Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Strategy



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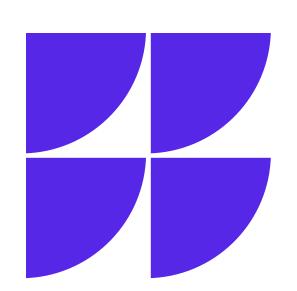
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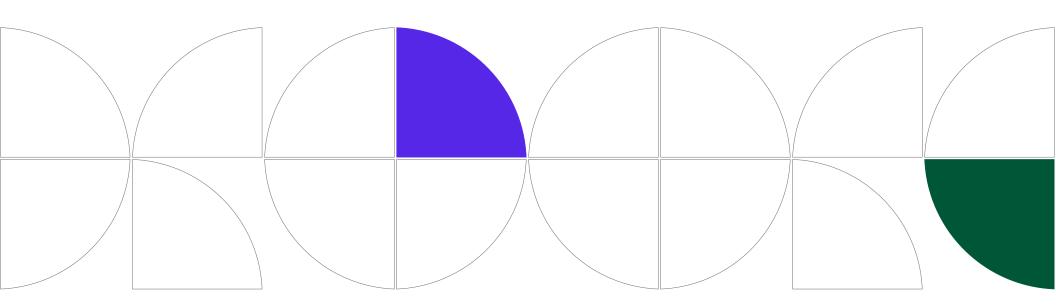
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Allspring Global Investments

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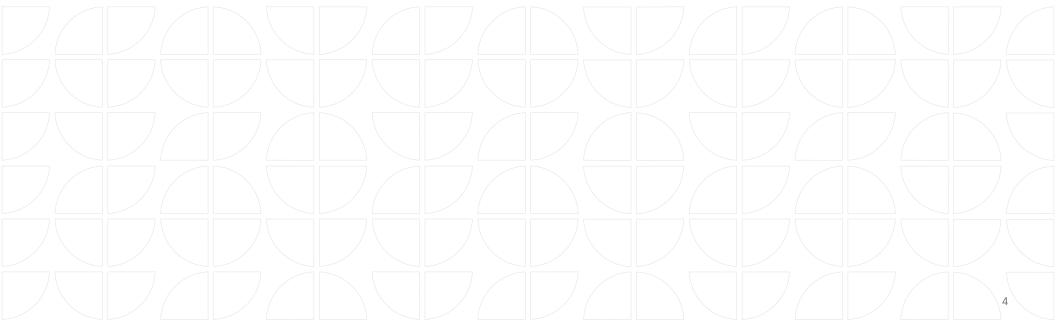


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... to inspire a new era of investing that pursues both financial returns and positive outcomes ...

... with a singular focus on asset management and a mission to elevate investing to be worth more.





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Providing a broad range of investment solutions to help our diverse client base meet their investment objectives

Assets under management \$463 \$158 Fixed Income \$66 Equity \$77 Stable Value \$10 Multi-Asset

Our people

1300+ dedicated employees

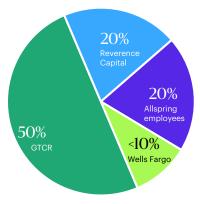
440+ global investment professionals⁴

portfolio managers' average years of investment experience

Who we serve

- Consultants
- Corporations
- Endowments & Foundations
- Financial Advisors
- Financial Institutions
- Government/Official Institutions
- Insurance Companies
- Pensions & Retirement Plans

Corporate ownership structure^{2,3}



Our statistics



23 offices globally



Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina



Leading SMA provider⁵

Sources: 1. Allspring and affiliates. Figures are as of 30 Sep 2022, unless otherwise noted. Please note that the assets under management figures provided have been adjusted to eliminate any duplication of reporting among assets directed by multiple investment teams and includes \$92B from Galliard Capital Management (\$76B stable value; \$16B fixed income), an investment advisor that is not part of the Allspring trade name/GIPS firm.

2. Percentages are approximate and can fluctuate over time. 3. Percentages are based on number of total employees participating in equity ownership. 4. Global investment talent includes directors and associate level professionals. 5. Cerulli's league table.



The beliefs that guide us

Invest thoughtfully

Understanding clients' needs on a deeper level through a unique blend of financial expertise, EQ, and an inherent curiosity

Helping clients navigate the future and make smarter financial decisions by evolving our products and solutions for what we see ahead

Look around the corner

Plan with purpose

Building solutions that connect clients with what matters most and provide the potential to create a far-reaching positive impact

Taking on clients' challenges with tenacity and agility with a goal to turn possibilities into investment performance

Unlock what's possible



Our Allview[™] investment approach

Unique viewpoints.
Delivered together as one.
That's Allview.

