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# Small Value Managed Account

#### **BENCHMARK:**

Russell 2000® Value Index

#### TOP HOLDINGS (%)

Innospec Inc.	3.57
Mueller Industries, Inc.	3.45
J & J Snack Foods Corp	3.30
Franklin Electric Co., Inc.	2.91
Avient Corporation	2.65
UMB Financial Corporation	2.46
Eagle Materials Inc.	2.43
Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc SPDR Bloomberg 1-3 Month T-Bill	2.27
ETF	2.05
Enstar Group Limited	1.88

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** 

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2003

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#### Investment philosophy

- The strategy's portfolio managers, along with the entire Special Global Equity team, execute their strategy using a process based on a CPA's knowledge and approach to analyzing financial statements.
- The strategy employs a rigorous qualitative research process to identify companies with sustainable competitive advantages.
- The strategy seeks to own companies that possess the following three criteria:
  - A durable asset base that provides a long-term competitive advantage.
  - Strong and sustainable Free Cash Flow (FCF) that provides stability and consistency.
  - A flexible balance sheet that is available for accretive deployment.

We invest when a target company meets our criteria, and has a market price that allows for meaningful appreciation to our intrinsic value price target and limited loss of capital to our worst-case price target.

#### Investment process

- Fundamental and financial statement analysis: Combine rigorous fundamental research with CPA-trained financial statement analysis
- Calculate valuation targets: Determine value using financial buyer model
- Calibrate reward/risk: Identify investment opportunities using reward/risk model
- General guidelines
  - Benchmark: Russell 2000 Value
  - Number of securities: 80-120
  - Position limits: 3% at cost, 5% at market
  - Sector guidelines: Higher of 25% or 500 basis points (bps; 1.00% equals 100 basis points) over sector weight in Index
  - Market cap buy range: 85% of portfolio within the range of the Russell 2000 Index
  - Cash: Typically less than 5%.

## **Supplemental information**

Annualized returns (%)							
	3 months <sup>1</sup>	YTD <sup>1</sup>		_	5 years	10	Since inception
Composite — Pure Gross <sup>2</sup> (incept 1-1-12)	-5.55	1.30	11.59	3.35	8.99	8.73	11.62
Composite — Net <sup>3</sup>	-6.26	-0.23	8.25	0.27	5.77	5.53	8.34
Russell 2000® Value Index	-3.64	-0.85	10.90	-0.53	7.07	6.23	9.27

The Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price/book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Portfolio characteristics		
Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark
Dividend Yield	2.07%	2.21%
Price/Book	1.70x	1.37x
P/E (trailing 1-year)	18.18x	21.41x
ROE	12.41%	5.59%
EPS 3-5 Year est	10.62%	9.92%
Historical 5 Yr EPS Growth	11.58%	8.52%
Wtd. Avg. market cap (\$B)	3.70	2.94

Sector weightings <sup>4</sup>	(% equities)	
Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication services	0.57	2.38
Consumer discretionary	4.02	10.53
Consumer staples	10.00	2.24
Energy	6.57	10.39
Financials	20.10	26.23
Health care	4.37	8.66
Industrials	28.44	14.40
Information technology	4.44	6.40
Materials	16.28	5.03
Real estate	1.16	9.86
Utilities	1.00	3.87
Cash & equivalents	1.01	-
Other	2.05	_

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.

# Small Value Composite Disclosure



## 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. (%)		Number of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$-mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$-mm)
2023	19.48	15.95	14.65	19.36	21.75	0.36	12	7.28	432,838
2022	-12.76	-15.37	-14.48	24.92	27.27	N/A	16	10.41	374,321
2021	29.65	25.89	28.27	23.06	25.00	N/A	5	4.77	483,747
2020	2.35	-0.69	4.63	24.08	26.12	0.72	11	5,594.42	508,914
2019	29.71	25.95	22.39	14.96	15.68	0.43	13	4,554.60	419,579
2018	-12.68	-15.29	-12.86	14.38	15.76	0.20	17	2,981.34	371,582
2017	12.40	9.11	7.84	12.55	13.97	0.20	8	3,284.96	N/A
2016	30.95	27.15	31.74	13.67	15.50	0.50	7	2,592.50	N/A
2015	-3.34	-6.21	-7.47	12.96	13.46	N/A	6	1,620.18	N/A
2014	8.85	5.65	4.22	12.10	12.79	N/A	4	931.49	N/A

#### Primary Index: Russell 2000® Value

Through December 31, 2017, institutional accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets. As of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019, institutional accounts represent 99.9% of the Composite assets, with the remainder being wrap accounts. As of December 31, 2020, institutional accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets. Beginning April 1, 2021, wrap accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets.

\*"Pure" gross annual returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs. "Pure" gross returns are supplemental to the net returns. 2014-2017 gross annual returns are actual institutional gross returns and do reflect the deduction of trading costs.

Source: Allspring Global Investments

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Composite returns are expressed in US dollars and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. A wrap-fee account is an account under which a client is charged a specified fee or fees not based directly on transactions in the client's account for investment advisory services and execution of client transactions. A typical wrap-fee account client pays an all-inclusive "wrap fee" for the advisory, brokerage, custody and other services associated with the account. Net returns are net of the maximum wrap account fee, which includes commissions and transaction costs and are calculated by deducting 1/12th of the annual wrap fee from the Composite's monthly pure gross return. Actual fees may vary depending on the applicable fee schedule. The maximum fee used for the portfolios in the strategy is 3.00%. Some accounts in the Composite may pay commissions in addition to the wrap fee. Additional information regarding Allspring's policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Composite Reports is available upon request. A list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.

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