



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund

As of March 31, 2024



Portfolio Manager:
Alex Roik

Managed Fund Since:
2023

Joined Firm:
2013

Effective 1 January 2024, Alex Roik assumed sole portfolio management responsibility for the Fund.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in stocks of small companies.

FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	TRSSX
CUSIP	45775L309
Inception Date of Fund	March 31, 2000
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.66%
Fiscal Year End	December 31
12B-1 Fee	—

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 (AI) 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)

	One Month	Three Months	One Year	Annualized			
				Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	3.31%	5.60%	20.01%	0.80%	9.62%	9.72%	15.57%
Russell 2000 Index	3.58	5.18	19.71	-0.10	8.10	7.58	12.89

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](https://www.troweprice.com). The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

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.

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

RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS

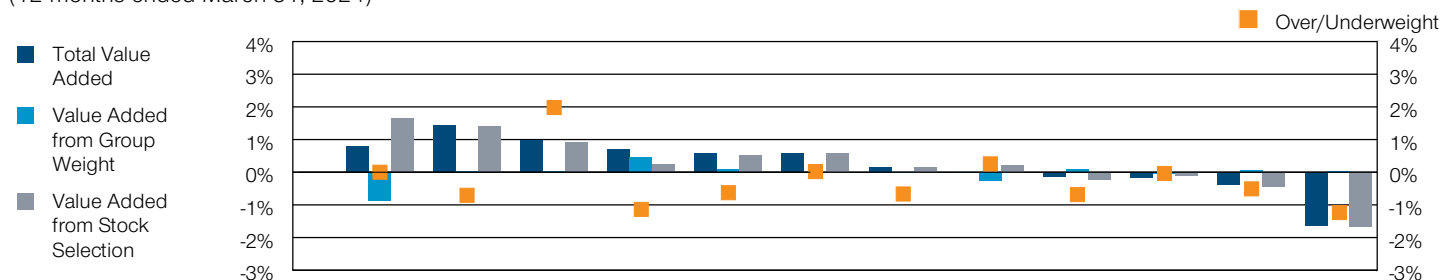
(Five Years ended March 31, 2024)

	Active Share* (as of 3/31/24)	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	84.3%	20.72%	2.01%	0.85	0.95	0.27	0.36	5.66%
Russell 2000 Index	–	23.68	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.25	0.00

* Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.**SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. RUSSELL 2000 INDEX**

(12 months ended March 31, 2024)



	Total	Con- sumer Disc	Indust & Bus Svcs	Comm Svcs	Materi- als	Finan- cials	Con- sumer Staples	Energy	Real Es- tate	Utilities	Health Care	Info Tech
Over/Underweight	0.00%	-0.70%	1.99%	-1.12%	-0.61%	0.03%	-0.66%	0.26%	-0.68%	-0.04%	-0.49%	-1.23%
Fund Performance	20.52	33.06	34.67	42.22	24.19	24.31	21.55	31.32	8.29	-14.80	13.81	15.16
Index Performance	19.71	20.02	28.81	-3.38	10.25	20.17	17.68	29.89	11.79	-11.56	15.52	26.71
Value Add - Group Weight	-0.85	0.04	0.06	0.48	0.09	-0.01	0.01	-0.24	0.09	-0.04	0.07	0.05
Value Add - Stock Selection	1.66	1.43	0.94	0.24	0.51	0.59	0.16	0.22	-0.21	-0.11	-0.45	-1.66
Total Contribution	0.81	1.47	0.99	0.72	0.60	0.58	0.17	-0.02	-0.12	-0.15	-0.37	-1.61

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 9.7% of total net assets.

	Industry	% of Fund
Element Solutions	Chemicals	1.2%
Selective Insurance	Insurance	1.0
Diamondback Energy	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	1.0
PAR Technology	Electronic Equip, Instr & Cmpts	1.0
Saia	Ground Transportation	1.0
Onto Innovation	Semicons & Semicon Equip	0.9
PennyMac Financial Services	Financial Services	0.9
Cava	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	0.9
EastGroup Properties	Industrial Reits	0.9
SPX Technologies	Machinery	0.9

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

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	Russell 2000 Index
Number of Issuers	293	1,937
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$6,021	\$3,150
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)*° †	26.7X	21.5X
Price to Book (trailing)°	3.6X	2.7X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° †	10.2%	12.3%
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)°	9.6%	11.0%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	17.8%	8.5%
Total Assets (all share classes)	4,602,145,658	–
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	1.1%	–

°Statistics are based on investment-weighted median.

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

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

	Indust & Bus Svcs	Financials	Health Care	Info Tech	Cons Disc	Energy	Real Estate	Materials	Cons Stpls	Utilities	Comm Svcs	Misc.
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	19.7%	16.0%	15.7%	14.2%	10.3%	7.5%	4.8%	4.2%	2.7%	2.5%	1.0%	0.4%
Russell 2000 Index	17.6	15.9	15.3	14.9	10.9	7.3	5.6	4.5	3.3	2.5	2.1	0.0
Over/Underweight	2.1	0.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.6	0.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	-1.1	0.4

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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