## Independent Accountant's Verification and Performance Examination Report

Horizon Asset Management LLC:

We have examined whether (1) Horizon Asset Management Institutional (the "Firm") has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS® standards) on a firm-wide basis for the periods from January 1, 1996, to December 31, 2016, and (2) the Firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance results in compliance with the GIPS standards as of December 31, 2016. We have also examined the accompanying performance presentation and Composite Disclosure Presentation of the Firm's **Research Select - Institutional Composite** for the periods from March 1, 1998, to December 31, 2016. The Firm's management is responsible for compliance with the GIPS standards, the design of its policies and procedures and for the Quarterly Performance and Composite Disclosure Presentations. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

## Scope of Work

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Firm's compliance with the previously mentioned requirements; evaluating the design of the Firm's policies and procedures previously referred to; examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the accompanying composite compliant presentation; and performing the procedures for a verification and performance examination required by the GIPS standards and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, in all material respects,

- the Firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firmwide basis for the periods from January 1, 1996, to December 31, 2016; and
- the Firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards as of December 31, 2016.

Also, in our opinion, in all material respects, the Firm has

- constructed the **Research Select Institutional Composite** and calculated the **Research Select Institutional Composite** performance for the periods from March 1, 1998, to December 31, 2016, in compliance with the GIPS standards; and
- prepared and presented the Composite Disclosure Presentation of the Firm's **Research Select Institutional Composite** for the periods from March 1, 1998, to December 31, 2016, in compliance with the GIPS standards.

This report does not contain an opinion on the accuracy of any composite presentation of the Firm other than the Composite Disclosure Presentation of the Firm's **Research Select - Institutional Composite** for the periods from March 1, 1998, to December 31, 2016.

Ashland Partners & Company LLP

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April 24, 2017

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Asset-Weighted Performance Gross and Net of Management Fees Results have been calculated in U.S. Dollars

		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
2016	Gross	0.32%	1.87%	7.57%	7.91%	18.63%
	Net	0.07%	1.61%	7.30%	7.64%	17.45%
2015	Gross	2.07%	(1.55%)	(12.85%)	(2.71%)	(14.80%)
	Net	1.81%	(1.80%)	(13.07%)	(2.95%)	(15.65%)
2014	Gross	2.85%	4.93%	(4.51%)	(9.57%)	(6.81%)
	Net	2.59%	4.67%	(4.75%)	(9.79%)	(7.74%)
2013	Gross	17.11%	8.63%	6.18%	11.09%	50.06%
	Net	16.82%	8.36%	5.92%	10.81%	48.56%
2012	Gross	21.15%	(6.63%)	7.08%	8.89%	31.89%
	Net	20.84%	(6.86%)	6.81%	8.61%	30.57%
2011	Gross	7.92%	(1.68%)	(23.62%)	7.70%	(12.71%)
	Net	7.65%	(1.93%)	(23.81%)	7.43%	(13.58%)
2010	Gross	5.78%	(12.60%)	15.86%	13.67%	21.75%
	Net	5.52%	(12.82%)	15.57%	13.38%	20.54%
2009	Gross	(4.78%)	29.38%	12.44%	2.06%	41.38%
	Net	(5.02%)	29.06%	12.15%	1.81%	39.97%
2008	Gross	(14.77%)	2.03%	(26.10%)	(30.61%)	(55.40%)
	Net	(14.98%)	1.78%	(26.29%)	(30.78%)	(55.85%)
2007	Gross	9.31%	7.90%	1.00%	(0.18%)	18.91%
	Net	9.03%	7.63%	0.75%	(0.43%)	17.72%
2006	Gross	15.83%	0.18%	3.32%	19.98%	43.84%
	Net	15.53%	(0.07%)	3.06%	19.68%	42.41%

# HORIZON ASSET MANAGEMENT INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH SELECT - INSTITUTIONAL COMPOSITE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION - PAGE 2 OF 2

Asset-Weighted Performance Gross and Net of Management Fees Results have been calculated in U.S. Dollars

