILE ANALYSIS SMID-CAP COMPOSITE COMMENTARY

## YEAR TO DATE

The “trend is your friend” stocks that performed well at the beginning of the year continued to do so, and those that did poorly just kept on underperforming. The best performers are concentrated in Health Care, Technology, and a medley of Consumer Discretionary stocks. The worst performing stocks were dispersed broadly across sectors. Through the end of September anyway, investors have shunned the “safety” trade (low P/E, dividend yielders, and

those stocks with low short-interest). They chased growth and momentum regardless of valuation.

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While the “trend was your friend” year to date, the bonds of friendship started to weaken in the third quarter. Winners and losers continued to ride their respective price momentum waves, but with less oomph, not unlike the ocean nearing neap tide. The smallest of the smid-caps continued to be shunned.

	3Q 2018									
Decile	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Market Cap (Largest to Smallest)	11.1%	3.9%	7.0%	6.1%	4.1%	6.2%	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	-12.6%
P/E Ratio (Lowest to Highest)*	-0.3%	0.5%	6.0%	5.4%	1.8%	6.2%	7.1%	3.2%	5.1%	-1.2%
Dividend Yield (Highest to Lowest)**	-1.3%	0.1%	0.0%	4.0%	4.9%	-	-	-	-	4.3%
Short Interest (Lowest to Highest)	0.0%	2.4%	2.8%	4.0%	2.7%	6.2%	1.7%	3.9%	4.6%	0.7%
Beta (Lowest to Highest)	3.3%	3.4%	1.1%	5.5%	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	2.4%	3.9%	4.0%
Sales Growth (Best to Worst)	5.4%	6.1%	4.2%	2.4%	3.7%	4.1%	3.1%	-1.3%	-0.7%	0.6%
Analyst Ratings (Best to Worst)	3.8%	4.6%	3.5%	4.2%	5.9%	4.1%	2.9%	0.5%	0.5%	-1.4%
Institutional Ownership (Most to Least)***(*)	5.7%	3.0%	5.2%	3.2%	2.8%	2.1%	3.4%	2.8%	3.2%	-2.5%
% Chg 1H 2018 (Best to Worst)^	7.6%	5.7%	5.3%	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%	2.8%	2.9%	0.5%	-1.1%
% Chg in 2017 (Best to Worst)^^	1.9%	3.4%	6.1%	3.5%	1.7%	2.1%	1.8%	2.2%	1.6%	2.4%

	2018 YTD									
Decile	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Market Cap (Largest to Smallest)	25.9%	14.1%	16.2%	24.8%	16.6%	23.6%	11.0%	16.5%	13.9%	-9.4%
P/E Ratio (Lowest to Highest)*	10.3%	7.2%	18.4%	16.7%	11.1%	18.2%	24.5%	17.2%	30.5%	13.2%
Dividend Yield (Highest to Lowest)**	-0.4%	3.5%	4.9%	11.8%	12.3%	-	-	-	-	23.7%
Short Interest (Lowest to Highest)	5.5%	13.1%	10.5%	14.2%	13.7%	16.8%	15.5%	26.7%	27.2%	10.5%
Beta (Lowest to Highest)	14.1%	11.1%	8.2%	17.4%	10.5%	11.0%	10.2%	12.6%	18.0%	43.3%
Sales Growth (Best to Worst)	34.8%	29.3%	15.2%	11.5%	12.7%	10.7%	9.1%	9.2%	2.5%	20.5%
Analyst Ratings (Best to Worst)	24.2%	23.0%	13.2%	23.4%	17.4%	13.0%	11.9%	6.9%	11.5%	6.7%
Institutional Ownership (Most to Least)***(*)	14.7%	11.7%	14.5%	9.8%	15.9%	15.8%	21.7%	26.1%	15.2%	8.6%
% Chg 1H 2018 (Best to Worst)^	110.5%	41.6%	27.1%	14.0%	8.6%	3.9%	0.6%	-4.9%	-15.2%	-32.7%
% Chg in 2017 (Best to Worst)^^	18.9%	19.0%	15.8%	17.4%	7.6%	8.5%	12.0%	7.7%	8.9%	36.2%

The green indicates the best-performing decile for the category.

The red indicates the worst-performing decile for the category.

\*Decile 10 of P/E Ratio category is made up of all stocks that have no P/E

\*\*Decile 10 of Dividend Yield category is made up of all stocks that pay no dividend

\*\*\*Institutional Ownership may be over/under stated due to timing of filings

\*\*\*\*Institutional Ownership is as of the end of last quarter (if report completed intra-quarter)

^% Change in 1H 2018 excludes stocks without complete performance

^^% Change in 2017 excludes stocks without complete performance

Note: Due to Russell Rebalance on 6/22/18 - actual benchmark returns may vary from decile results.

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