



STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 March 2020

## US Smaller Companies Equity Strategy

**Total US Smaller-Companies Equity Strategy Assets:**<sup>1</sup> \$1.8 billion<sup>2</sup>

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Focus on companies within the market cap range of the Russell 2500 Index at time of purchase.
- Assess valuation using relevant sector/industry metrics – absolute and relative price to earnings, price to cash flow, and price to assets.
- Integrate fundamental research by a dedicated Small-Cap research team to discover underfollowed companies possessing clear business plans, financial flexibility, and proven management teams.
- Identification of a “value creation” catalyst is key.
- Broadly diversify holdings to manage portfolio risk profile.
- Employ a low turnover and patient trading strategy to promote full value realization.

### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Typically 200-250 securities
- Position sizes typically range from 0.15% to 2.50%
- Primary sector weights generally vary from 0.5X to 2.0X the Russell 2500 Index weights

### BENCHMARK

- Russell 2500 Net 30% Index

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### Curt Organt, CFA<sup>®</sup>

- 26 years of investment experience; 24 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.B.A., Wake Forest University
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#### PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS

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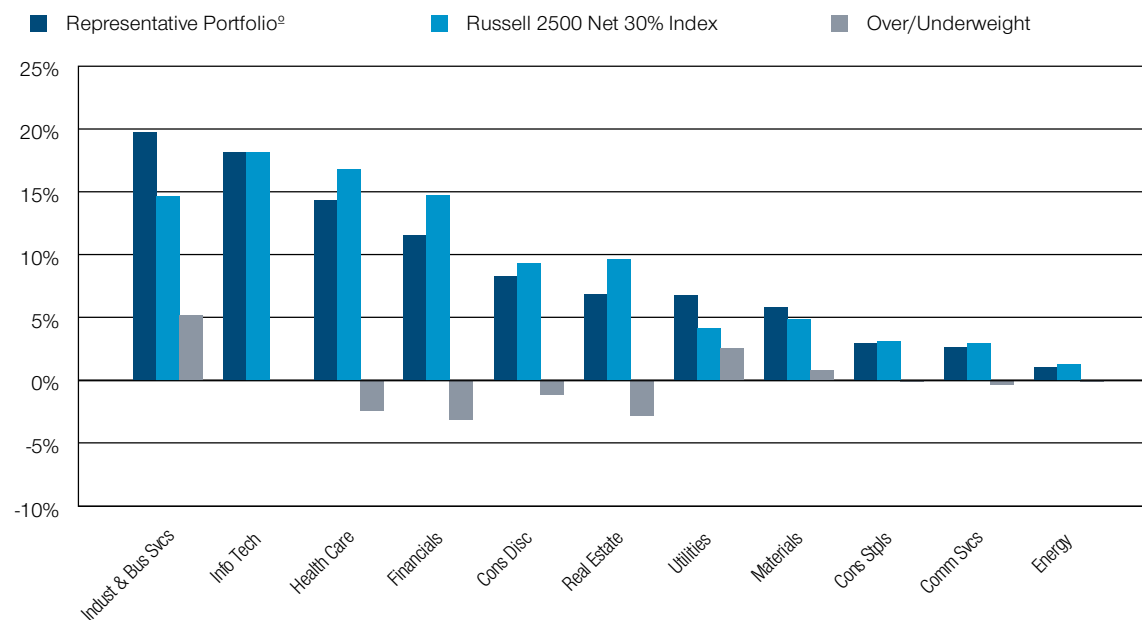
<sup>1</sup> Includes a sub-fund of a Luxembourg domiciled SICAV and a sub-fund of a UK domiciled OEIC.

<sup>2</sup> Assets reported are as of 31 December 2019.