		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
2005	Gross	2.67%	8.11%	15.05%	(7.44%)	18.20%
	Net	2.41%	7.83%	14.76%	(7.67%)	17.02%
2004	Gross	0.42%	(0.60%)	2.30%	17.37%	19.85%
	Net	0.17%	(0.85%)	2.04%	17.08%	18.65%
2003	Gross	(0.65%)	21.50%	10.65%	13.52%	51.63%
	Net	(0.89%)	21.19%	10.37%	13.24%	50.12%
2002	Gross	2.69%	(3.52%)	(6.91%)	3.19%	(4.83%)
	Net	2.43%	(3.76%)	(7.15%)	2.93%	(5.78%)
2001	Gross	10.30%	18.54%	1.68%	6.93%	42.14%
	Net	10.02%	18.24%	1.42%	6.66%	40.72%
2000	Gross	8.68%	(7.08%)	(0.17%)	0.47%	1.28%
	Net	8.40%	(7.31%)	(0.42%)	0.22%	0.27%
1999	Gross	10.13%	7.52%	(1.24%)	22.80%	43.62%
	Net	9.86%	7.25%	(1.49%)	22.49%	42.18%
1998	Gross	5.83%*	5.86%	(6.49%)	13.70%	19.12%*
1,,,	Net	5.74%*	5.59%	(6.72%)	13.42%	18.12%*

Past performance is not indicative of future results. The Independent Accountant's Verification and Performance Examination Report and the Composite Disclosure Presentation are an integral part of this presentation.

<sup>\*</sup> Represents non-annualized partial period performance beginning on March 1, 1998.

# **Research Select Institutional Composite**



March 1, 1998 - December 31, 2016

			Benchmark Return (%)	Internal Dispersion-AW (%)	No. of Accounts	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets	Composite 3-Yr St Dev	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev (%)
2016	18.63	17.45	11.96	1.65	14	4.1 mm	2,293mm	13.98	10.74
2015	-14.80	-15.65	1.38	0.45	20	7.2mm	2,711mm	15.98	10.62
2014	-6.81	-7.74	13.69	0.53	24	15.3mm	3,176mm	16.15	9.10
2013	50.06	48.56	32.39	1.22	22	22.6mm	3,130mm	20.85	12.11
2012	31.89	30.57	16.00	1.02	22	16.2mm	2,507mm	22.42	15.30
2011	-12.71	-13.58	2.11	1.30	29	16.3mm	2,301mm	24.19	18.97
2010	21.75	20.54	15.06	1.27	49	27.1mm	2,448mm	28.23	22.16
2009	41.38	39.97	26.46	2.81	52	22.4mm	2,210mm	27.10	19.91
2008	-55.40	-55.85	-37.00	2.72	61	19.4mm	1,956mm	24.56	15.29
2007	18.91	17.72	5.49	4.18	53	59.8mm	5,934mm	14.67	7.79
2006	43.84	42.41	15.79	0.80	11	22.0mm	3,625mm	13.25	6.92
2005	18.20	17.02	4.91	2.07	6	9.6mm	2,106mm	13.82	9.17
2004	19.85	18.65	10.88	5.83	5	7.9mm	1,182mm	13.07	15.07
2003	51.63	50.12	28.68	4.18	5	6.6mm	889mm	12.87	18.32
2002	-4.83	-5.78	-22.10	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	3	1.1mm	576mm	13.98	18.81
2001	42.14	40.72	-11.89	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	2	1.1mm	535mm	14.80	16.94
2000	1.28	0.27	-9.10	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	1	0.7mm	508mm		
1999	43.62	42.18	21.04	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	1	0.6mm	482mm		
Mar 98 to Dec 98	19.12	18.12	18.62	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>	1	0.4mm	401mm		
Since Inception <sup>(2)</sup>	13.44	12.31	6.08	N/A	14	4.1mm	2,293mm		

<sup>1)</sup> N/A. Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

<sup>2)</sup> Annualized

# Research Select Institutional Composite



## March 1, 1998 - December 31, 2016

#### **Disclosure Notes**

Horizon Asset Management Institutional ("Horizon Institutional") is defined as the traditional long only separate accounts and private investment fund assets of Horizon Asset Management LLC. ("Horizon" or the "Firm"), an SEC-registered investment adviser. Horizon Institutional excludes separately managed, non-direct accounts, and other accounts that are either serviced by wrap/dual contract sponsors or utilize a wrap or bundled fee structure. The Firm maintains a complete list and description of composites, which is available upon request.

