

Small Cap Core Equity

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WHO WE ARE

We are an institutional asset management team focused exclusively on investing in small cap and small-mid cap equities.

Inception Date

April 1, 2019

Benchmark²

Russell 2000 Index

Vehicles

Separately Managed Account

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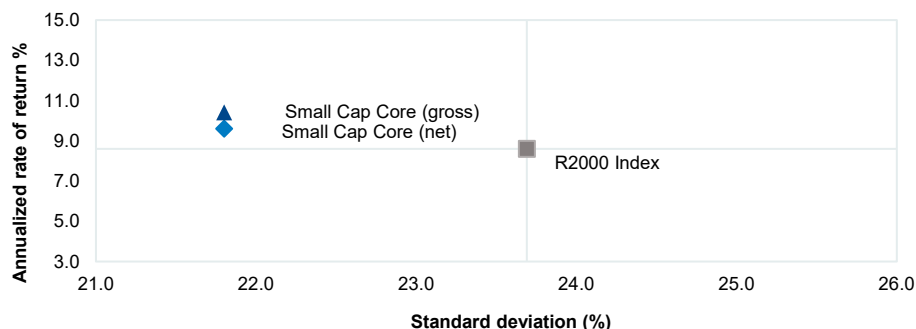
INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We believe the key to generating consistent investment returns is the selection of investment opportunities that possess attractive valuations and demonstrate identifiable catalysts that are expected to generate accelerating earnings and cash flow growth.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES¹

Over a full market investment cycle, we strive to generate more than 200 basis points of annualized alpha with approximately 80–90% of the risk of the market, where market risk is defined as standard deviation, beta or downside capture.

TOTAL RISK VERSUS TOTAL RETURN²



Since inception data from 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2026. Source: MIM and eVestment Alliance, LLC. Performance over one year is annualized. Risk/return metrics are shown gross of fees.

RISK/RETURN STATISTICS²

	Small Cap Core	Russell 2000 Index
Alpha (%)	2.70	-
Standard deviation (%)	21.80	23.69
Sharpe ratio	0.35	0.25
Beta	0.88	1.00
Tracking error (%)	7.05	-
Information ratio	0.26	-

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Please see the disclosures at the end for additional, important information. Any performance mentioned above is supplemental; please see the GIPS Report that is included for complete performance and benchmark descriptions.

COMPOSITE ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE²

Returns (%)	1Q2025 to 1Q2026	1Q2024 to 1Q2025	1Q2023 to 1Q2024	1Q2022 to 1Q2023	1Q2021 to 1Q2022
Small Cap Core (gross)	11.53	3.38	14.79	1.21	8.25
Small Cap Core (net)	10.79	2.61	13.94	0.47	7.45
Russell 2000 Index	25.72	-4.01	19.71	-11.61	-5.79
Relative performance (gross)	-14.19	7.39	-4.92	12.82	14.04
Relative performance (net)	-14.93	6.62	-5.77	12.08	13.24

Returns (%)	QTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Inception (4/1/2019)
Small Cap Core (gross)	-4.03	11.53	9.79	7.71	10.41
Small Cap Core (net)	-4.18	10.79	9.01	6.94	9.60
Russell 2000 Index	0.89	25.72	13.05	3.77	8.60
Relative performance (gross)	-4.92	-14.19	-3.26	3.94	1.81
Relative performance (net)	-5.07	-14.93	-4.04	3.17	1.00

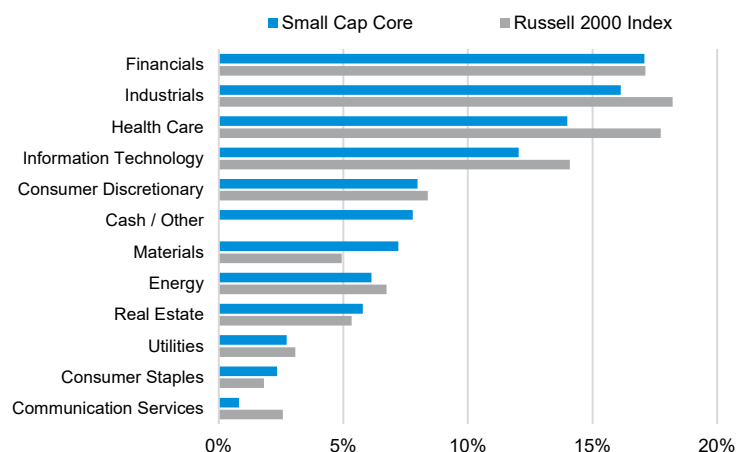
Source: MIM and Bloomberg, LP.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS¹

	Small Cap Core	Russell 2000 Index
Number of holdings	74	1,932
Forward price/earnings (median)	13.2x	16.4x
Year 2 EPS growth	17.9%	17.0%
Weighted median market capitalization	\$4.5B	\$3.7B
% of portfolio in top 10	18.3%	5.6%

Source: MIM and Bloomberg, LP.

SECTOR WEIGHTS¹



Source: MIM and Bloomberg, LP.

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GIPS Composite Report

Small Cap Core Equity

Year	Gross-of-fee Return	Net-of-fee Return	Benchmark Return ¹	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion Stdv ²	Composite 3-Year Stdv ³	Benchmark 3-Year Stdv ³	Composite Assets	Total Firm Assets (BB) ⁴
04/01/19 (Inception) to 12/31/19	9.28%	8.65%	9.55%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,099,940	-
2020	7.61%	6.81%	19.96%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$11,779,172	-
2021	28.04%	27.10%	14.82%	≤ 5	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14,640,514	-
2022	-3.99%	-4.69%	-20.44%	≤ 5	N/A	24.56%	26.02%	\$24,973,383	-
2023	13.28%	12.44%	16.93%	≤ 5	N/A	18.60%	21.11%	\$30,013,117	-
2024	15.55%	14.71%	11.54%	≤ 5	N/A	19.74%	23.30%	\$34,015,748	-
2025	10.10%	9.34%	12.81%	≤ 5	N/A	17.20%	19.63%	\$9,020,017	\$642.2
YTD through 3/31/26	-4.03%	-4.18%	0.89%	≤ 5	N/A	16.91%	19.10%	\$8,704,596	\$640.0

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