

# **PORTFOLIO UPDATE**

# Integrated U.S. Small-Mid Cap Core Equity Fund

As of March 31, 2024

| Portfolio Manager:  | Managed<br>Fund Since: | Joined<br>Firm: |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Prashant Jeyaganesh | 2017                   | 2006            |
| David Corris        | 2021                   | 2021            |

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital.

### **FUND INFORMATION**

| Symbol  | TQSMX                        |
|---|------------------------------|
| CUSIP   | 779917509                    |
| Inception Date of Fund                                  | February 26, 2016            |
| Benchmark   | Russell 2500 Index           |
| Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)* | 1.02% (Gross)<br>0.87% (Net) |
| Fiscal Year End   | December 31                  |
| 12B-1 Fee   | -                            |
|   |                              |

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund operates under a contractual expense limitation that expires on April 30, 2024.

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

U.S. equities advanced in March, capping a strong quarter that lifted several broad indexes to all-time highs. As measured by various Russell indexes, mid-cap equities fared best, followed by small-caps and large-caps. Value outperformed growth in all market capitalizations. Within the S&P 500, energy led returns, followed by utilities and materials. All sectors advanced, with consumer discretionary lagging and producing a modest positive return.

Investors remained optimistic about the corporate profit potential stemming from advances in artificial intelligence (Al) and were encouraged by the outcome of the Federal Reserve's mid-March monetary policy meeting. Although the central bank kept short-term interest rates steady, policymakers maintained their year-end 2023 "dot plot" projections for three quarter-point interest rate cuts by the end of 2024 despite recent upticks in inflation readings.

Considering this optimism is largely priced in to equities, we believe it is important to monitor macroeconomic and exogenous factors that could provide signs that expectations are too high. These risks include the potential for the oil market to tighten, for services inflation to remain elevated, and for dovish monetary policy to renew inflationary pressures. As active, long-term investors, we believe the current market environment presents myriad opportunities to utilize our comprehensive research platforms and unlock value.

# **PERFORMANCE**

| (NAV, total return)                            |              |                 |             |                | Annualized    |                               |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|  | One<br>Month | Three<br>Months | One<br>Year | Three<br>Years | Five<br>Years | Since<br>Inception<br>2/26/16 |
| Integrated U.S. Small-Mid Cap Core Equity Fund | 5.55%        | 11.54%          | 30.72%      | 9.43%          | 12.64%        | 13.09%                        |
| Russell 2500 Index                             | 4.13         | 6.92            | 21.43       | 2.97           | 9.90          | 11.82                         |

Performance data quoted represents past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance, visit troweprice.com. The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

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The fund is subject to the risks of stock investing, including possible loss of principal. The fund's strategy relies heavily on quantitative models to analyze data and construct investment portfolios. Relying on these models entails the risk that the models themselves may be limited or incorrect, that the data the models rely on may be incorrect or incomplete, and that the adviser may not be successful in selecting companies for investment or determining the weighting of particular stocks.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

# **RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

|  | Active Share*<br>(as of<br>3/31/24) | Annualized<br>Std.<br>Deviation | Alpha | Beta | R-Squared | Information<br>Ratio | Sharpe<br>Ratio | Tracking<br>Error |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Integrated U.S. Small-Mid Cap Core Equity Fund | 76.6%                               | 20.74%                          | 3.09% | 0.90 | 0.97      | 0.64                 | 0.51            | 4.28%             |
| Russell 2500 Index                             | -                                   | 22.67                           | 0.00  | 1.00 | 1.00      | 0.00                 | 0.34            | 0.00              |

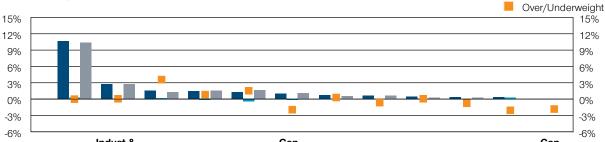
<sup>\*</sup>Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

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# SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. RUSSELL 2500 INDEX

