

# Karpus Investment Management

## Specialty Equity

## Mid-Year 2010 Profile



### Overview

The Specialty Equity product is a highly diversified active equity strategy that invests primarily in larger capitalization U.S. equities using closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds. The Russell 1000 index and/or the S&P 500 index are the typical benchmarks, though other appropriate indices may be used. We have consistently produced superior returns (top quartile) over market cycles with lower overall risk compared to other equity investment managers. Specialized investment professionals use proprietary research and trading technology to exploit systematic market inefficiencies primarily in closed-end funds. This strategy strives to be fully invested at all times with modest sector and/or industry weightings (over/under) versus its benchmark.

### Philosophy

We believe in providing our clients with top quartile returns with lower risk relative to the benchmark and other equity managers over market cycles. This is accomplished by employing extensive diversification of assets, styles of management, and asset classes by purchasing closed-end funds that are selling at an attractive discount.

### Process

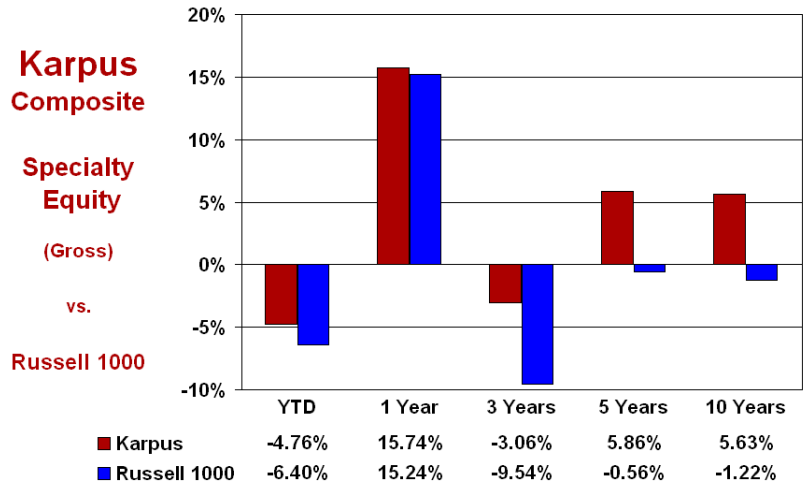
The primary source of added value for Specialty Equity management is security selection using primarily closed-end funds with a top-down and bottom-up approach.

**Purchases:** The portfolio managers/analysts initially evaluate domestic and global stock markets according to their economic strength, interest rates, currency and other macroeconomic factors. A range of sector and industry weightings is then determined. Specific securities (typically closed-end funds) within these markets are studied in relation to microeconomic factors such as earnings potential, growth prospects, and current versus historical valuations. This process results in a finite, approved list of eligible investments. The portfolio manager then ultimately selects from this list to create and maintain a portfolio within client guidelines. Closed-end funds are selectively purchased when the discounts to net asset value are historically wide.

**Sales:** When selected closed-end funds become less attractive fundamentally or when exchange-traded funds (ETFs) offer superior style or diversification advantages, assets will be reallocated to ETFs that track the appropriate market indices.

### Annualized Returns

Periods ending 06/30/10

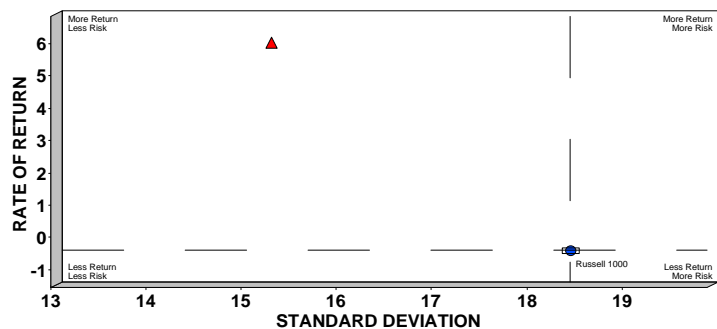


*Karpus is ranked near the top 10th percentile in the PSN Large Cap Database for 1, 3, 5 & 10 years AND rolling 5 year periods for the last ten years. We have outperformed the R1000 and the S&P 500 for 11 years in a row during both up and down markets.*

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### KARPUS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT TOTAL RISK REWARD

JUNE 30, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2010



	ROR	Std Dev Pop	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared
<b>Karpus Invt Mgmt Equity Mgmt.</b>	5.86	15.26	5.55	0.81	0.95
<b>Russell 1000</b>	-0.56	18.40	0.00	1.00	1.00

MANAGER DATA PROVIDED BY INFORMA INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS (PSN)  
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#### Info Ratio Pop

Karpus Equity Mgt. 1.31  
Russell 1000 0.00

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### Highlights

- Independent employee-owned firm
- Founded and registered with SEC in 1986
- About \$1.8 billion assets under management
- Largest manager of U.S. closed-end funds
- Proven generator of significant “Alpha”
- Reasonable fees for superior returns
- Liquidity
- Consistent top quartile returns over market cycles
- Downside protection characteristics
- Lower volatility than appropriate benchmark
- Significantly lower “event” or “blowup” risk than other equity managers
- Portfolios are individually managed, can be customized and are transparent
- Independent custodians