## TOP 10 ISSUERS

	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>
CoStar Group	2.2%
Entegris	1.8
Quidel	1.8
Atmos Energy	1.6
Avery Dennison	1.6
Black Knight	1.6
Cable One	1.5
Teledyne Technologies	1.5
Teleflex	1.4
Terreno Realty	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5%</b>

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION



## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Russell 2500 Net 30% Index
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years) <sup>*°†</sup>	12.6%	10.4%
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward) <sup>*°†</sup>	23.1X	19.0X
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges) <sup>°</sup>	12.1%	11.8%
Price to Book <sup>°</sup>	3.6X	2.6X
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$5,936	\$3,811
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$7,578	\$4,787
Number of Issuers	169	2,474
Top 20 Issuers as % of Total	28.9%	7.3%
Portfolio Turnover (12 Months)	49.0%	-
Active Share	84.2%	-

<sup>°</sup>Investment Weighted Median.

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<sup>†</sup>Based on the Representative Portfolio's underlying holdings and is not a projection of future portfolio performance.

<sup>2</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

**PERFORMANCE**

	Three Months	One Year	Annualized			
			Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
US Smaller Companies Equity Composite (Gross)	-20.93%	-8.26%	6.00%	6.59%	12.35%	10.17%
US Smaller Companies Equity Composite (Net)	-21.09	-8.95	5.21	5.80	11.52	9.35
Russell 2500 Net 30% Index	-29.81	-22.85	-3.54	0.04	7.26	6.02
Value Added (Gross)	8.88	14.59	9.54	6.55	5.09	4.15
Value Added (Net)	8.72	13.90	8.75	5.76	4.26	3.33

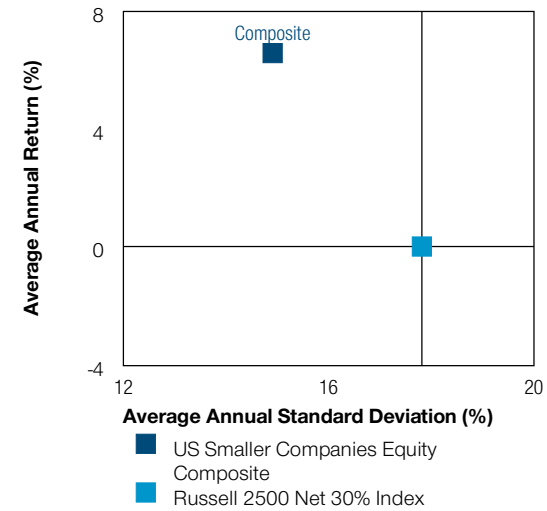
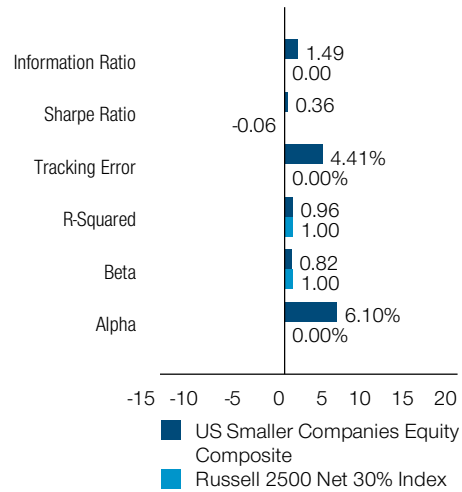
**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.**

Gross performance returns are presented before management and all other fees, where applicable, but after trading expenses. Net of fees performance reflects the deduction of the highest applicable management fee that would be charged based on the fee schedule contained within this material, without the benefit of breakpoints. Gross and net performance returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and are net of all non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains.

Effective 1 March 2020, the benchmark for the composite changed from gross- to net- of withholding taxes. The change was made because the firm viewed the new benchmark to be more consistent with the tax impacts of the portfolios in the composite. Historical benchmark representations have been restated to show net of withholding taxes.

**RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

Five Years ended 31 March 2020



**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Statistics based on monthly gross returns. Returns would have been lower as the result of the deduction of applicable fees.

