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Dear Gator Financial Partners:

We are pleased to provide you with Gator Financial Partners, LLC's (the "Fund" or "GFP") 2025 1st quarter investor letter. This letter reviews the Fund's 2025 Q1, discusses how we are thinking about tariffs, and shares our investment thesis on Virtus Investment Partners ("Virtus" or "VRTS").

Review of 2025 Q1 Performance

During the 1st quarter of 2025, the Fund had mixed performance. We outperformed the broader market but lagged the Financials sector benchmark. The large banks and the large insurers had a strong Q1, and we have not owned these companies in several years. We believe both the valuations and the growth rates of the largest financial companies are unattractive. We much prefer the faster growing and less expensive small- and mid-cap financial companies. But, in Q1, the stock market didn't agree with our view. Our long positions in Societe Generale, Robinhood Markets, BNP Paribas, Barclays PLC, and Sallie Mae were the top contributors to the Fund's performance. The largest detractors were long positions in First Citizens Bancshares, PayPal, Virtus Investment Partners, Global Payments, and UMB Financial.

	<u>2025 Q1</u>	<u>Total Return Since Inception¹</u>	<u>Annualized Return Since Inception¹</u>
Gator Financial Partners, LLC²	-0.57%	2,409.30%	21.21%
S&P 500 Total Return Index³	-4.27%	508.44%	11.38%
S&P 1500 Financials Index³	2.86%	335.81%	9.19%

Source: Gator Capital Management & Bloomberg

Tariffs: A Risky Gambit, But Likely to Fade

We view the recent sweeping tariff proposals as an unforced policy error. While improving America's trade positioning is a legitimate long-term objective, imposing broad-based tariffs on nearly all global imports with limited warning is an unnecessarily reckless approach.

The idea that tariffs will bring back large-scale manufacturing employment to the U.S. is misguided. American factory workers themselves do not aspire for their children or grandchildren to work in factories. Reshoring manufacturing at scale is a political talking point, not an economic reality.

That said, we believe these tariffs will ultimately be short-lived. While we have no special insight into the Trump administration's strategy, we are relying on the stock market's interpretation of unfolding

¹ The Fund's inception date was July 1, 2008.

² Performance presented assumes reinvestment of dividends, is net of fees, brokerage and other commissions, and other expenses an investor in the Fund would have paid. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see General Disclaimer on page 7.

³ Performance presented assumes reinvestment of dividends. No fees or other expenses have been deducted.

events. The sharp sell-off on the morning of April 7th marked a peak in capitulation, in our view. The strong equity market performance over the last three weeks of April suggests investors are pricing in a less extreme path forward and may be signaling that equities have found a near-term bottom.

We continue to believe that public markets, in aggregate, often do a better job forecasting outcomes than any individual analyst or investor—particularly during periods of heightened uncertainty. Market action may be reflecting expectations for a political reversal, potentially influenced by surprising recent electoral wins by liberal parties in Canada and Australia. Some investors could be extrapolating these outcomes to project Democratic gains in the 2026 U.S. midterm elections, which could lead to a reversal of Trump-era tariffs.

As investors, we do not need to predict the precise political pathway to lower tariffs. What matters for our positioning is the judgment call: will these tariffs persist at harmful levels, or will they be rolled back? For now, our base case is that tariffs will be reduced to more sustainable levels. We will continue to challenge this assumption and remain open to new information.

In the meantime, we continue to find compelling investment opportunities within the Financials sector, where we believe valuations already discount a significant amount of macroeconomic uncertainty. One industry that presents a near-term opportunity continues to be Regional Banks. Regional Banks were one of the industries hardest hit by the Trump Liberation Day announcement. We believe top-down macro investors continue to wrongly use shorts against Regional Banks as a way to express their view of increased recession risk. There is a disconnect between the reality of the credit quality in the regional banking system and these investors' perception of the risk. As we got into bank earnings season during late April, the bank management teams discussed the strong credit quality of the sector and the banks' stocks price have largely recovered.

Investment Thesis on Virtus Investment Partners

We believe Virtus Investment Partners offers a compelling investment from current levels. Virtus Investment Partners is a multi-boutique traditional investment manager. The company has several investment affiliates with their own investment teams and strategies. Virtus provides centralized sales, middle- and back-office services to support these teams. Virtus has grown by using cash flow to acquire additional investment firms. It keeps the investment teams of the acquisitions in place and centralizes sales and operations. We successfully owned Virtus for the Fund several years ago.