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)





|                             |       | Indust &    |              |                 |                | Con-          |        |                |              |           |                  | Con-             |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
|                             | Total | Bus<br>Svcs | Info<br>Tech | Finan-<br>cials | Health<br>Care | sumer<br>Disc | Energy | Materi-<br>als | Comm<br>Svcs | Utilities | Real Es-<br>tate | sumer<br>Staples |
| Over/Underweight            | 0.00% | 0.09%       | 3.62%        | 0.86%           | 1.55%          | -1.94%        | 0.30%  | -0.61%         | 0.07%        | -0.72%    | -2.04%           | -1.80%           |
| Fund Performance            | 32.11 | 48.43       | 33.71        | 35.92           | 20.55          | 35.08         | 42.25  | 29.33          | 8.00         | 19.73     | 10.19            | 16.80            |
| Index Performance           | 21.43 | 33.39       | 24.49        | 25.65           | 10.12          | 24.44         | 27.58  | 15.23          | -3.63        | 4.94      | 9.36             | 19.19            |
| Value Add - Group Weight    | 0.24  | 0.06        | 0.23         | -0.08           | -0.41          | -0.07         | 0.14   | -0.02          | 0.08         | 0.04      | 0.32             | 0.03             |
| Value Add - Stock Selection | 10.44 | 2.75        | 1.32         | 1.56            | 1.69           | 1.11          | 0.64   | 0.69           | 0.34         | 0.34      | 0.03             | -0.02            |
| Total Contribution          | 10.68 | 2.80        | 1.54         | 1.49            | 1.28           | 1.04          | 0.78   | 0.67           | 0.42         | 0.38      | 0.36             | 0.01             |

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All numbers are percentages. Analysis represents the total performance of the portfolio as calculated by the FactSet attribution model and is inclusive of other assets. Non-equity positions are excluded from structure shown. Returns will not match official T. Rowe Price performance because FactSet uses different exchange rate sources and does not capture intra-day trading. Performance for each security is obtained in the local currency and, if necessary, is converted to USD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. Figures are shown with gross dividends reinvested. Sources: Financial data and analytics provider FactSet. Copyright 2024 FactSet. All Rights Reserved. MSCI/S&P GICS Sectors; Analysis by T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price uses the current MSCI/S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for sector and industry reporting. Figures are shown gross of fees. Returns would be lower as a result of the deduction of such fees. Performance returns are in USD.

# **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Comprising 8.2% of total net assets.

|                               | Industry                     | % of Fund |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Textron                       | Aerospace & Defense          | 0.9%      |
| PTC                           | Software                     | 0.9       |
| Tenet Healthcare              | Health Care Providers & Svcs | 0.9       |
| Lamar Advertising             | Specialized Reits            | 0.8       |
| Gen Digital                   | Software                     | 0.8       |
| Select Medical Holdings       | Health Care Providers & Svcs | 0.8       |
| Reliance                      | Metals & Mining              | 0.8       |
| MKS Instruments               | Semicons & Semicon Equip     | 0.8       |
| Corebridge Financial          | Financial Services           | 0.8       |
| Huntington Ingalls Industries | Aerospace & Defense          | 0.7       |

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

|  | Integrated U.S.<br>Small-Mid Cap<br>Core Equity Fund | Russell 2500 Index |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Number of Issuers                                | 307  | 2,427              |
| Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)       | \$8,349  | \$6,902            |
| Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)*° †        | 16.5X  | 21.0X              |
| Price to Book (trailing)°                        | 3.5X   | 3.3X               |
| Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° † | 10.0%  | 10.0%              |
| Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)° | 16.7%  | 13.7%              |
| Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total               | 15.3%  | 7.3%               |
| Total Assets (all share classes)                 | 574,967,822  | -                  |
| Percent of Portfolio in Cash                     | 0.6%   | -                  |

<sup>°</sup>Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.  $^{\rm t}/B/E/S$  © 2024 Refinitiv. All rights reserved.

# **SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

|   | Indust &<br>Bus<br>Svcs | Finan-<br>cials | Info<br>Tech | Health<br>Care | Cons<br>Disc | Energy | Materi-<br>als | Real Es-<br>tate | Comm<br>Svcs | Utilities | Cons<br>Stpls | Misc. |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------|----------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| Integrated U.S. Small-Mid Cap Core<br>Equity Fund | 20.2%                   | 17.1%           | 16.5%        | 13.4%          | 11.2%        | 5.4%   | 4.9%           | 4.4%             | 2.4%         | 1.9%      | 1.4%          | 0.7%  |
| Russell 2500 Index                                | 20.8                    | 16.0            | 13.1         | 11.8           | 13.1         | 5.1    | 5.5            | 6.4              | 2.3          | 2.6       | 3.2           | 0.0   |
| Over/Underweight                                  | -0.6                    | 1.1             | 3.4          | 1.5            | -1.9         | 0.3    | -0.6           | -2.0             | 0.1          | -0.7      | -1.8          | 0.7   |

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

# **Definitions**

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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