

Small Cap Value

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Strategy description

Small Cap Value is a diversified small-cap value portfolio that buys quality companies trading at a discount to their intrinsic value only when a forthcoming catalyst is apparent.

At-a-glance

Benchmark	Russell 2000® Value Index
Position size	Typically less than 3% (at time of purchase)
Sector limits	+/- 5% versus Russell 2000® Value Index
Market cap range	\$100 million – \$4 billion (at time of purchase)
Liquidity	Daily trading volume of \$1 million or greater (10-day range)
Expected turnover (%)	50 – 80
Tracking error range (%)	3 – 8

Investment process

A collaborative investment process balances fundamental and quantitative research to combine the strengths from each discipline and drive investment insight. The investment team searches for undervalued companies with catalysts for growth across a range of three distinct value styles. Investing across a broad range of companies can help provide consistent performance through various market cycles.

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Gross	01 Jul 97	-5.85	-5.85	2.85	3.27	18.02	6.53	8.60
Net	01 Jul 97	-6.56	-6.56	-0.19	0.21	14.57	3.39	5.40
Benchmark		-7.74	-7.74	-3.12	0.05	15.31	6.07	7.96

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the composite. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Individual returns may vary based on factors such as the account type, market value, cash flows and fees. Current performance is preliminary and may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Final numbers are available upon request. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative.

Portfolio management

Karen L. Bowie, CFA | 41 years industry experience

David F. Johnson, CFA | 35 years industry experience

Portfolio statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Number of positions	84	1,427
Weighted average market cap (\$B)	\$3.8	\$2.8
Return on equity (%)	10.2	4.3
Long-term debt-to-capital (%)	29.3	33.2
P/E ratio (forward 1 year)	12.3	12.3
Price/book ratio	1.5	1.2

Negative P/Es are excluded in the calculation of the P/E ratio.

Top ten positions (%)

	Portfolio
ESCO Technologies Inc.	2.0
Banner Corporation	2.0
Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc.	1.9
First Merchants Corporation	1.9
Kemper Corp	1.9
Ameris Bancorp	1.9
Hamilton Insurance Group, Ltd. Class B	1.9
Stride, Inc.	1.8
Preferred Bank	1.7
La-Z-Boy Incorporated	1.7

Sector allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Financials	32.5	30.7
Industrials	15.2	12.3
Real Estate	8.7	11.4
Health Care	8.3	8.5
Information Technology	8.2	6.2
Consumer Discretionary	7.9	8.7
Energy	6.6	6.9
Materials	5.5	3.9
Utilities	4.8	5.9
Consumer Staples	1.1	2.5
Communication Services	0.9	3.0

Data source: FactSet. All characteristics are based on a representative account deemed appropriate. Specific securities described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended over the past year and you should not assume that securities identified were or will be profitable.

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Year	Calendar year total return (net of fees) (%)	Calendar year total return ("pure" gross of fees) (%)*	Benchmark return (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)	Number of accounts	Composite internal dispersion (%)	% SMA portfolios	Composite assets at period end (\$ millions)	Firm assets at period end (\$ billions)
2024	12.05	15.43	8.05	22.17	23.44	12	0.34	100	6.7	257.7
2023	8.35	11.62	14.65	20.96	21.75	10	0.47	100	5.5	237.6
2022	-14.60	-11.96	-14.48	28.15	27.27	6	N/A	100	3.9	247.0
2021	32.14	36.07	28.27	26.43	25.00	</= 5	N/A	100	4.2	296.1
2020	-5.68	-2.77	4.63	27.21	26.12	9	N/A	100	10.8	239.7
2019	14.15	17.59	22.39	16.71	15.68	</= 5	N/A	100	0.2	209.1
2018	-22.29	-19.87	-12.86	16.71	15.76	</= 5	N/A	100	4.9	176.2
2017	4.50	7.67	7.84	14.69	13.97	</= 5	N/A	100	5.9	174.0
2016	28.70	32.54	31.74	15.67	15.50	</= 5	N/A	0	907.5	155.4
2015	1.04	4.11	-7.47	13.02	13.46	</= 5	N/A	0	208.4	140.7

Current benchmark: Russell 2000® Value Index

* Beginning 01 Jun 2017, "pure" gross-of-fees returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses including transaction costs and are supplemental to net returns.

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All returns represent the reinvestment of income.
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The composite internal dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of pure gross annual returns for portfolios in the composite the entire year. The number of accounts represents the number in the composite at year end. Composite dispersion is reported as N/A when information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.
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The composite consists of fully discretionary, fee-paying retail SMA accounts managed in a small-cap value equity style. The style focuses on companies with market capitalizations of less than \$3 billion that are undervalued by the market and that exhibit compelling fundamentals along with a catalyst for change in the near term.
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The composite inception date is 01 Jul 1997; the composite creation date is July 1998.
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Beginning 01 Jun 2017, composite consists of fully discretionary, fee-paying retail SMA accounts managed in a small-cap value equity style. Prior to 01 Jun 2017, composite performance results were that of the Small Cap Value composite and gross-of-fee performance results include the cost of brokerage commissions, but exclude management and custodial fees and the impact of income taxes. The Small Cap Value composite is an additional composite comprised of fully discretionary, fee-paying institutional accounts greater than \$1 million managed in a small-cap value equity style. Prior to 01 Apr 2009, the minimum account size was \$5 million.
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Prior to 01 Jan 2011, the Small Cap Value Advisor Sponsored composite performance was achieved at FAF Advisors, Inc. Historical performance is linked due to the consistency of portfolio management personnel and the investment process, as well as the transfer of substantially all of the assets.
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The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000 Value Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap value segment. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect value characteristics.
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The composite net of fees returns are calculated by deducting 1/12th of a model fee of 3.00%, which NAM reasonably believes is the maximum applicable fee, from the monthly "pure" gross of fee returns.
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Results are calculated in U.S. dollars.
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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark over the preceding 36-month period and is calculated using gross returns.
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Minimum investment is \$100,000.

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