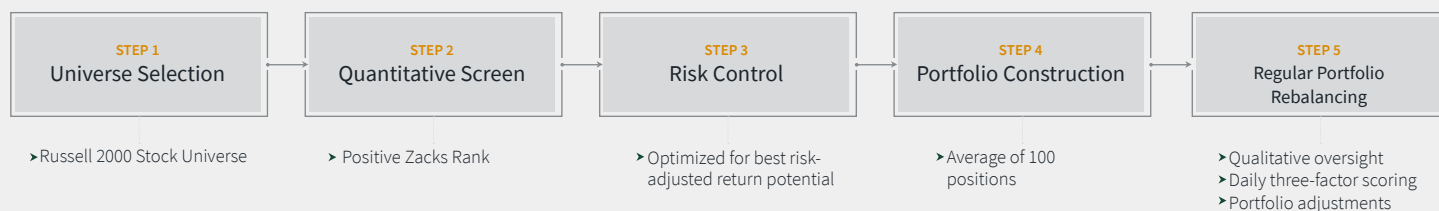


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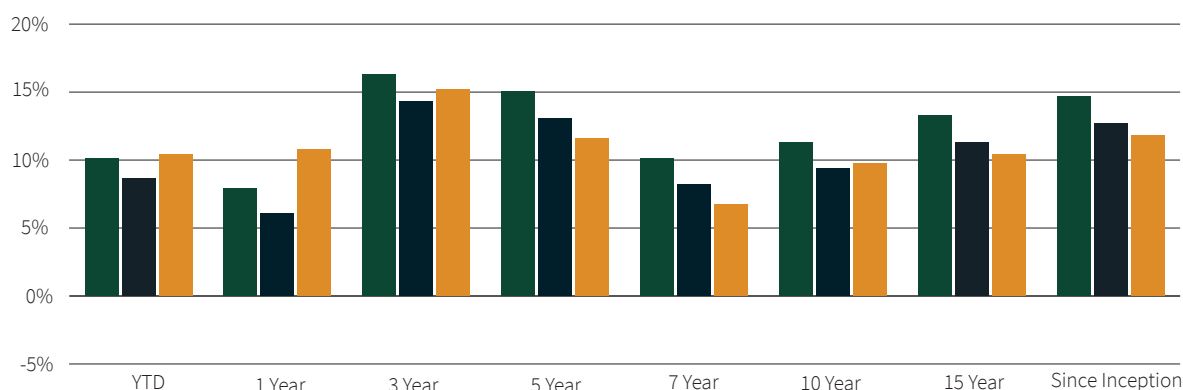
# Zacks Small-Cap Equity Strategy

**Objective:** The strategy seeks to outperform the Russell 2000 index.

## Investment Process Summary



## Annualized Performance (May 2009 through September 2025)



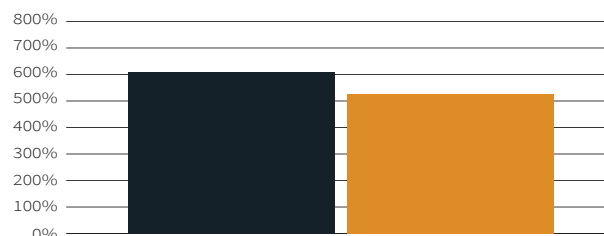
|                                     | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years | 10 Years | 15 Years | Since Inception |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>Small Cap Equity Pure Gross*</b> | 10.08% | 7.91%  | 16.30%  | 15.05%  | 10.11%  | 11.29%   | 13.25%   | 14.64%          |
| <b>Small Cap Equity Net</b>         | 8.66%  | 6.05%  | 14.30%  | 13.07%  | 8.21%   | 9.38%    | 11.30%   | 12.67%          |
| <b>Russell 2000</b>                 | 10.39% | 10.76% | 15.21%  | 11.56%  | 6.76%   | 9.77%    | 10.42%   | 11.81%          |

## Portfolio Characteristics

- **Stock Selection:** Positive Zacks Rank
- **Regular Rebalancing:** Stocks with declining fundamentals are sold
- **All-Style:** Invests in both growth and value stocks
- **Diversified:** An average of 100 positions selected for the portfolio

| Risk/Return Measurements VS Benchmark* |           |              |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
|                                        | Zacks Net | Russell 2000 |
| Alpha                                  | 1.50%     | 0.00%        |
| Beta                                   | 0.94      | 1.00         |
| Sharpe Ratio                           | 0.60      | 0.54         |
| Standard Deviation**                   | 19.00%    | 19.60%       |

## Cumulative Performance Comparison



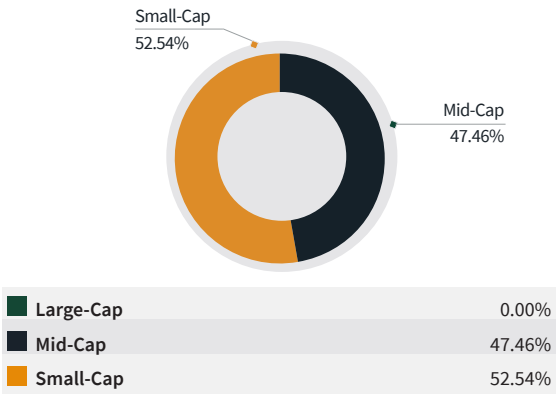
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| <b>Small Cap Equity Net</b> | 608.46% |
| <b>Russell 2000</b>         | 524.89% |

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future value.

