

# Small/Mid Cap Value Equity

## Objective

We seek to outperform the long-term total returns of the Russell 2500 Value Index and to preserve capital.

## Philosophy

As value investors, we seek to buy businesses for less than they are worth. However, often stocks with low multiples are not attractively valued but efficiently priced. Rather than focus on traditional value factors, our process relies on multiple valuation methodologies to determine intrinsic value while also applying a margin of safety and downside protection. Each business is different, with different cycles, capital needs, and reinvestment opportunities. We believe using the same valuation framework for every situation may produce underperforming results. In our view, value creation can best be assessed by evaluating owner earnings or cash flow. We also believe that growth and value are not mutually exclusive, which may result in the strategy reflecting a greater or lower traditional value orientation at times.

## Fundamental Analysis

We apply rigorous bottom-up analysis, utilizing financial documents, other pertinent company information, in-person interviews, and additional data sources, as the first step in determining the nature of the business and the company's potential for long-term value creation. We attempt to understand management's philosophy toward growing the business, addressing risk, allocating capital, and creating shareholder value. Our process subjects potential holdings to thorough fundamental analysis and calculates intrinsic value using a variety of metrics, including free cash flow, net asset value, or potential return on capital. Reviews are conducted by at least two analysts, with the second analyst providing an opposing view to counter any possible "motivated reasoning" or other behavioral biases. Prospective holdings are vetted by the team with the final determination made by the lead portfolio managers.

## Portfolio Structure

Portfolios are constructed on a bottom-up basis with sector weights incidental but consistent with our 35% policy maximum. Individual holdings are limited to a maximum of 6% at cost. Weights are determined based on quantitative and qualitative risk/reward characteristics.

## Sell Discipline

We employ a disciplined approach to sell decisions, generally selling a stock when:

- The stock appreciates to our target price without commensurate gain in intrinsic value.
- Long-term fundamentals deteriorate, negatively impacting intrinsic value.
- The existing holding is replaced with a more attractive reward/risk opportunity.
- The market capitalization drifts.

## Our Competitive Advantage

The strategy seeks small- and mid-cap equity opportunities in sound businesses that are priced significantly below our estimation of intrinsic value. We believe that such an approach, mirroring a private-buyer mindset, can preserve capital through improved downside protection and deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns over full market cycles.



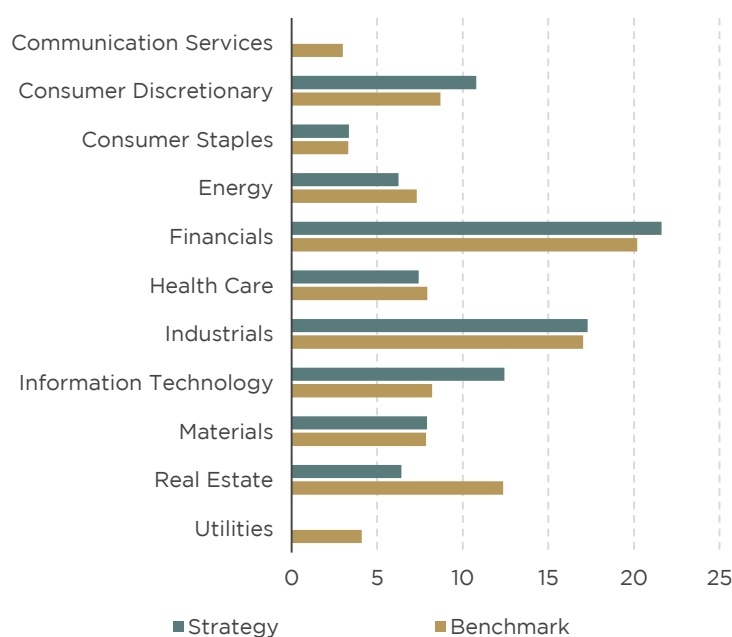
## At a Glance

- Primary Benchmark: Russell 2500® Value Index
- We expect to add value primarily through stock selection
- We typically invest in 30-50 companies
- The market capitalization of each of our holdings, at purchase, will be consistent with the capitalization range of the Russell 2500 Value Index
- Cash and cash equivalents generally account for less than 5% of portfolio assets, although our cash position may vary based on the level of portfolio trading

## Characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>

	Strategy	Benchmark
Price-to-Earnings <sup>3</sup>	15.3	19.3
Price-to-Book	2.1	2.0
Price-to-Cash Flow	9.6	11.5
Dividend Yield (%)	1.2	1.8
Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	8.2	8.2
Current # of Securities	30	1,865
Turnover (% LTM)	55.0	-

