

# Small Core Managed Account

## BENCHMARK:

Russell 2000® Index

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

LivaNova Plc .....	2.72
Ashland Inc. ....	2.30
Air Lease Corporation Class A .....	2.28
Essent Group Ltd. ....	2.13
Atkore Inc .....	2.10
Westlake Corporation .....	2.05
Littelfuse, Inc. ....	2.04
HealthEquity Inc .....	1.97
Olin Corporation .....	1.87
Haemonetics Corporation .....	1.85

Largest company weights are based on market value of the representative account and not necessarily held in all client portfolios. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security. A list of all holdings from the prior one-year period is available upon request.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Name	Industry	Start Date
Christopher Miller, CFA <i>Senior Portfolio Manager and Team Lead</i>		2002
Theran Motl, CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		2002

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## Investment objective

The Small Core strategy is an actively managed diversified portfolio of small-cap company common stocks, constructed using our proprietary private market valuation (PMV) investment process. The strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation and to outperform the benchmark over a full market cycle.

## Investment philosophy

- Public equity markets are often fraught with emotion, in part, because investors do not control nor do they have all the information about the companies they invest in.
- Successful investing in that environment can be a function of conviction in individual securities and diversification across sectors.
- Conviction can come from an in-depth private market analysis of the business model, key trends, and worth of an enterprise, coupled with a pragmatic assessment of management.
- The business model, management team, key trends, and worth of an enterprise can be much more stable than its associated public market stock price.
- A consistent, repeatable, and accurate private market valuation discipline that captures these key elements, may provide the opportunity to exploit market emotion and generate alpha.

## Investment process

Our process leads us to quality, mispriced businesses across the entire economy where we believe we can wait for our thesis to prove itself. Focused approach to emphasize alpha generation. Portfolios are constructed with careful attention paid towards security weights for both buy and sell decisions.

- Bottom-up stock selection with strict portfolio weights
- Diversified portfolios
- Disciplined sell decisions

## Private Market Value (PMV)

The price an acquirer would pay to purchase the entire company. On a public stock exchange, a common stock will normally trade at a price level between 50% and 80% of its PMV.

## Supplemental information

### Annualized returns (%)

	3 months <sup>1</sup>	YTD <sup>1</sup>	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Composite — Pure Gross <sup>2</sup> (incept 4-1-91)	-4.77	0.06	7.31	-1.28	6.78	7.27	11.92
Composite — Net <sup>3</sup>	-5.50	-1.45	4.09	-4.23	3.62	4.10	8.63
Russell 2000® Index	-3.28	1.73	10.06	-2.58	6.94	7.00	9.25

The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000® Index, which represents approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.

### Return and risk characteristics

	Portfolio (3 Year)
Alpha	0.94%
Beta	0.89
R <sup>2</sup>	93%
Tracking Error	5.82%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.22
Standard Dev.	19.92%

### Portfolio characteristics

Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark
Dividend Yield	0.98%	1.40%
Price/Book	2.05x	2.10x
P/E (trailing 1-year)	35.19x	30.92x
ROE	8.27%	8.17%
EPS 3-5 Year est	13.21%	14.13%
Historical 5 Yr EPS Growth	9.61%	12.34%
Wtd. Avg. market cap (\$B)	4.91	4.46

### Sector weightings<sup>4</sup> (% equities)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication services	2.09	2.20
Consumer discretionary	8.78	10.45
Consumer staples	4.35	3.52
Energy	0.00	7.48
Financials	13.95	15.98
Health care	20.27	15.18
Industrials	17.29	17.17
Information technology	13.53	15.29
Materials	12.06	4.52
Real estate	5.80	5.61
Utilities	0.00	2.59
Cash & equivalents	1.88	-

**Performance is historical and does not guarantee future results.** For more information, please refer to the attached GIPS composite report. Sector weightings, portfolio characteristics, holdings, and return and risk characteristics are based on a representative account within the Allspring Global Investments composite. Allspring Global Investments provides the sub-advisory services for the Allspring Funds Management retail managed account product.

1. Returns of less than one year are not annualized. 2. The gross performance data is a pure gross-of-fees return and does not reflect the deduction of any management fees or transaction costs. 3. The net return is calculated based on the gross returns reduced by a typical 3% maximum annual wrap fee that could be charged to an account. 4. Sector weightings may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



## GIPS® Composite Report

Period	"Pure" Gross Annual Return (%)*	Net Annual Return (%)	Primary Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Primary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$-mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$-mm)
2023	11.44	8.12	16.93	19.61	21.11	N/A	1	0.10	432,838
2022	-16.78	-19.29	-20.44	26.45	26.02	N/A	3	121.54	374,321
2021	20.12	16.62	14.82	25.04	23.35	N/A	3	152.83	483,747
2020	16.41	12.98	19.96	26.75	25.27	N/A	5	940.32	508,914
2019	23.12	19.54	25.52	15.89	15.71	N/A	4	805.68	419,579
2018	-9.38	-12.09	-11.01	15.99	15.79	N/A	5	625.39	371,582
2017	14.88	11.52	14.65	14.12	13.91	N/A	5	720.09	385,111
2016	23.68	20.08	21.31	15.25	15.76	N/A	4	428.40	330,718
2015	0.10	-2.87	-4.41	12.82	13.96	N/A	5	571.40	349,342
2014	0.89	-2.09	4.89	11.86	13.12	N/A	5	604.51	351,065

**Primary Index:** Russell 2000®

Through January 31, 2023, institutional accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets. As of February 1, 2023, wrap accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets.

\*\*"Pure" gross returns are supplemental to the net returns. 2013-2022 gross annual returns are institutional gross returns and reflect the deduction of trading costs.

Source: Allspring Global Investments

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