| Year | SCE Composite (Gross)* | SCE Composite (Net) | Russell 2000 | SCE Composite 3-Yr St Dev | Russell 2000 3-Yr St Dev | Number of Portfolios | Internal Dispersion | Total Composite Assets (\$M) | Total Firm Assets (\$M) |
|------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2024 | 14.18%                 | 12.21%              | 11.54%       | 22.65%                    | 23.30%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$167                        | \$11,274                |
| 2023 | 17.82%                 | 15.80%              | 16.93%       | 20.68%                    | 21.11%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$138                        | \$8,569                 |
| 2022 | -15.11%                | -16.61%             | -20.44%      | 25.71%                    | 26.02%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$120                        | \$7,140                 |
| 2021 | 25.87%                 | 23.73%              | 14.82%       | 22.50%                    | 23.35%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$149                        | \$6,969                 |
| 2020 | 28.88%                 | 26.67%              | 19.96%       | 24.88%                    | 25.27%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$123                        | \$5,050                 |
| 2019 | 23.43%                 | 21.32%              | 25.53%       | 15.69%                    | 15.71%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$126                        | \$5,019                 |
| 2018 | -15.54%                | -17.03%             | -11.01%      | 15.66%                    | 15.79%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$111                        | \$3,947                 |
| 2017 | 17.50%                 | 15.49%              | 14.65%       | 13.37%                    | 13.91%                   | 5                    | N/A                 | \$134                        | \$4,389                 |
| 2016 | 14.21%                 | 12.25%              | 21.31%       | 15.14%                    | 15.76%                   | 3                    | N/A                 | \$92                         | \$2,515                 |
| 2015 | 2.08%                  | 0.31%               | -4.41%       | 14.15%                    | 13.96%                   | 3                    | N/A                 | \$68                         | \$2,123                 |

\*Pure gross of fees returns are presented as supplemental information.

Market Capitalization\*



| Top 10 Holdings |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Company         | Ticker |
| Comfort Systems | FIX    |
| Ssr Mining Inc  | SSRM   |
| Credo Tech Grp  | CRDO   |
| Emcor Group Inc | EME    |
| Stride Inc      | LRN    |
| Ionq Inc        | IONQ   |
| Primoris Servcs | PRIM   |
| Fabrinet        | FN     |
| Atlanta Bravs-C | BATRK  |
| Cadence Bank    | CADE   |

“We buy stocks with improving fundamentals and sell stocks with deteriorating fundamentals.”  
*Mitch Zacks*  
Principal and Senior Portfolio Manager

| Portfolio Statistics* |       |         |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|
|                       | Zacks | Russell |
| Price/Earnings        | 16.72 | 20.07   |
| Price/Book            | 2.48  | 2.21    |
| Dividend Yield        | 0.92% | 1.28%   |

Glossary

**Alpha** is a measure of the portfolio's risk adjusted performance. When compared to the portfolio's beta, a positive alpha indicates better-than expected portfolio performance and a negative alpha worse than-expected portfolio performance.

**Beta** is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio relative to the overall market. A beta less than 1.0 indicates lower risk than the market; a beta greater than 1.0 indicates higher risk than the market. It is most reliable as a risk measure when the return fluctuations of the portfolio are highly correlated with the return fluctuations of the index chosen to represent the market.

**Standard deviation** is an indicator of the portfolio's total return volatility, which is based on a minimum of 36 monthly returns. The larger the portfolio's standard deviation, the greater the portfolio's volatility.

**Market capitalization** is the value of a corporation as determined by the market price of its issued and outstanding common stock. It is calculated by multiplying the number of outstanding shares by the current market price of a share.

**Price/book ratio (P/B)** is the ratio of a stock's price to its book value per share.

**Price/earnings ratio (P/E)** is the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share.

**Sharpe Ratio** is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate of return (10-year U.S. Treasury bond) from the portfolio's return and dividing this value by the portfolio's standard deviation. Put simply, the Sharpe ratio tells us if the portfolio returns are due to investment decisions or a result of excess risk. The greater the Sharpe ratio, the better riskadjusted performance has been.

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The Zacks Small-Cap Equity Strategy (Inception Date May 2009) consists of between 50 to 100 stocks that are selected based on a combination of qualitative decisions and a multi-factor model. The objective of the Zacks Small-Cap Equity Strategy is to provide risk-adjusted returns and diversification benefits relative to the Russell 2000 index. The strategy benchmark is the Russell 2000 Index. The minimum account size for inclusion in the composite is \$40,000. The Small-Cap

Equity Cap Composite was created in May 2009. A complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request.

**Benchmark**

The Russell 2000 Index is a well-known, unmanaged index of the prices of 2000 small-cap company common stocks, selected by Russell. The Russell 2000 Index assumes reinvestment of dividends but does not reflect advisory fees. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. The volatility of the benchmark may be materially different from the individual performance obtained by a specific investor.

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**Performance Calculations**

Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars. Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Pure gross of fees returns are gross of transaction costs, management fees, custodian fees, and withholding taxes. Net of fees returns are calculated using the highest management fee paid and are presented net of a bundled fee which includes transaction costs, management fees, custodian fees, and withholding fees.

The standard management fee for the Small Cap Equity strategy is 1.75% per annum. Additional information regarding fees is included in its Part 2A of Form ADV.

If a cash flow amount exceeds a 20% of the portfolio, that account's performance will not be included for that month. Accounts are added back into the composite the following month.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of all accounts included in the composite for the entire year. Gross-of-fee returns are used for the calculation.

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