Our investment thesis is below:

- 1. High-Quality Business Due to Recurring Revenue and High Free Cash Flow** - Virtus Investment Partners boasts a high-quality business model underpinned by recurring revenue streams and elevated free cash flow. The firm's strategic focus on asset management ensures steady income through management fees, which are largely predictable and stable. This recurring revenue is a testament to the company's robust client relationships and consistent performance, providing a strong foundation for continued growth. Furthermore, high free cash flow enables Virtus to reinvest in its business, pursue acquisitions, and return capital to shareholders, enhancing overall value.
- 2. Low Valuation on Price to Earnings and EV/EBITDA Basis** - VRTS has an attractive valuation. It trades for 6.5x price-to-earnings (P/E) and a shockingly low 3.0x on Enterprise Value to Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization (EV/EBITDA) basis. VRTS has a strong balance

sheet that matches the strong cash flow profile of the business. The company only has \$100 million of net debt, which is about 0.3x EBITDA. In addition, VRTS carries a portfolio of seed investments in start-up funds and products valued at \$140M. It recycles this seed capital into incubating new funds and products as existing seed investments payoff or fail. Virtus also has about \$140M in CLO equity investments. These investments are made as its advisors form new CLOs. We subtract the seed investments and the CLO equity investments from Enterprise Value when we quote the 3.0x EV/EBITDA multiple. One could argue that seed investments and CLO equity investments are necessary to run the business. If we excluded these two items from Enterprise Value because they are necessary to run the business, we still calculate a very low 4.0x EV/EBITDA multiple. Virtus trades at a lower multiple compared to its peers

3. **Low Debt Levels Provide Management Flexibility** - The firm's prudent approach to debt management further strengthens its investment appeal. Virtus Investment Partners maintains low debt levels, which afford management significant flexibility to act on M&A or share repurchase opportunities. This conservative financial stance mitigates risk and enhances the firm's ability to sustain operations during economic downturns.
4. **Potential for Earnings Accretive Acquisition** - Virtus Investment Partners is well-positioned to pursue earnings accretive acquisitions. The firm's strong balance sheet and free cash flow provide the necessary capital to acquire additional investment management capabilities. Multiples for privately held investment management businesses are inexpensive. Virtus has a strong platform and history of integrating acquisitions to realize synergies and create value.
5. **Consistent Dividends and Stock Repurchases** - VRTS management has been consistent in returning capital to shareholders through dividends and stock repurchases. VRTS stock currently yields 5.6%. Stock repurchases further enhance shareholder value by reducing outstanding shares and increasing earnings per share (EPS). In Q1, VRTS management repurchased about 2% of the stock and signaled that they would be more aggressive given the stock price decline from early March. We would encourage management to consider increasing leverage by 1.0x EBITDA and repurchase 30% of the shares.

There are risks to our investment thesis on Virtus:

1. **Challenged Flows Due to Active Management Out of Favor** - Despite its strengths, Virtus Investment Partners faces challenges in asset flows, primarily due to the growing trend towards passive management. Active management has fallen out of favor with some investors, who prefer the lower fees and perceived simplicity of passive strategies. This shift poses a headwind for Virtus, potentially impacting on its ability to attract and retain assets. The firm must navigate this evolving landscape by demonstrating the value of active management and differentiating its offerings through superior performance and client service.
2. **Some Past Acquisitions May Not Have Paid Off** - Virtus's acquisition strategy, while generally successful, has not been without its missteps. Some past acquisitions have not delivered the anticipated returns. These underperforming acquisitions can weigh on financial results and erode investor confidence.
3. **Waiting for Flows to Improve or Management to Take Action** - Virtus Investment Partners is at a crossroads, awaiting improvement in asset flows or action from management to make an acquisition or materially increase share repurchases. This state of waiting creates uncertainty and requires patience from investors.

In summary, Virtus Investment Partners presents a compelling investment case with a robust business model, attractive valuation, low debt levels, and a clear commitment to shareholder returns. However, the firm must navigate challenges related to asset flows and past acquisitions. Investors should weigh these strengths and weaknesses carefully, considering Virtus's potential for growth and the strategic actions needed to address its current hurdles. With prudent management and strategic execution, Virtus Investment Partners could deliver substantial value to its shareholders over the long term.