Allspring pursues more of what's possible by going beyond a single, standardized strategy. Our distinct Allview approach unites expert independent thinking, disciplined risk management, and diverse perspectives with a deep understanding and care for our clients. It's all the best of Allspring together as one elevated platform.

Allview empowers thoughtful investing to create returns that expand above and beyond financial gains.

Snapshot of investment excellence



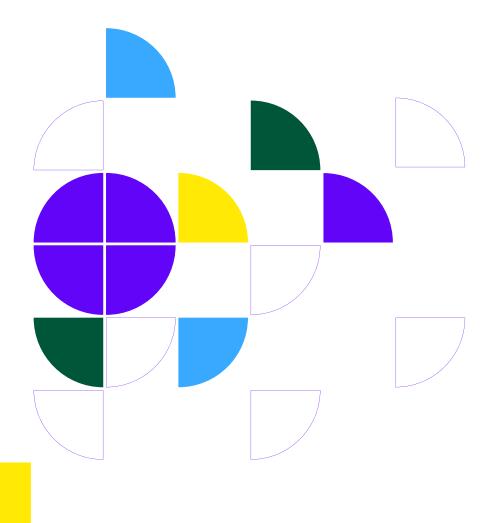
23 teams 440+ investment professionals



U.S. and global exposures across styles



Broad and diversified clien base around the world





A culture of independent thinking as one elevated platform



Unified approach uniting rigorous research, seamless collaboration, disciplined risk management, and diverse perspectives

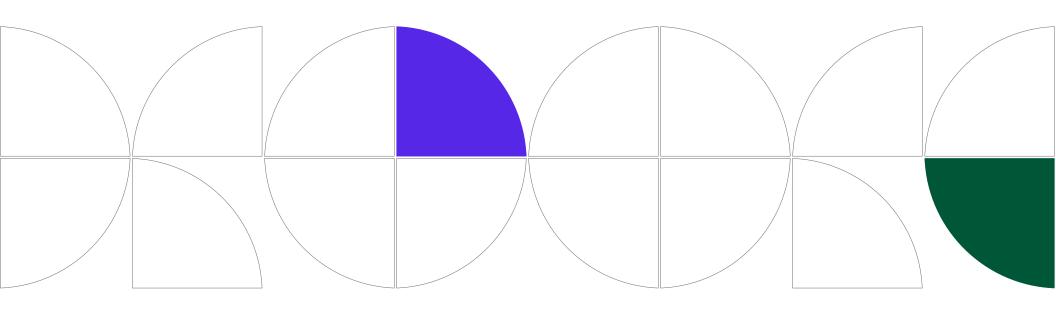


Investing thoughtfully by combining financial expertise and unwavering empathy to seek returns that contribute to a better future for everyone

DEPTH AND BREADTH OF OUR TEAMS NUMBER OF INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS ACROSS STRATEGIES		EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF STRATEGIES AVAILABLE TO CLIENTS	
Equity	137	Equity: Fundamental	45
Fixed Income	157	Equity: Systematic	33
Multi-Asset	23	Fixed Income: Taxable	48
Cross-Functional (Investment Risk, Research, Analytics, etc.)	130	Fixed Income: Municipal	10
TOTAL ¹	447	Fixed Income: Systematic	3
		Muti-Asset	30
		TOTAL ¹	169

Sources: 1. Allspring and affiliates. Figures are as of 31 December 2022, unless otherwise noted. 2. As of 31 December 2022. The percentage of composite assets that outperform their corresponding representative benchmarks based on 225 marketed/non-marketed Institutional and Managed Account Composites shown gross/net of fees. Excludes money market composites and composites managed by Galliard Capital Management, GMO, Cooke & Bieler, and Peregrine Capital Management. †For illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance and should not be relied upon when making an investment decision. Not all products are available in all regions.

