

NorthCoast CAN SLIM® was among the top performers in Q4 2018 versus its peer group and recognized as a Top Guns Manager by Informa Investment Solutions' PSN.

"I'm proud of our investment team. 2018, especially the fourth quarter, was a challenging environment for many equity managers, and we're pleased to see our flagship strategy achieve such a high honor."

- Dan Kraninger, NorthCoast President & CEO

Specializing in quantitative research and risk-managed solutions, NorthCoast is a leader in tactical management. Its CAN SLIM® strategy invests in leading growth stocks in favorable market environments and scales to cash to preserve gains when bear market risk is high. Positions are scored, selected and managed through a combination of CAN SLIM® guidelines and a proprietary stock scoring system. Equally important, the strategy uses a proprietary market exposure model to adjust equity allocation and scale to cash when necessary, such as the 4th quarter of 2018.

"We have found that disciplined, data-driven investing outperforms intuition over time, and as such, CAN SLIM® utilizes comprehensive data sets to discover, interpret and leverage valuable patterns and trends."

– Patrick Jamin, NorthCoast Chief Investment Officer

NorthCoast's strategy offers the ability to diversify a portfolio, defend against bear markets, and differentiate itself as the only separately managed account to use the time-tested CAN SLIM® investment system.

Through a combination of Informa Investment Solutions' proprietary performance screens, PSN Top Guns ranks products in six proprietary categories in over 50 universes. This is a well-respected quarterly ranking and is widely used by institutional asset managers and investors. Informa Investment Solutions is part of Informa Financial Intelligence, a leading provider of critical decision-making solutions and custom services to financial institutions.

Top Guns firms are awarded a rating representing continued performance over time. NorthCoast CAN SLIM® performed among the top ten within its respective universe based on quarterly returns, earning the designation of Top Gun.

"PSN Top Guns, which ranks products in six categories in over 50 universes, is a go-to resource for institutional asset managers and investors in their decision-making process," said Ryan Nauman, VP, product and market strategist at Informa Financial Intelligence. "Congratulations to NorthCoast on being named a PSN Top Gun. This highly respected ranking spotlights the performance of leading investment managers each quarter."

The complete list of PSN Top Guns and an overview of the methodology can be located on <http://www.informais.com/resources/psn-top-guns>.

About NorthCoast

NorthCoast Asset Management LLC is an Investment Advisor registered with the SEC. Founded in 1988 and based in Greenwich, CT, NorthCoast specializes in quantitative research and managing rules-based investment programs for clients and institutions around the world.

NorthCoast is continually innovating solutions designed to mitigate capital loss during bear market cycles. Our experienced management team, long-term portfolio performance, and premier partnerships make NorthCoast a preferred choice for institutions seeking growth-oriented solutions with downside risk protection. Since 2006, NorthCoast has partnered with Investor's Business Daily® to be the exclusive manager of CAN SLIM® powered investment strategies, bringing the foundation of the William O'Neill's stock management system to investors.

About Informa Investment Solutions

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For more details on the methodology behind the PSN Top Guns Rankings or to purchase PSN Top Guns Reports, contact Margaret Tobiasen at Margaret.tobiasen@informa.com.

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