

**Oberweis Asset Management, Inc.**  
**Verification and International Opportunities Composite Performance Examination Report**

**December 31, 2019**





## Verification and Performance Examination Report

Oberweis Asset Management, Inc.  
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We have verified whether Oberweis Asset Management, Inc. (the "Firm") (1) has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) on a firm-wide basis for the periods from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, and (2) designed its policies and procedures to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards as of December 31, 2019. We have also conducted a performance examination of the Firm's International Opportunities Composite for the periods from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. The Firm's management is responsible for compliance with the GIPS standards and the design of its policies and procedures and for the International Opportunities Composite's compliant presentation. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our verification and performance examination. We conducted this verification and performance examination in accordance with the required verification and performance examination procedures of the GIPS standards. We also conducted such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the Firm has, in all material respects:

- Complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis for the periods from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019; and
- Designed its policies and procedures to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards as of December 31, 2019.

A verification covering the periods from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 2014 was performed by another verification firm, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.



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

- Constructed the International Opportunities Composite and calculated the International Opportunities Composite's performance for the periods from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 in compliance with the GIPS standards; and
- Prepared and presented the International Opportunities Composite's accompanying compliant presentation for the periods from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 in compliance with the GIPS standards.

A performance examination of the Firm's International Opportunities Composite covering the periods from February 1, 2007 through December 31, 2014 was performed by another verification firm, whose report expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

This report does not relate to or provide assurance on any composite compliant presentation of the Firm other than the Firm's International Opportunities Composite.

*Adviser Compliance Associates, LLC*

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ACA Performance Services Division  
March 17, 2020



**International Opportunities Composite Performance**

Year	Gross Total Return (%)	Net Total Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Accounts	Asset-Weighted St Dev (%)	Composite 3-Year Annualized St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Year Annualized St Dev (%)	Composite Assets (\$ mm)	Percent of Firm Assets Managed
2019	24.99	23.92	28.04	15	0.65	15.11	12.61	2,716.2	88.8%
2018	-23.03	-23.98	-17.78	15	0.25	14.55	13.46	2,390.6	85.4%
2017	42.30	41.14	34.27	15	0.14	11.01	11.90	3,426.1	85.4%
2016	-3.97	-4.99	0.86	15	0.19	11.81	12.57	2,390.8	86.0%
2015	16.96	15.87	9.92	16	0.35	12.43	11.34	2,047.0	81.6%
2014	-2.92	-3.95	-4.84	11	0.76	15.61	12.95	1,008.9	68.7%
2013	59.13	57.91	23.32	6	N/A	19.35	16.03	478.5	43.8%
2012	33.53	32.23	15.42	2	N/A	22.65	19.96	114.9	16.3%
2011	-13.03	-13.95	-14.79	2	N/A	24.55	22.37	88.3	15.1%
2010	33.30	31.96	28.47	2	N/A			108.8	12.8%

**Notes to Performance**

- I. Oberweis Asset Management, Inc. (OAM) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. OAM has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1993 through December 31, 2019.  
  
Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with 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 International Opportunities Composite has been examined for the periods February 1, 2007 through December 31, 2019. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.
- II. OAM is an independent investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisor Act of 1940, founded in 1989, that invests in high growth companies around the world. The firm specializes in Small and Mid-Capitalization growth strategies globally for institutional investors and its own proprietary mutual fund family. Registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training. Firm assets presented represent all accounts where OAM has been engaged as investment adviser. A complete list and description of firm composites is available upon request.
- III. The following standards describe performance presented herein:
  - A. The International Opportunities Composite was created in February 2007. The reporting currency is U.S. Dollar. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
  - B. Gross performance is computed before deducting advisory fees. Generally, the advisory fees for separate accounts are 1.00% on the first \$50 million, 0.90% on the next \$50 million and 0.80% on all additional assets. Actual fees are used in the net return calculation.
  - C. The International Opportunities Composite includes all fully discretionary accounts in excess of \$5 million invested in the International Opportunities strategy, which primarily invests in the securities of non-U.S. companies with a market capitalization of less than \$5 billion at the time of investment. Oberweis does not use derivatives in any account in the composite except the use of foreign currency contracts in conjunction with the normal settlement of security trades in currencies other than the base currency of the composite accounts. Effective January 1, 2013 the equity segment was increased to 90% from 70%.
  - D. Mutual funds included in the International Opportunities Composite are valued in accordance with regulatory fair value requirements to prevent market timing. The same investments held by other portfolios in the composite are valued using closing prices in local markets as well as different exchange rates. While these differences are not expected to be material, at any given point in time the different sources could result in materially different returns.
- IV. The standard deviation of portfolio returns has not been presented for the years 2009-2013 as the composite consisted of five or less accounts during these years. For accounts managed all months in the presentation year, the asset-weighted standard deviation of account returns within the composite is presented as a measure of internal dispersion. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The annualized standard deviation is not presented for 2009 through 2010 because it was not required for periods prior to 2011.
- V. Consultants and investors supplied with these performance results are advised to use this data in accordance with guidelines issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The performance presented is inclusive of commissions and transaction costs and assumes reinvestment of any dividends, capital gains, or other earnings, net of withholdings tax. The client's return will be reduced by the advisory fees and other expenses it may incur in the management of its account. The investment advisory fees are described in Part II of the Form ADV. The advisory fee, compounded over a period of years, will have an adverse effect on the value of the client's portfolio.
- VI. The benchmark for this composite is the MSCI World Ex-US Small-Cap Growth Index (Net). The MSCI World Ex-US Small-Cap Growth Index (Net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of small cap growth developed markets excluding the US, with minimum dividends reinvested net of withholding tax. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.