



## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

As of 31 March 2024

# Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Strategy

**Total QM US Small-Cap Growth Equity Strategy Assets:<sup>1</sup> \$11.0 billion**

Figures shown in U.S. Dollars

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

- Identify stocks using a proprietary quantitative stock selection model with a focus on the following characteristics:
  - Attractive valuations relative to the small-cap growth universe as a whole and to other firms within the same industry
  - Judicious capital allocation that benefit shareholders
  - Good earnings quality and profitability
  - Positive price momentum and estimate revisions
- While stock selection is based on a quantitative model, we do take into consideration the fundamental research conducted by T. Rowe Price's equity analysts.
- Investing in small companies involves greater risk than is customarily associated with larger companies, since small companies often have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources.

## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Well-diversified portfolio with approximately 300 securities. Typically the goal is to outperform the benchmark by owning a large number of good stocks instead of making large investments in a small number of stocks.
- Positions typically range from 0.20% to 1.00%.
- In general, sector allocations will be fairly consistent with those of the MSCI benchmark.
- Fully invested with cash typically less than 1%, primarily for transactional needs.

## BENCHMARK

- MSCI US Small Cap Growth Index
- Custom Benchmark - 100% RS2GR to 100% MUSCG on 10/01/2006

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### Sudhir Nanda, CFA®

- 24 years of investment experience; 23 years with T. Rowe Price.
- Ph.D., University of Massachusetts
- M.B.A., Indian Institute of Management
- B.A., St. Stephen's College

## PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS

### Brian Dausch, CFA®

- 26 years of investment experience; 25 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.S., University of Delaware

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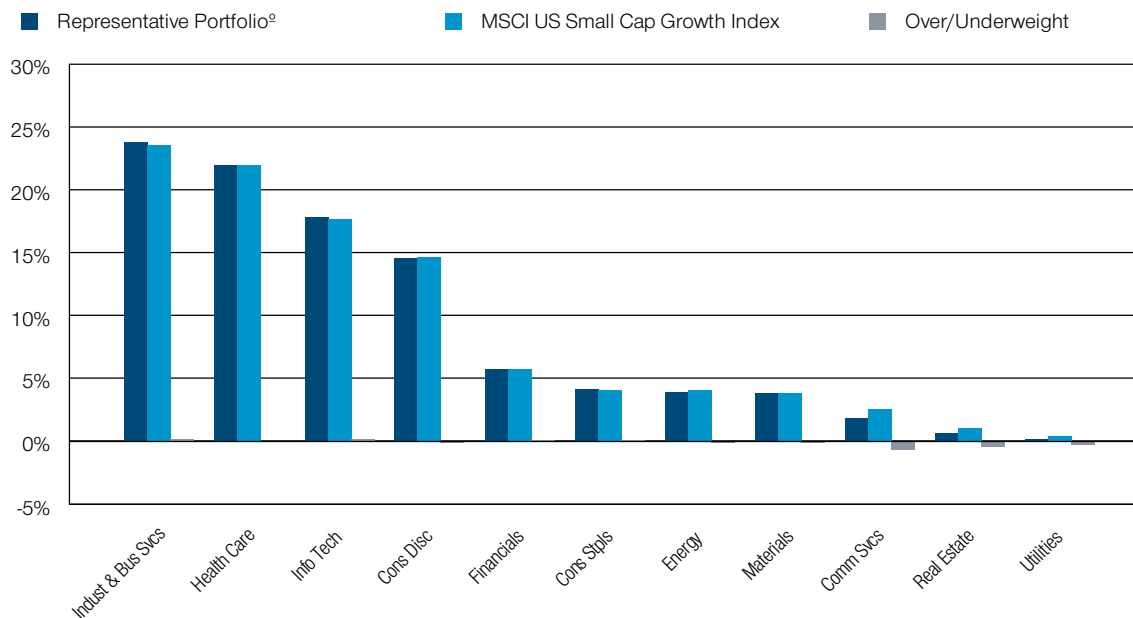
<sup>1</sup> Includes a U.S.-registered mutual fund and subadvised portfolios.

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## TOP 10 ISSUERS

	% of Representative Portfolio <sup>°</sup>
Weatherford International	1.0%
Comfort Systems USA	1.0
Wingstop	1.0
Curtiss-Wright	0.9
Ensign	0.9
Medpace Holdings	0.9
Texas Roadhouse	0.9
Murphy USA	0.9
Nutanix	0.8
Tenet Healthcare	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION



## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Representative Portfolio <sup>°</sup>	MSCI US Small Cap Growth Index
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)* <sup>°</sup> †	14.0%	14.9%
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)* <sup>°</sup> †	26.9X	27.4X
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges) <sup>°</sup>	18.7%	12.9%
Price to Book (trailing) <sup>°</sup>	5.7X	4.7X
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$7,195	\$4,641
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$9,174	\$5,414
Number of Issuers	311	984
Top 20 Issuers as % of Total	16.9%	11.5%
Portfolio Turnover ††	36.9%	–
Active Share	51.0%	–

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

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†These statistics are based on the Composite's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

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

††Portfolio Turnover represents 1 year period ending 12/31/2023.