Portfolio Analysis

Largest Positions

Below are the Fund's five largest common equity long positions. All data is as of March 31, 2025.

Long

Robinhood Markets Inc.
First Citizens Bancshares
SLM Corp
Virtus Investment Partners
UMB Financial Corp.

Sub-sector Weightings

Below is a table showing the Fund's positioning within the Financials sector⁵ as of March 31, 2025.

	Long	Short	Net
Alt Asset Managers	3.60%	-0.68%	2.92%
Capital Markets	27.66%	0.00%	27.66%
Banks (large)	10.62%	-10.37%	0.25%
Banks (mid)	26.96%	-13.29%	13.67%
Banks (small)	24.04%	-6.15%	17.89%
P&C Insurance	3.26%	-10.02%	-6.76%
Life Insurance	9.13%	0.00%	9.13%
Non-bank Lenders	8.39%	0.00%	8.39%
Processors	8.66%	0.00%	8.66%
Real Estate	5.50%	-6.40%	-0.90%
Exchanges	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Index Hedges	0.00%	-23.31%	-23.31%
Non-Financials	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total	127.83%	-70.22%	57.61%

The Fund's gross exposure is 198.05%, and its net exposure is 57.61%. From this table, we exclude fixed-income instruments such as preferred stock. Preferred stock positions account for an additional 15.12% of the portfolio.

⁵ 'Financials sector' is defined as companies included in the Global Industry Classification System ("GICS") sectors 40 and 60, which contains financial and real estate companies.

Conclusion

Thank you for entrusting us with a portion of your wealth. We are grateful to you, our investors, who believe in and trust our strategy. On a personal level, Derek Pilecki, the Fund's Portfolio Manager, continues to invest more than 80% of his liquid net worth in the Fund.

As always, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you and discuss the Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gator Capital Management, LLC". The script is cursive and fluid, with the letters "G", "C", and "M" being particularly prominent.

Gator Capital Management, LLC

Gator Capital Management, LLC prepared this letter. Ultimus LeverPoint Fund Solutions, LLC, our administrator, is responsible for the distribution of this information and not its content.

General Disclaimer

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All performance results are based on the net asset value of the Fund. Net performance results are presented net of management fees, brokerage commissions, administrative expenses, and accrued performance allocation, as indicated, and include the reinvestment of all dividends, interest, and capital gains. The performance results represent Fund-level returns and are not an estimate of any specific investor's actual performance, which may be materially different from such performance depending on numerous factors.

The market indices appearing in this letter have been selected for the purpose of comparing the performance of an investment in the Fund with certain well-known equity benchmarks. The statistical data regarding the indices has been obtained from Bloomberg and the returns are calculated assuming all dividends are reinvested. The indices are not subject to any of the fees or expenses to which the funds are subject and may involve significantly less risk than the Fund. The Fund is not restricted to investing in those securities which comprise these indices, its performance may or may not correlate to these indices, and it should not be considered a proxy for these indices. The S&P 500 Total Return Index is a market cap weighted index of 500 widely held stocks often used as a proxy for the overall U.S. equity market. The S&P 1500 Financials Index is a market cap weighted index of financial stocks within the S&P 1500 Super Composite Index we used as a proxy for the Financials sector of the U.S. equity market. An investment cannot be made directly in either index. The Fund consists of securities which vary significantly from those in the benchmark indices listed above. Accordingly, comparing results shown to those of such indices may be of limited use.