### Annual Returns (gross) Ending 12/31

	YTD 6/30/10	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Karpus Specialty Equity</b>	<b>-4.76%</b>	<b>32.82%</b>	<b>-27.34%</b>	<b>7.49%</b>	<b>23.20%</b>	<b>9.51%</b>	<b>14.27%</b>	<b>32.26%</b>
<b>Russell 1000</b>	<b>-6.40%</b>	<b>28.43%</b>	<b>-37.60%</b>	<b>5.77%</b>	<b>15.46%</b>	<b>6.27%</b>	<b>11.39%</b>	<b>29.90%</b>

### Annualized for Periods (gross) Ending June 30, 2010

	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
<b>Karpus Specialty Equity</b>	<b>15.74%</b>	<b>-3.06%</b>	<b>5.86%</b>	<b>5.63%</b>
<b>Russell 1000</b>	<b>15.24%</b>	<b>-9.54%</b>	<b>-0.56%</b>	<b>-1.22%</b>

### Karpus Investment Management Performance Results – Equity Composite

June 30, 2001 through June 30, 2010

Year	Composite Total Return (% Net 6/30*	Russell 1000 Total Return (%) 6/30*	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion (%)	Total Assets (\$ millions)	Percentage of Firm Assets	% of Non- Fee-Paying Accounts	Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)
2010	14.76	15.24	710	2.8	355.5	19.2	0.0	1856
2009	-14.39	-26.69	631	3.1	305.1	19.7	0.0	1546
2008	-9.71	-12.36	686	1.3	388.7	25.5	0.0	1545
2007	23.60	20.43	564	3.4	329.2	23.7	1.1	1390
2006	16.16	9.08	472	1.3	242.9	21.2	1.1	1142
2005	11.60	7.92	165	2.7	93.3	9.0	0.9	1032
2004	19.79	19.47	140	6.8	71.1	8.2	1.2	868
2003	5.24	0.95	108	4.5	62.1	8.0	0.8	774
2002	-5.89	-17.88	77	3.4	43.0	6.6	0.7	656
2001	-5.37	-14.96	63	3.7	31.5	5.9	0.9	530

\*Trailing 1 Year Net Returns Ending 6/30

Karpus Investment Management has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). The CFA Institute has not been involved with the preparation, review, or approval of this report.

Notes:

- 1) Karpus Investment Management is an independent investment management firm founded in 1986. It is not affiliated with any parent organization. It provides balanced, equity, fixed income and cash management for individuals and institutional clients.
  - 2) Total Assets and Total Firm Assets are as of 6/30. Rate of return figures are for periods ending on 6/30.
  - 3) Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars.
  - 4) Rate of return figures reflect the reinvestment of all dividends, interest and other income.
  - 5) Composite total return figures are annualized (geometrically linked) monthly dollar-weighted returns.
  - 6) The dispersion of composite annual returns is measured by the standard deviation of net returns of the portfolios in the composite. These returns are the annual dollar-weighted returns of those composite component portfolios, containing equity product only, that existed in the composite for the entire calendar year period.
  - 7) Performance results are net of management fees and transaction costs. Figures are also net of custodial fees for accounts custodied at U.S. Bank. Such accounts currently comprise approximately 67% of the assets under management for the firm. Clients directing the use of other (“outside”) custodians are responsible for custody fees and pay them either directly from the account or separately. For these portfolios, the stated returns are gross of custodial fees.
  - 8) The annual management fee schedule is as follows: 1.50% on the first \$1 million of market value, 1.30% on the next \$1 million, 1.20% on the next \$3 million, 1.10% on the next \$5 million, 1.00% on the next \$10 million, and 0.90% on the balance over \$20 million.
  - 9) This composite was created on January 1, 1993.
  - 10) Benchmark returns are those for the Russell 1000.
  - 11) The minimum portfolio size for this composite is \$100,000.
  - 12) Due to the use of preliminary pricing for investment partnerships, returns may change slightly upon receipt of audited prices.
  - 13) This carve-out represents 45.10% of the aggregate composites used to create the Carve-out Composite. Cash returns have been allocated on a pro-rata basis between the equity and fixed-income segments of the Carve-out Composite.
  - 14) Starting December 31, 2005, the composite used for calculating the equity performance was altered to include all of the accounts containing equity product eligible for the composite at Karpus Investment Management.
  - 15) In order to value closed-end fund auction rate preferred securities, Karpus Investment Management used a monthly weighted average valuation provided by an independent third party; which operates, to our knowledge, the largest secondary market for auction rate securities. Effective 11/30/2008, Karpus Investment Management decided to change the method of pricing auction rate preferred securities due to the large price range at which different issues were trading. Karpus Investment Management now prices auction rate preferred securities based on the last transaction price of each specific issue.
  - 16) In order to comply with 3.A.8 of GIPS 2010 requirements, beginning 1 January 2010 we have taken out all portfolios managed with a single mandate of equity investment for purposes of our equity carve out composite.
  - 17) Additional information regarding policies for calculating and reporting returns is available upon request.
- A complete list and description of all of the firm's composites is available upon request.