**PERFORMANCE**

	Three Months	One Year	Annualized			
			Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite (Gross)	9.29%	24.33%	3.90%	10.72%	10.87%	16.54%
Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite (Net)	9.14	23.66	3.33	10.12	10.27	15.91
MSCI US Small Cap Growth Index	6.17	20.61	-0.35	10.01	9.01	15.07
Value Added (Gross)	3.12	3.72	4.25	0.71	1.86	1.47
Value Added (Net)	2.97	3.05	3.68	0.11	1.26	0.84
Custom Benchmark - 100% RS2GR to 100% MUSCG on 10/01/2006	6.17	20.61	-0.35	10.01	9.01	15.07
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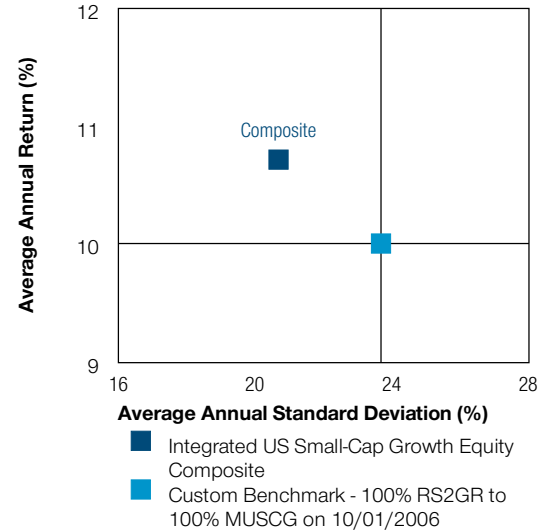
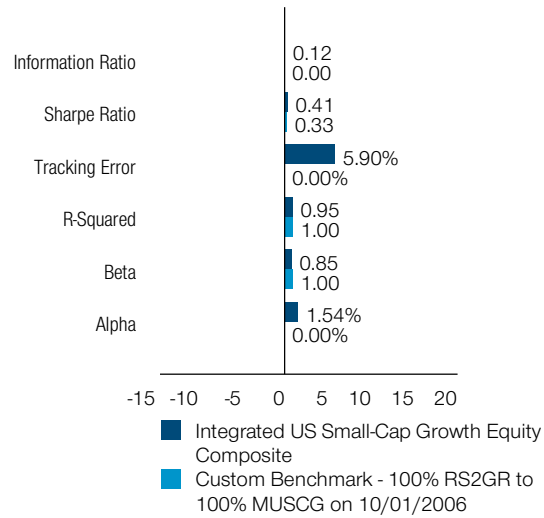
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See GIPS® Composite Report located in this material for additional information.

RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS

Five Years ended 31 March 2024



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FEE SCHEDULE

Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite

Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite. The Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in small-cap companies with potential for above-average earnings growth. The strategy applies quantitative and active management techniques to achieve its investment objectives. Formerly known as the QM Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite (Created June 2006; incepted April 30, 1997)

First \$250 million	55 basis points
Above \$250 million	50 basis points
Minimum separate account size	\$50 million

## GIPS® Composite Report

## Integrated US Small-Cap Growth Equity Composite

Period Ended December 31, 2023

Figures Shown in U.S. dollar

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Gross Annual Returns (%)	7.26	3.16	12.11	23.13	-6.15	33.72	24.78	12.18	-21.78	22.11
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	6.08	2.02	10.88	21.80	-7.19	32.28	23.42	10.95	-22.66	20.78
Benchmark (%) <sup>2</sup>	4.69	-3.05	13.44	21.46	-9.03	29.50	36.91	11.52	-26.16	22.27
MSCI US Small Cap Growth Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	4.69	-3.05	13.44	21.46	-9.03	29.50	36.91	11.52	-26.16	22.27
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	12.37	12.97	13.63	11.88	14.21	14.65	21.92	19.68	22.93	19.23
Benchmark 3-Yr St. Dev.	13.09	14.16	15.50	13.59	15.77	16.18	24.80	22.62	25.84	21.81
MSCI US Small Cap Growth Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	13.09	14.16	15.50	13.59	15.77	16.18	24.80	22.62	25.84	21.81
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.02	0.02
Comp. Assets (Millions)	2,914.1	3,977.4	5,414.7	8,674.2	9,018.1	11,686.1	13,524.1	13,011.5	8,920.1	10,193.6
# of Accts. in Comp.	3	3	4	7	10	8	7	8	8	7
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>

<sup>1</sup>The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.11%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.**

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## Risks

The following risks are materially relevant to the portfolio.

### General Portfolio Risks

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