Statements herein that reflect projections or expectations of future financial or economic performance of the Fund are forward-looking statements. Such "forward-looking" statements are based on various assumptions, which assumptions may not prove to be correct. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that such assumptions and statements will accurately predict future events or the Fund's actual performance. No representation or warranty can be given that the estimates, opinions, or assumptions made herein will prove to be accurate. Any projections and forward-looking statements included herein should be considered speculative and are qualified in their entirety by the information and risks disclosed in the Fund's Private Placement Memorandum. Actual results for any period may or may not approximate such forward-looking statements. You are advised to consult with your own independent tax and business advisors concerning the validity and reasonableness of any factual, accounting and tax assumptions. No representations or warranties whatsoever are made by the Fund, the General Partner, or any other person or entity as to the future profitability of the Fund or the results of making an investment in the Fund. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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- A Private Fund represents a speculative investment and involves a high degree of risk. Investors must have the financial ability, sophistication/experience, and willingness to bear the risks of an investment in a Private Fund. An investor could lose all or a substantial portion of his/her/its investment.
- An investment in a Private Fund is not suitable for all investors and should be discretionary capital set aside strictly for speculative purposes. Only qualified eligible investors may invest in a Private Fund.
- A Private Fund's prospectus or offering documents are not reviewed or approved by federal or state regulators and its privately placed interests are not federally, or state registered.
- An investment in a Private Fund may be illiquid and there are significant restrictions on transferring or redeeming interests in a Private Fund. There is no recognized secondary market for an investor's interest in a Private Fund and none is expected to develop. Substantial redemptions within a limited period of time could adversely affect the Private Fund.
- Certain portfolio assets of a Private Fund may be illiquid and without a readily ascertainable market value. The manager's/advisor's involvement in the valuation process creates a potential conflict of interest. Instances of mispriced portfolios, due to fraud or negligence, have occurred in the industry.
- A Private Fund may have little or no operating history or performance and may use performance information which may not reflect actual trading of the Private Fund and should be reviewed carefully. Investors should not place undue reliance on hypothetical, pro forma or predecessor performance.
- A Private Fund may trade in commodity interests, derivatives, and futures, both for hedging and speculative purposes, and may execute a substantial portion of trades on foreign exchanges, all of which could result in a substantial risk of loss. Commodities, derivatives, and futures prices may be highly volatile, may be difficult to accurately predict, carry specialized risks and can increase the risk of loss.
- A Private Fund's manager/advisor has total trading authority over a Private Fund. The death or disability of a key person, or their departure, may have a material adverse effect on a Private Fund.
- A Private Fund may use a single manager/advisor or employ a single strategy, which could mean a lack of diversification and higher risk. Alternatively, a Private Fund and its managers/advisors may rely on the trading expertise and experience of third-party managers or advisors, the identity of

which may not be disclosed to investors, which may trade in a variety of different instruments and markets.

- A Private Fund may involve a complex tax structure, which should be reviewed carefully, and may involve structures or strategies that may cause delays in important financial and tax information being sent to investors.
- A Private Fund's fees and expenses, which may be substantial regardless of any positive return, will offset such Private Fund's trading profits. If a Private Fund's investments are not successful or are not sufficiently successful, these payments and expenses may, over a period of time, significantly reduce or deplete the net asset value of the Private Fund.
- A Private Fund and its managers/advisors and their affiliates may be subject to various potential and actual conflicts of interest.
- A Private Fund may employ investment techniques or measures aimed to reduce the risk of loss which may not be successful or fully successful.
- A Private Fund may employ leverage, including involving derivatives. Leverage presents specialized risks. The more leverage used, the more likely a substantial change in value may occur, either up or down.

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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE, NET OF FEES

