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Next Generation Small Cap Growth Equity

Manager Search Update

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Next Generation Small Cap Growth Equity allocation and manager search at ERF

- In December 2012 the board approved a 10.0% allocation to Next Generation Investment Managers
- Current 2.0% allocation to Small Cap Growth Equity needs to move from index fund to active manager
- Goal is to hire one or more Next Generation Investment managers to invest in the small cap growth equity market

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ERF Review process for Small Cap Growth Equity Managers

- Minimum qualifications:
  - Minimum three year track record as of December 31, 2015;
  - Product assets under management (AUM) greater than $25 million
  - Firm AUM less than $15B
  - Minimum information ratio of 0.24 over a three year period
- Firms differentiate themselves based on:
  - Staff expertise, longevity, depth, and team cohesiveness;
  - Overall market knowledge;
  - Security selection process and qualitative analysis;
  - Quantitative analysis and research;
  - Compliance procedures, overall firm resources, capabilities, and technology infrastructure
- Staff reviewed and scored all RFPs based on the following evaluation criteria and weighting:
  - Investment Philosophy/ Process – 30%
  - People/ Organization – 20%
  - Resources – 20%
  - Performance – 20%
  - Fees – 10%

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Small Cap Growth Equity RFPs were submitted and reviewed by Wilshire and ERF staff

- **37 RFPs were requested by investment managers with 20 submissions to ERF by the May 13th deadline**
- **The 20 submissions included:**

Apex Capital Management	Bridge City Capital	ClariVest Asset Management	EntrepreneurShares LLC	Essex Investment Management
Falcon Point Capital	Friess Associates	GlobeFlex Capital	Hood River Capital Management	Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management
Kennedy Capital Management	Lebenthal Lisanti Capital Growth	LMCG Investments	McKinley Capital Management	New Amsterdam Partners
Nicholas Investment Partners	Pillar Pacific Capital Management	Ranger Investment Management	Redwood Investments	Rice Hall James & Associates

- **The three firms recommended for due diligence are: Nicholas Investment Partners, Redwood Investments, and Rice Hall James & Associates**

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The following three firms are recommended for due diligence after review by both ERF staff and Wilshire

Nicholas Investment Partners

- Del Mar, CA based firm established in 2006 is a 100% employee and majority women owned limited partnership; 16 employees with eight investment professionals.
- Total firm AUM of $1.7 billion with $535 million in the small cap growth product.
- The strategy combines quantitative and qualitative research to exploit anomalies and inefficiencies in the U.S. small cap market utilizing a multifactor quantitative research model to source new ideas, and monitor the strength of existing holdings.

Redwood Investments, LLC

- Established in 2004 and headquartered in Newton, MA, the firm is majority woman-owned with 10 employees and 5 investment professionals.
- Total firm AUM of $1 billion with $115M in the proposed product.
- The team utilizes both bottom-up fundamental and quantitative techniques to find disruptive business models that are creating new markets or taking market share from entrenched leaders; focus on high-quality businesses to provide alpha primarily from stock selection

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The following three firms are recommended for due diligence after review by both ERF staff and Wilshire (continued)

Rice Hall James & Associates

- San Diego, CA based firm established in 1974 is 100% employee and 30% minority/women owned; 25 employees with 12 investment professionals.
- Total firm AUM is $2.3 billion with $784 million in the proposed strategy; three-person investment team is responsible for the product.
- The strategy employs a fundamental bottom-up analytical process to identify companies with the following three primary criteria: high earnings growth; either high or improving return-on-invested capital; and sustainable competitive advantages.

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Proposed RFP process timeline & next steps

- ✓ April 12th – With board approval, issued RFP
- ✓ May 13th – RFP responses returned from managers and were reviewed by Wilshire & staff
- June 14th – After review, submit list of managers recommended for further on site due diligence for board approval
- June / July – On site manager due diligence visits with both ERF staff and Wilshire
- August 9th – Submit list of managers recommended for final presentations to the Board
- September 13th – Final presentations to the Board; final manager selection made