Our advantage Special Global Equity team





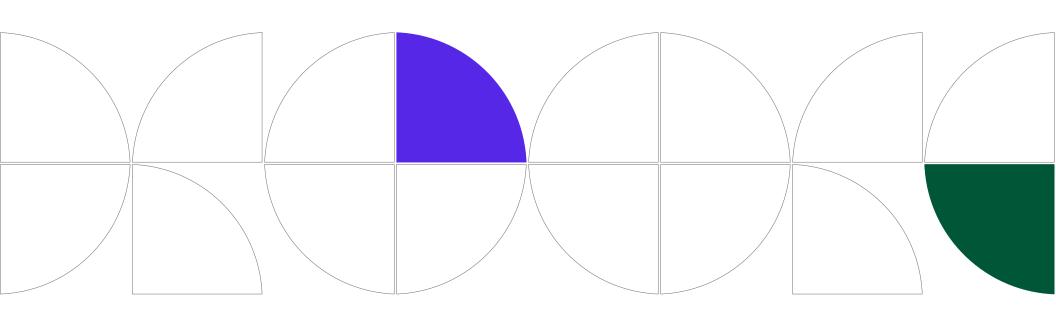
Our advantage

Special Global Equity team

- We believe a differentiated investment process that exploits existing market inefficiencies is key to successful investment management
- Our highly differentiated, CPA-based investment process is our competitive advantage
- Through disciplined execution of this unique process, we seek to:
 - Generate returns above our benchmark and peers
 - · Maintain a low risk profile
 - Achieve consistent results over a full market cycle

Investment team and process Special Global Equity team

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Special Global Equity team

Portfolio Management



JAMES TRINGAS, CFA

Co-Team Leader, Senior Portfolio Manager Generalist

Industry: 1994 Team: 1997



BRYANT VANCRONKHITE, CFA

Co-Team Leader, Senior Portfolio Manager Generalist

- Industry: 2003
- Team: 2004



JOHN OGNAR, CFA

Portfolio Specialist

- Industry: 1999
- Team: 2016



AMY ROSENFELT

Portfolio Specialist

- Industry: 2003
- Team: 2021



STEVE GIGGIE, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager — ISC | GSC1 Indus, Info Tech

- Industry: 2005
- Team: 2012



OLEG MAKHORINE

Co-Portfolio Manager — ISC | GSC1 Energy, Indus, Mat

- Industry: 1995
- Team: 2012



BRIAN MARTIN, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager — SCV I GSC1 Health Care, Indus, Spec'l Sits, Info Tech

- Industry: 2004
- Team: 2006



SHANE ZWECK, CFA

Co-Portfolio Manager -MCV | LCV 1 Consumer, Energy, Indus, Mats

Industry: 2006

Senior Research Analyst

Consumer, Health Care, Util

• Team: 2007

Research

ANDREW COLLINS

Senior Research Analyst Fins, REITs

- Industry: 1993
- Team: 2008

BONNIE MILLER

Senior Research Analyst & **ESG Specialist**

- Team: 2004
- Industry: 2003

Consumer, Mats

Domestic Trader

• Team: 2019

Team: 2019

MICHAEL GALLO, CFA

Senior Research Analyst Consumer, Health Care

DUSTIN VAN DUSEN, CFA

Senior Research Analyst

Indus, Spec'l Sits

Industry: 2000

• Team: 2014

• Industry: 2000

KRISTA HUGHES, CFA

Consumer, Spec'l Sits

- Industry: 2010

CHRISTINA XANTHOS, CFA

Senior Research Analyst

Energy, Indus, Mats

Industry: 2006

Team: 2021

Senior Research Analyst

Team: 2013

NEAL KARCHEM

Senior Research Analyst Com Sycs, Info Tech, Indus, REITs

- · Industry: 2001
- Team: 2021

SREE KARRI, CFA

Research Analyst Indus, REITs

- Industry: 2017
- Team: 2019

RAYMOND LEFFBURE, CEA

Senior Research Analyst Energy, Health Care, Mats

- Industry: 2006
- Team: 2014

 Industry: 2001 Team: 2021

LINDENLETCHER

KATHRYN SCHMIDT

Research/Product Associate

- Industry: 2001
- Team: 2019

Trading

IAMES P ARGENT

Industry: 1998

- STEVEN CONNOLLY International Trader

 Industry: 1995 Team: 1997

TODD MORRISON

Domestic Trader

- Industry: 1996
- Team: 2001

ANNETTE SUTHERBURG

- **Domestic Trader**
- Industry: 1991
- Team: 2001

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1ISC = International Small Company, GSC = Global Small Cap, SCV = Small Cap Value, MCV = Mid Cap Value, LCV = Large Cap Value