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	S&P Financials
2025	7.03%	(2.05%)	(5.15%)										(0.57%)	2.86%
2024	1.51%	3.54%	5.34%	(2.36%)	4.32%	(0.54%)	11.56%	(1.62%)	0.97%	1.63%	18.19%	(4.97%)	41.88%	29.78%
2023	15.60%	1.55%	(13.35%)	7.00%	(1.06%)	6.74%	10.35%	(2.47%)	(0.17%)	(2.52%)	9.25%	9.63%	44.18%	11.66%
2022	1.07%	0.68%	(5.70%)	(3.99%)	1.45%	(12.06%)	8.13%	3.44%	(13.40%)	10.84%	3.93%	(4.04%)	(11.99%)	(10.15%)
2021	0.00%	7.09%	3.32%	3.20%	1.16%	(1.95%)	(0.01%)	1.50%	0.78%	1.35%	(0.94%)	6.52%	23.86%	34.55%
2020	(2.26%)	(11.02%)	(36.23%)	22.38%	7.75%	10.71%	5.46%	7.01%	0.29%	6.24%	15.61%	5.17%	18.39%	(1.91%)
2019	17.76%	4.44%	(2.60%)	4.25%	(4.74%)	4.58%	1.05%	(4.86%)	7.60%	0.98%	2.87%	3.32%	38.10%	31.22%
2018	8.59%	(2.36%)	(4.57%)	1.20%	0.44%	(0.12%)	4.06%	0.22%	(1.31%)	(7.37%)	(0.29%)	(14.01%)	(16.02%)	(13.03%)
2017	1.19%	5.58%	(3.54%)	1.09%	(3.75%)	3.02%	4.78%	(3.21%)	4.67%	(1.12%)	3.50%	5.14%	17.98%	20.89%
2016	(12.35%)	2.02%	8.77%	4.68%	3.00%	(9.79%)	12.80%	4.95%	(0.77%)	1.72%	23.95%	5.67%	48.08%	24.28%
2015	(6.78%)	3.56%	(2.34%)	3.67%	0.74%	(0.90%)	(3.78%)	(4.55%)	(5.96%)	4.60%	2.49%	(9.85%)	(18.55%)	(0.72%)
2014	0.27%	8.12%	(0.48%)	(2.69%)	(0.49%)	0.88%	(2.27%)	1.44%	(1.87%)	(2.89%)	(0.04%)	(0.52%)	(0.97%)	14.89%
2013	8.26%	3.97%	4.11%	3.80%	5.89%	(3.78%)	2.70%	(3.51%)	(0.71%)	5.06%	4.73%	2.68%	37.76%	34.20%
2012	4.55%	1.65%	7.51%	(1.37%)	(0.67%)	3.99%	1.94%	(1.57%)	2.40%	7.61%	1.72%	3.01%	34.87%	26.90%
2011	14.03%	9.26%	(4.00%)	1.20%	6.43%	1.32%	0.36%	(5.00%)	(5.34%)	2.76%	(0.41%)	(4.34%)	15.34%	(15.01%)
2010	(2.97%)	6.01%	4.55%	5.77%	(3.00%)	(17.98%)	3.93%	(6.65%)	7.03%	7.73%	5.61%	5.13%	12.39%	13.31%
2009	22.60%	7.00%	19.23%	11.00%	17.19%	20.93%	7.90%	15.28%	(0.50%)	(12.63%)	(0.87%)	8.65%	186.31%	15.46%
2008							(1.89%)	(7.24%)	(21.90%)	16.63%	(7.93%)	11.02%	(15.26%)	(33.48%)

PERFORMANCE AND RISK ANALYSIS

	Gator Financial	S&P 500 TR	S&P 1500 Financials TR	Top 5 Long Positions	% of NAV*
Net Performance				Robinhood Markets Inc.	9.13%
Annual Compound Return	21.21%	11.38%	9.19%	First Citizens Bancshares	8.96%
Cumulative Return	2,409.30%	508.44%	335.81%	SLM Corp.	5.88%
% of Profitable Percentage	61.69	67.66%	57.71%	Virtus Investment Partners	5.34%
				UMB Financial Corp.	5.06%
Risk Analysis				*Top 5 positions represent delta adjusted position values.	
Annualized Volatility	26.09%	15.77%	22.30%		
Sharpe Ratio (RFR)	0.70	0.61	0.34		
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Downside Deviation	1,586.72%	1,046.45%	1,542.78%		

