## Check Capital Management Inc. Quality Growth Program Composite Performance Report January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2017

|            |            | Net Return   | Net Return  | Benchmark |           |           |            |          | Composite         | Total Firm        |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
|            | Gross      | After        | After       | S&P 500   | Composite | Benchmark | Composite  | Number   | Assets at         | Assets Under      |
|            | Return     | Profit-Based | Asset-Based | Return    | 3-Yr Std  | 3-Yr Std  | Dispersion | of       | Year End          | Management        |
| Year       | (%)        | Fee (%)      | Fee (%)     | (%)       | Dev (%)   | Dev (%)   | (%)        | Accounts | (\$ in thousands) | (\$ in thousands) |
|            |            |              |             |           |           |           |            |          |                   |                   |
| 2000       | 29.68      | 26.72        | 28.47       | (9.10)    | 23.59     | 17.69     | 5.12       | 573      | 99,140            | 106,259           |
| 2001       | 22.15      | 19.94        | 20.98       | (11.88)   | 19.49     | 16.97     | 3.49       | 754      | 170,154           | 178,358           |
| 2002       | (16.72)    | (15.05)      | (17.60)     | (22.09)   | 18.33     | 18.80     | 3.17       | 916      | 196,437           | 196,437           |
| 2003       | 21.59      | 19.43        | 20.44       | 28.65     | 14.31     | 18.31     | 2.65       | 1,183    | 326,044           | 326,044           |
| 2004       | 6.34       | 5.71         | 5.30        | 10.87     | 13.32     | 15.06     | 2.31       | 1,453    | 434,572           | 437,151           |
| 2005       | 4.58       | 4.12         | 3.53        | 4.90      | 8.97      | 9.16      | 1.88       | 1,450    | 457,999           | 473,000           |
| 2006       | 16.47      | 14.83        | 15.37       | 15.76     | 6.96      | 6.91      | 1.16       | 1,342    | 508,627           | 524,789           |
| 2007       | 2.80       | 2.52         | 1.76        | 5.56      | 6.52      | 7.77      | 1.78       | 1,313    | 491,874           | 561,711           |
| 2008       | (33.49)    | (30.14)      | (34.24)     | (36.99)   | 14.38     | 15.28     | 3.22       | 1,158    | 277,602           | 325,333           |
| 2009       | 21.15      | 19.03        | 19.99       | 26.45     | 20.40     | 19.88     | 3.38       | 820      | 212,628           | 327,998           |
| 2010       | 14.26      | 12.83        | 13.14       | 15.08     | 21.63     | 22.14     | 2.58       | 756      | 217,796           | 372,450           |
| 2011       | 3.50       | 3.15         | 2.48        | 2.10      | 18.11     | 18.95     | 3.30       | 688      | 199,871           | 385,410           |
| 2012       | 18.33      | 16.50        | 17.20       | 15.99     | 11.86     | 15.29     | 2.51       | 601      | 213,230           | 515,342           |
| 2013       | 29.68      | 26.71        | 28.48       | 32.36     | 10.38     | 12.10     | 2.40       | 635      | 314,432           | 796,975           |
| 2014       | 14.59      | 13.13        | 13.48       | 13.65     | 8.50      | 9.09      | 2.27       | 799      | 442,254           | 1,047,552         |
| 2015       | (5.70)     | (5.13)       | (6.65)      | 1.38      | 9.87      | 10.61     | 1.85       | 884      | 476,522           | 1,006,373         |
| 2016       | 20.53      | 18.48        | 19.39       | 11.94     | 10.44     | 10.74     | 3.85       | 995      | 639,631           | 1,252,990         |
| 2017       | 17.17      | 15.45        | 16.05       | 21.82     | 9.78      | 10.07     | 1.84       | 1,377    | 1,020,594         | 1,524,558         |
| Cumulative | 376.6      | 312.6        | 299.1       | 157.7     |           |           |            |          |                   |                   |
|            | Annualized | 8.7          | 8.5         | 5.7       |           |           |            |          |                   |                   |

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## Notes:

- 1. CCM is an independent registered investment advisor established in 1987. A complete list of composite descriptions and policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
- 2. The Quality Growth Program Composite ("Composite") includes all fully discretionary, fee-paying accounts that are managed under CCM's Quality Growth Program. Quality Growth Program accounts invest in durable growth company stocks. Most companies earn more than \$200 million in annual profits, have stocks ranked B+ or higher by Standard & Poor's, and have shown 8%-or-greater annual earnings growth over the last decade. Fully invested portfolios usually hold 15-25 stocks. The Quality Growth Composite was created in February 1991. For performance data after 1/1/2013, accounts under \$100,000 were excluded from the Composite.
- 3. Rates of return include all dividends, interest and realized and unrealized gains and losses; the returns also include the cost of brokerage commissions. Cash and cash equivalents are included in the performance of the Composite. Performance results are presented before and after the highest asset-based management fee and the highest profit-based management fee. Returns are stated in U.S. dollars.
- 4. CCM offers two management fee options: (1) Profit-Based Fee: 10% of account profits after trading costs, or (2) Asset-Based Fee: 1.0% of assets under management annually.
- 5. 3-Yr Std Dev is the annualized standard deviation of the monthly returns over the last three years. Dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual returns of all portfolios in the Composite for the entire year. Total Firm Assets Under Management are the total assets of all discretionary and non-discetionary accounts managed by CCM.
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