

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS As of 31 March 2024

# **US Diversified Small-Cap Value Equity Strategy**

Total Strategy Assets: \$16.5 billion

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

#### INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Invest in small-capitalization stocks with an emphasis on stocks with a market capitalization that is within or below the range of companies in the Russell 2000 Index. The strategy is the broadest product offering to focus on the small-cap value space.
- Employ a long-term focused, contrarian bottom-up approach.
- Rely on fundamentally driven, valuation conscious research to identify companies that are under-appreciated by the
- Broadly diversify holdings to manage portfolio risk profile.
- Employ a low turnover and patient trading strategy to promote full value realization.

#### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Typically 275-325 securities
- Position sizes typically range between 0.25% to 2.50%
- Benchmark aware sector diversification is the result of opportunistic relative valuation opportunities
- Fully invested strategy, reserves typically 1-3%

#### **BENCHMARK**

- Russell 2000 Index
- Russell 2000 Value Index

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### David Wagner, CFA®

- 25 years of investment experience; 24 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.B.A., University of Virginia, Darden School of Business
- B.A., The College of William and Mary

#### Frank Alonso

- 23 years of investment experience; 23 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.S., Miami University

#### PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS

## Michele Ward, CFA®

- 40 years of investment experience; 9 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.B.A., Yale School of Management
- B.A., Yale University

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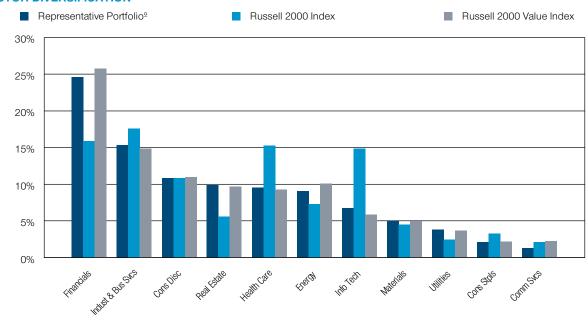
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes a U.S.-registered mutual fund and common trust funds.

## **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>
Matador Resources	1.6%
TechnipFMC	1.3
Meritage	1.3
PennyMac Financial Services	1.3
Pinnacle Financial Partners	1.2
Strategic Education	1.1
Terreno Realty	1.1
SouthState	1.0
Beacon Roofing Supply	1.0
Live Oak Bancshares	1.0
Total	11.9%

## **SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**



## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Representative Portfolio <sup>o</sup>	Russell 2000 Index	Russell 2000 Value Index
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° †	9.2%	12.3%	8.0%
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)*° †	19.1X	21.5X	15.1X
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)°	10.6%	11.0%	9.0%
Price to Book (trailing)°	2.2X	2.7X	1.5X
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$4,271	\$3,150	\$2,603
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$4,952	\$4,857	\$3,026
Number of Issuers	341	1,937	1,412
Top 20 Issuers as % of Total	20.5%	8.5%	9.3%
Portfolio Turnover ††	27.7%	-	-
Active Share	81.9%	-	_

<sup>°</sup>Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.

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<sup>†</sup>These statistics are based on the Composite's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary. 
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<sup>††</sup>Portfolio Turnover represents 1 year period ending 12/31/2023.

## **PERFORMANCE**

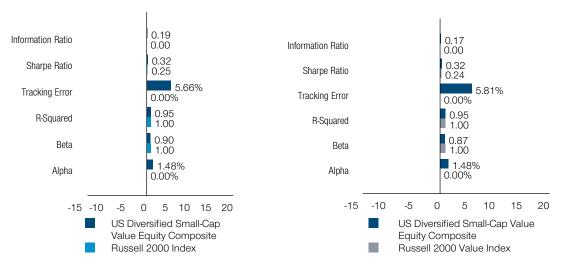
		One Year	Annualized				
	Three Months		Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
US Diversified Small-Cap Value Equity Composite (Gross)	4.09%	17.39%	2.67%	9.18%	8.32%	13.67%	
US Diversified Small-Cap Value Equity Composite (Net)	3.90	16.52	1.90	8.36	7.52	12.83	
Russell 2000 Index	5.18	19.71	-0.10	8.10	7.58	12.89	
Value Added (Gross)	-1.09	-2.32	2.77	1.08	0.74	0.78	
Value Added (Net)	-1.28	-3.19	2.00	0.26	-0.06	-0.06	
Russell 2000 Value Index	2.90	18.75	2.22	8.17	6.87	12.10	
Value Added (Gross)	1.19	-1.36	0.45	1.01	1.45	1.57	
Value Added (Net)	1.00	-2.23	-0.32	0.19	0.65	0.73	

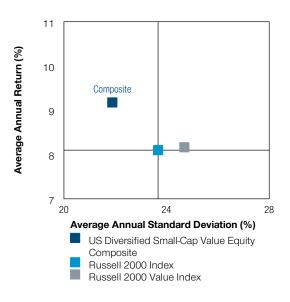
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## **RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

Five Years ended 31 March 2024





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 Diversified Small-Cap Value Equity Composite**

The US Diversified Small-Cap Value Equity Composite seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in small-cap companies that appear to be undervalued. (Created June 2006, incepted December 31, 1995) (Formerly known as US Small-Cap Value IV Equity Composite)

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

## GIPS Composite Report

## **US Diversified Small-Cap Value Equity Composite**

Period Ended December 31, 2023 Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<u>2021</u>	2022	2023
Gross Annual Returns (%)	0.95	-3.93	29.99	14.25	-10.85	26.85	13.29	26.23	-17.96	13.13
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	-0.35	-5.17	28.35	12.80	-12.00	25.26	11.84	24.64	-19.03	11.70
Russell 2000 Value Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	4.22	-7.47	31.74	7.84	-12.86	22.39	4.63	28.27	-14.48	14.65
Russell 2000 Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	4.89	-4.41	21.31	14.65	-11.01	25.52	19.96	14.82	-20.44	16.93
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	11.74	12.57	13.92	12.30	14.16	14.24	23.15	21.62	23.91	19.71
Russell 2000 Value Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	12.79	13.46	15.50	13.97	15.76	15.68	26.12	25.00	27.27	21.75
Russell 2000 Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	13.12	13.96	15.76	13.91	15.79	15.71	25.27	23.35	26.02	21.11
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)	10,038.6	7,206.8	11,065.5	12,060.2	10,510.5	13,443.6	15,511.1	19,980.4	14,866.7	15,899.9
# of Accts. in Comp.	3	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	749.6	772.4	817.2	1,000.2	972.7	1,218.2	1,482.5	1,653.6	1,237.4	1,403.8 <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Preliminary - subject to adjustment.

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