## Sector Weights<sup>1,2</sup> (%)



## Assets Under Management (M) (Shown in USD)

Brandywine Global, Firmwide	64,266
Fundamental Equity Product Group †	7,237
Small/Mid Cap Value Equity	<1

## Calendar Year Returns<sup>2</sup> (%) (Results shown in USD)

	Gross	Net	R2500V	R2500
2022	-4.23	-4.45	-1.50	-5.82
2021	18.24	17.20	27.78	18.18
2020	32.63	31.47	4.88	19.99
2019	27.63	26.51	23.56	27.77
2018	-14.34	-15.12	-12.36	-10.00
2017	17.72	16.69	10.36	16.81
2016	26.61	25.50	25.20	17.59
2015	-10.18	-10.99	-5.49	-2.90
2014	2.69	1.77	7.11	7.07
2013	35.48	34.30	33.32	36.80
2012	18.65	17.60	19.21	17.88

## Risk Characteristics<sup>2</sup> (Composite Gross of Fees) (Since Inception)

Sharpe Ratio	0.55
Sortino Ratio	0.73
Information Ratio	0.26

## Top Ten Holdings<sup>1,2</sup> (%)

Aspen Technology Inc	6.9
Abiomed Inc	4.7
Allegiant Travel Co	4.6
Vertiv Holdings Co	4.3
Devon Energy Corp	4.3
Cimpress Plc	3.9
Alamos Gold Inc	3.4
Ingredion Inc	3.3
Irobot Corp	3.3
Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc	3.3

## Lead Portfolio Managers



**Justin C. Bennett**  
Portfolio Manager & Research Analyst  
26 Years of Experience



**Gregory P. Manley, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager & Research Analyst  
25 Years of Experience

† Includes \$2,864M in Fundamental Equity assets for which Brandywine Global provides non-discretionary investment management services. Nondiscretionary assets are reported on one month lag.

Data as of March 31, 2022

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



## Annualized Returns (%) (Results shown in USD)

	Gross	Net	R2500V	R2500
QTD	-4.23	-4.45	-1.50	-5.82
YTD	-4.23	-4.45	-1.50	-5.82
1 Year	-9.48	-10.29	7.73	0.34
3 Year	15.98	14.96	12.96	13.78
5 Year	14.20	13.19	9.19	11.57
7 Year	11.67	10.68	8.86	9.98
10 Year	12.45	11.45	11.03	12.08
Since Inception	12.08	11.06	10.32	10.06

Inception Date: 10/1/1996

## GIPS Information (% , unless otherwise noted) (Results shown in USD)

Year or YTD	Gross	Net	R2500V	R2500	# of Accounts	Market Value (M)	Total Firm Assets (M)	Composite Dispersion	Composite Rolling 3Y SD	R2500V Rolling 3Y SD	R2500 Rolling 3Y SD
2022	-4.23	-4.45	-1.50	-5.82	1	0	64,266	-	27.77	23.72	22.37
2021	18.24	17.20	27.78	18.18	1	0	67,356	-	28.91	24.15	22.48
2020	32.63	31.47	4.88	19.99	1	0	63,872	-	31.50	25.05	24.21
2019	27.63	26.51	23.56	27.77	1	0	74,024	-	22.13	14.23	14.58
2018	-14.34	-15.12	-12.36	-10.00	1	0	70,070	-	20.10	13.58	14.10
2017	17.72	16.69	10.36	16.81	1	105	74,382	-	15.29	11.81	12.13
2016	26.61	25.50	25.20	17.59	1	89	65,498	-	15.10	13.17	13.67
2015	-10.18	-10.99	-5.49	-2.90	2	72	68,819	-	11.88	12.02	12.42
2014	2.69	1.77	7.11	7.07	5	112	63,375	-	10.45	11.25	11.67
2013	35.48	34.30	33.32	36.80	4	128	50,050	-	13.22	15.07	15.63
2012	18.65	17.60	19.21	17.88	7	247	42,894	0.13	15.24	18.41	18.97

Data as of March 31, 2022

R2500V = Russell 2500 Value R2500 = Russell 2500

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R2500V = Russell 2500™ Value Index    R2500 = Russell 2500™ Index

- 1 The data represent the aggregate characteristics of all securities held in the respective Representative Portfolio, an actual commission account not subject to taxation, and are included for informational purposes only. The Portfolio Characteristics of any particular account may vary based on any investment restrictions applicable to that account.
- 2 Supplemental Information to the attached Small/Mid Cap Value Equity GIPS composite presentation.
- 3 Portfolio characteristics calculation uses weighted harmonic average methodology.

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