**FEE SCHEDULE****US Smaller Companies Equity Composite**

The US Smaller Companies Equity Composite seeks long-term capital growth primarily through investment in stocks of smaller U.S. companies (small and mid-cap) believed to offer growth potential or be under-valued. (Created June 2006) (Formerly known as US Smaller Cap Core Equity Composite)

First \$20 million	75 basis points
Above \$20 million	60 basis points
Minimum separate account size	\$50 million

## GIPS® Disclosure

## US Smaller Companies Equity Composite

Period Ended December 31, 2019

Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Gross Annual Returns (%)	27.88	0.90	20.33	40.65	11.27	-0.17	16.09	19.01	-3.63	37.83
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	26.95	0.14	19.44	39.63	10.45	-0.92	15.24	18.13	-4.36	36.83
Russell 2500 Net 30% Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	26.20	-2.91	17.35	36.24	6.64	-3.31	17.04	16.31	-10.40	27.16
Russell 2500 Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	26.71	-2.51	17.88	36.80	7.07	-2.90	17.59	16.81	-10.00	27.77
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	25.71	22.00	18.43	14.46	11.50	12.10	12.84	10.63	12.10	12.93
Russell 2500 Net 30% Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	26.79	23.39	18.96	15.64	11.67	12.42	13.65	12.12	14.09	14.59
Russell 2500 Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	26.80	23.40	18.97	15.63	11.67	12.42	13.67	12.13	14.10	14.58
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Comp. Assets (Millions)	113.8	208.1	454.6	1,226.2	937.4	864.0	1,113.2	1,280.8	1,373.3	1,764.0
# of Accts. in Comp.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	485.0	493.1	579.8	696.3	749.6	772.4	817.2	1,000.2	972.7	1,218.2 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Reflects deduction of highest applicable fee schedule without benefit of breakpoints. Investment return and principal value will vary. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Monthly composite performance is available upon request. **See below for further information related to net of fee calculations.**

<sup>2</sup>Effective June 30, 2019, the composite's benchmark changed from gross to net of 30% withholding taxes. The change was made because the firm viewed the new benchmark to be more consistent with the tax impacts of the portfolios in the composite. Historical benchmark representations have been restated.

<sup>3</sup>Preliminary - subject to adjustment.

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Some portfolios may trade futures, options, and other potentially high-risk derivatives which generally represent less than 10% of a portfolio.

Benchmarks are taken from published sources and may have different calculation methodologies, pricing times, and foreign exchange sources from the composite.

Composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client initiated significant cash inflow or outflow greater than or equal to 10% of portfolio assets. The temporary removal of such an account occurs at the beginning of the measurement period in which the significant cash flow occurs and the account re-enters the composite on the last day of the current month after the cash flow. Additional information regarding the treatment of significant cash flows is available upon request.

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A portfolio management change occurred effective January 1, 2008, October 1, 2013, September 30, 2013, October 1, 2016, and March 31, 2019. There were no changes to the investment program or strategy related to this composite.

## ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

Portfolio Construction: There is no guarantee that the investment will remain within the anticipated ranges of exposure.

Active Share is a holdings based measure of active management representing the percentage of a portfolio's holdings that differ from those in its benchmark. Compared to tracking error, which measures the standard deviation of the difference in a manager's returns versus the Benchmark returns, Active Share allows investors to get a clearer understanding of what a manager is doing to drive performance, rather than drawing conclusions from observed returns. The greater the difference between the asset composition of a product and its benchmark, the greater the active share is.

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## Risks

The following risks are materially relevant to the portfolio.

**Small and mid-cap risk** - Stocks of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than stocks of larger companies.

### General Portfolio Risks

**Capital risk** - The value of your investment will vary and is not guaranteed. It will be affected by changes in the exchange rate between the base currency of the portfolio and the currency in which you subscribed, if different. **Equity risk** - In general, equities involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. **Geographic concentration risk** - To the extent that a portfolio invests a large portion of its assets in a particular geographic area, its performance will be more strongly affected by events within that area. **Hedging risk** - A portfolio's attempts to reduce or eliminate certain risks through hedging may not work as intended. **Investment portfolio risk** - Investing in portfolios involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. **Management risk** - The investment manager or its designees may at times find their obligations to a portfolio to be in conflict with their obligations to other investment portfolios they manage (although in such cases, all portfolios will be dealt with equitably). **Operational risk** - Operational failures could lead to disruptions of portfolio operations or financial losses.

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