The Research Select - Institutional Composite seeks above market long-term returns by investing primarily in a focused portfolio of common stocks of global issuers, with a particular emphasis on catalyst-driven and event-driven opportunities, distressed securities, hidden assets and companies undergoing restructurings. Horizon Institutional seeks to avoid short-term investing and significant portfolio turnover. The strategy does not seek to track or compare itself to any particular equity benchmark; hence the S&P 500 benchmark shown here is for informational purposes only (The S&P 500® has been widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market since the index was first published in 1957. The index has over US\$ 7.8 trillion benchmarked, with index assets comprising approximately US\$ 2.2 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% coverage of U.S. equities). The strategy capitalizes on Horizon Institutional's extensive research capabilities, by utilizing a wide variety of investments often structurally overlooked by conventional analysis. Process: Horizon Institutional utilizes its in-house research, combining qualitative strategic and quantitative financial measures, to identify businesses at inflection points in their corporate life-cycle with attractive risk/reward profiles. In many instances, the portfolio will invest in less mature companies in the process of developing a superior product or market niche. The companies can be smaller in size and may deploy leverage to assist in expansion opportunities or enhance return on equity. Positions may be sold when the research team identifies changes to the investment thesis and/or margin of safety. Portfolio Construction: Portfolio typically invests in 20-45 securities. A portfolio's cash position may vary depending on the availability of attractive opportunities. Horizon Institutional does not strictly follow a portfolio model and as a result dispersion among client portfolios may be experienced in the short run. Position turnover typically averages 20% per annum over time. Although the focus of the portfolio is equities, the portfolio may invest in other forms of securities when the research process identifies opportunities that may deliver superior risk/return potential, including debt, MLP's and preferreds. The portfolio manager also has discretion to utilize derivatives opportunistically when the research process identifies superior risk/return of such positions. The Research Select - Institutional Composite may also opportunistically invest in countries outside of the benchmark. Horizon Institutional's opportunistic investment process is global in scope and requires thorough understanding of all parts of an investment's capital structure. Substantially all portfolios in the composite show performance net of foreign withholding taxes. A more consistent treatment of withholding taxes was not feasible due to fee coding from the custodian, and the difference on performance has not been identified to be material. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile and the treatment of withholding taxes by a portfolio's custodians. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance.

The Research Select - Institutional Composite was created on 1 Mar 98. Prior to March 2010, the composite was named the Research Select - Institutional Composite. The composite includes all fully discretionary accounts under management, including accounts no longer with the Firm. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Returns are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. In addition to investment advisory fees, returns will be reduced by other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual management fee of 1% applied monthly. The investment management fee schedule for the composite is 1.00% on the First \$5 million, 0.95% on the Next \$5 million, 0.85% on the Next \$5 million, 0.75% on the Balance. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of management fees. For example, a portfolio that earned 8% per annum for ten years would result in a cumulative return of 115.9% before investment management fees and 96.72% net of such fees, assuming a 100 basis point (1.0%) fee per year. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Composite returns represent investors domiciled primarily in the United States. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

- •Horizon Institutional claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards GIPS® and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Horizon Institutional has been independently verified for the period January 1, 1996 through September 30, 2016.
- •Verification assesses whether (1) the Firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a Firm wide basis and (2) the Firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The Research Select Institutional Composite has been examined for the periods March1, 1998 through September 30, 2016. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.
- •Horizon Institutional has retained the identical management team and investment style since the inception of the composite and maintains the records necessary to support the performance of all composites and will provide these records upon request.