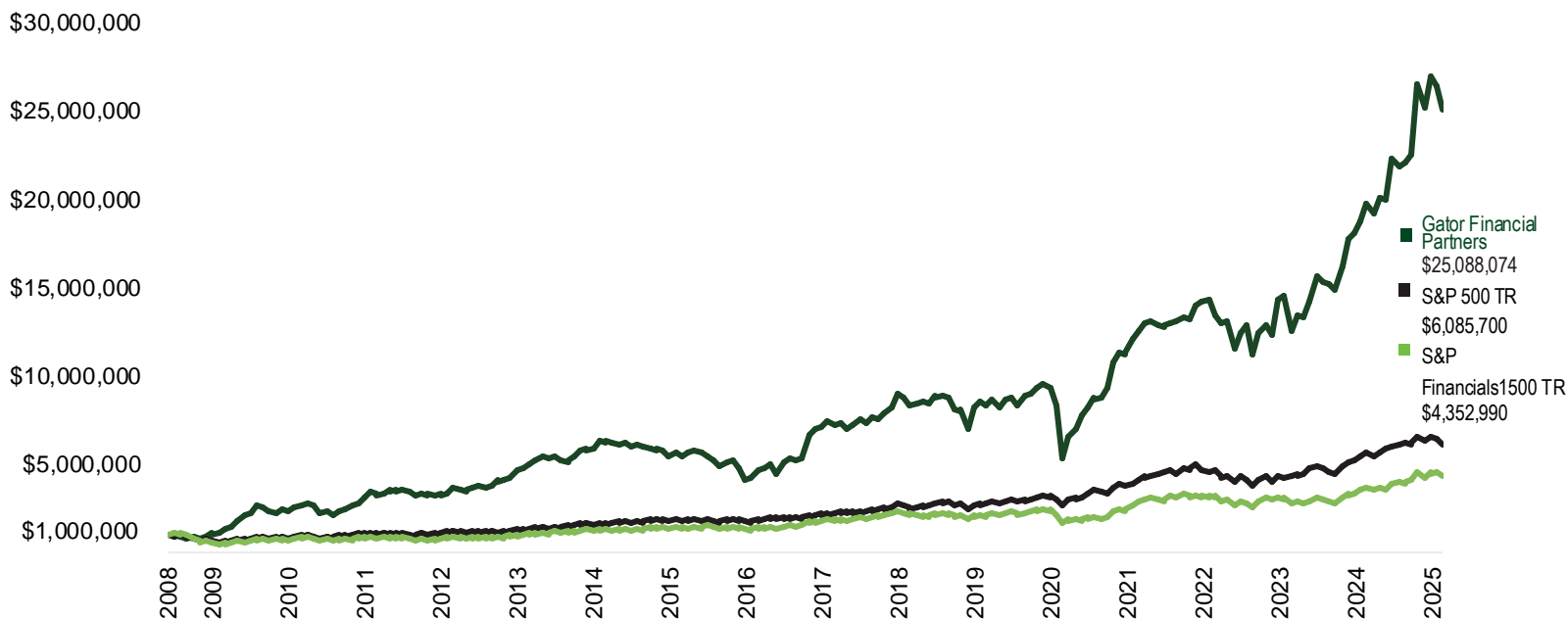
OVERVIEW

Gator Financial Partners, LLC (the "Fund") is a long/short equity hedge fund focused on the Financials sector. The portfolio is built by performing intensive bottom-up fundamental research on both long and short positions. It is concentrated on the portfolio manager's highest conviction ideas.

The Fund favors small and mid-cap companies and companies with less research coverage from the sell-side. The sector requires specialized knowledge to correctly analyze the companies. Therefore, the portfolio manager believes there are regular opportunities for sector specialists doing fundamental research.

The Fund's goal is to maximize total return while accepting short-term periods of volatility due to the portfolio's concentration.

GROWTH OF \$1,000,000¹



Performance is calculated net of fees and expenses

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

Fund AUM \$149.8 M

Strategy AUM \$215.3 M

Firm AUM \$230.1 M

"Strategy AUM" is defined as AUM (both in pooled vehicles and in SMAs) that invest predominantly in securities in the Financials sector. "Firm AUM" is defined as all AUM.

¹Fund figures include reinvestment of income. Indices are not available for direct investment.

ABOUT GATOR

Gator Capital Management, LLC was founded in 2008 by Derek Pilecki and is located in Tampa, Florida. Gator Capital Management is registered with the SEC as a Registered Investment Advisor. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply any level of skill or training.

Gator manages Financials sector long/short portfolios for private partnerships, mutual funds, and separately managed accounts.

INVESTMENT TERMS

Management Fee 1.0% of assets annually

Incentive Allocation 20% of profits

High-Water Mark Yes

Redemption Policy Monthly, 10 business days notice, no lock-up

Minimum Investment \$250,000

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Administrator Ultimus LeverPoint

Prime Brokers Interactive Brokers and Jefferies

Legal Counsel Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

Auditor Kaufman, Rossin & Co

DEREK PILECKI, CFA

Derek Pilecki is the founder of Gator Capital Management and Portfolio Manager for Gator Financial Partners.

Prior to Gator, Derek worked at Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM) covering Financials for the Growth Team. Prior to GSAM, Derek was an equity analyst at Clover Capital Management and Burrige Growth Partners. Derek has an MBA from the University of Chicago and a BA from Duke University.

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