

Small Cap Value Opportunities

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Strategy description

Small Cap Value Opportunities seeks to identify undervalued smaller capitalization companies in industries with positive or improving fundamentals.

At-a-glance

Benchmark	Russell 2000® Value Index
Position size	2 – 4% with no issue greater than 5% at time of purchase
Market cap range	\$50 million – \$6 billion
Number of positions range	40 – 70

Investment process

Extensive bottom-up research seeks to uncover investment value created from investor overreaction, misperception and short-term focus. Qualitative factors include restructuring, management strength, shareholder orientation, and the ability to capitalize on improving industry fundamentals. The portfolio is continuously reviewed and adjusted to target appropriate risk/reward.

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Gross	01 Jul 96	1.80	21.25	21.25	11.04	12.27	9.59	11.09
Net	01 Jul 96	1.04	17.72	17.72	7.78	8.97	6.36	7.83
Benchmark		-1.06	8.05	8.05	1.94	7.29	7.14	9.00

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the institutional composite. Net of fee performance is calculated using the highest applicable annual fee of 3.00%; applied monthly. 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

Thomas J. Lavia, CFA | 27 years industry experience

Andrew C. Hwang | 29 years industry experience

Portfolio statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Median market cap (\$B)	\$3.2	\$0.8
Weighted average market cap (\$B)	\$3.6	\$2.8
P/E ratio (trailing 1 year)	19.5	14.3
P/E ratio (forward 1 year)	15.9	13.8
Price/book ratio	1.9	1.3

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

Market capitalization (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
% Mid cap \$7.9B – \$24.5B	1.5	1.1
% Mid/Small cap \$3.0B – \$7.9B	56.0	41.7
% Small cap below \$3.0B	42.4	57.2

Top ten positions (%)

	Portfolio	Market cap (\$B)
BGC Group, Inc. Class A	3.0	4.4
SouthState Corporation	2.7	7.6
Axis Capital Holdings Limited	2.5	7.4
Flowserve Corporation	2.4	7.5
Home BancShares, Inc.	2.3	5.6
SL Green Realty Corp.	2.2	4.4
Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida	2.2	2.4
Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc.	2.2	3.6
Ambarella, Inc.	2.1	3.0
Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.	2.1	2.0

Sector allocation (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Financials	28.2	29.2
Industrials	15.6	12.7
Information Technology	9.9	6.7
Health Care	9.1	8.8
Real Estate	8.1	11.0
Consumer Discretionary	7.1	9.1
Energy	5.0	7.1
Utilities	4.6	5.1
Consumer Staples	2.8	2.3
Materials	2.5	4.9
Communication Services	2.1	3.1

Data source: FactSet and Russell Investments. All characteristics are based on a model portfolio 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 (gross of fees) (%)	Benchmark return (%)	Number of accounts	Composite assets at period end (\$ millions)
2023	13.91	17.34	14.65	<= 5	284.4
2022	-6.63	-3.77	-14.48	<= 5	248.3
2021	24.30	28.01	28.27	6	395.8
2020	-1.28	1.75	4.63	7	342.4
2019	22.39	26.05	22.39	7	744.9
2018	-20.60	-18.13	-12.86	13	1,207.7
2017	10.32	13.65	7.84	16	1,659.4
2016	19.18	22.75	31.74	16	1,473.1
2015	-5.57	-2.69	-7.47	13	1,166.2
2014	5.27	8.47	4.22	12	980.3

Current benchmark: Russell 2000® Value Index

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- 2 Effective 31 Dec 2021, NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC and Santa Barbara Asset Management, LLC merged into NAM. Performance presented prior to 31 Dec 2021 occurred while the portfolio management team was affiliated with NWQ, which excluded fully bundled (SMA/Wrap) assets from the NWQ firm definition. Effective 01 Jan 2022, the performance of fully bundled (SMA/Wrap) accounts will be included in this composite.
- 3 The performance results presented herein are based on the Firm's institutional composite results.
- 4 The Small Cap Value Opportunities composite (the "composite") inception on 01 Jul 1996. The composite contains all discretionary institutional and dual contract/partially bundled fee portfolios managed within the Small Cap Value Opportunities strategy. Prior to 01 Jan 2020, the composite consisted of all discretionary institutional portfolios managed within the strategy. Accounts in the composite use an approach which seeks to invest client assets primarily in common stocks of undervalued smaller capitalization companies in industries with positive or improving fundamentals. Accounts in the composite also invest in foreign securities in the form of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and foreign corporations traded on U.S. exchanges. The composite named changed effective 31 Dec 2021 to "Small Cap Value Opportunities"; the previous name was "NWQ Small Cap Value."
- 5 The composite's benchmark is the Russell 2000® Value Index. The Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower

- 6 Composite and benchmark performance presented is calculated on a total return basis, which includes the reinvestment of all income, plus realized and unrealized gains/losses, if applicable. Individual account returns within the composite will vary depending upon, among other things, account restrictions, timing of transactions, contributions, and withdrawals, and market conditions at the time of investment. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance.
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- 8 Net of fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual fee of 3.00%. Net of fee returns have been calculated by reducing the gross of fee return by deducting 1/12th of the highest applicable annual fee from the monthly gross composite return. The net effect of the deduction of fees on the annualized performance, including the compounded effect over time, is determined by the relative size of the fee and the account's investment performance.

9 **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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