Special Global Equity team

Strategies summary

As of 31 December 2022

	SPECIAL U.S. SMALL CAP VALUE EQUITY	SPECIAL U.S. MID CAP VALUE EQUITY	SPECIAL U.S. LARGE CAP VALUE EQUITY	SPECIAL GLOBAL SMALL CAP EQUITY	SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL SMALL COMPANY EQUITY
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Value	Russell MidCap Value	Russell 1000 Value	MSCI World Small Cap Index (Net)	MSCI World ex-US Small Cap (Net)
Strategy Inception date	October 1, 1993	May 1, 2001	January 1, 2010	June 1, 2012	May 1, 2012
Asset Style	Small Value	Mid Value	Large Value	Small Core	Small Core
Geographic Region	United States	United States	United States	Developed Global	Developed Global ex-US
Holdings Range	100–125	50-70	Approximately 40	80–120	50-80
AUM (\$MM)	\$6,117.1	\$13,366.7	\$1,004.6	\$844.8	\$1,018.7



Key process differentiators

Our emphasis	The market's emphasis	Expected result				
Balance sheet	Income statement	Minimize downside/ maximize long-term opportunity				
Long-term free cash flow	Short-term earnings	Minimize downside/ maximize long-term opportunity				
Reward/ risk	Greed/ fear	Minimize downside/ consistency				

Advantage

- Disciplined process following strict valuation standards and construction guidelines
- Target long-term above-peer performance with below-peer risk



Investment philosophy

- Portfolio Managers Jim Tringas and Bryant VanCronkhite, 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 fundamental approach to analyzing financial statements
- 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's market price 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

Process Risk

Balance Sheet

- Durable assets
- · Debt analysis
- Off-balance sheet flexibility

Cash Flow Statement

- · Cash vs. accrual accounts
- Capital deployment
- Financing decisions

Income Statement

- · Revenue analysis
- Margin sustainability & trend
- Tax strategy & options
- Currency risks

ESG Risk

Environmental

- Future liability for remediation
- Impact to earnings from compliance costs
- Capital allocation required to meet new standards

Social

- Impact to earnings from living wage rates
- Competitive advantage risk due to brand deterioration

Governance

- Board structure and diversity impact to capital allocation decisions
- Management compensation alignment with shareholders

Investment Criteria

Balance sheet flexibility

Strength & stability of free cash flow (FCF)

Competitive advantages

Investing in environmental, social, and governance (ESG) carries the risk that, under certain market conditions, the investments may underperform products that invest in a broader array of investments. In addition, some ESG investments may be dependent on government tax incentives and subsidies and on political support for certain environmental technologies and companies. The ESG sector also may have challenges such as a limited number of issuers and liquidity in the market, including a robust secondary market. Investing primarily in responsible investments carries the risk that, under certain market conditions, an investment may underperform strategies that do not use a responsible investment strategy.



Investment process: balance sheet structure is key to understanding financial flexibility

The Special Global Equity team's balance sheet analysis goes well beyond identifying companies with low amounts of leverage. We focus on identifying well constructed balance sheets that offer valuable financial flexibility.

Two companies with similar amounts of leverage can often times present very different risk profiles and levels of flexibility:

	COMPANY A			COMPANY B		
What the	Net Debt:	\$1B	_	Net Debt:	\$1B	
market sees:	EBITDA:	\$500MM		EBITDA:	\$500MM	
	Net Debt/EBITDA:	Net Debt/EBITDA: 2x		Net Debt/EBITDA:	2x	
	EBITDA Durability/ Capital intensity?	30% drawdown/ high capital intensity	_	EBITDA Durability/ Capital intensity?	20% drawdown/ low capital intensity	
	Where is debt held?	Parent Fully secured collateralized bonds		Where is debt held?	Subsidiaries	
What we see:	Debt instruments used?			Debt instruments used?	Fixed unsecured debt	
	Maturity profile?	50% of debt due in < 3 years		Maturity profile?	30% of debt due in < 5 years	
	Covenants?	ovenants? Restrict leverage to < 3x		Covenants?	No restrictions	

Significant risk & limited financial flexibility

Less risk & superior financial flexibility



Investment process: calculating valuation targets

Determine value using financial buyer* model

- Apply multiple to recurring FCF based on a long-term view
- Add/subtract value for balance sheet flexibility
- Add/subtract value for hidden assets/hidden debt
- Seek asymmetric Reward/Risk opportunity

COMPANY EXAMPLE

What the market sees: What we see: **EBITDA** \$100M Normalized FBITDA \$135M Normalized EBITDA post-optimization \$206M Net Cash Net Debt \$60M \$325M OPTIMIZATION Shares O/S Shares O/S 40M 40M **EPS** \$1.20 Free Cash Flow \$3.20 Stock Price \$18.00 Intrinsic Stock Value \$36.00 P/E 15.0 Implied P/FCF 11.25 **GAAP Tax Rate** Cash Tax Rate 30% 25%

For illustrative purpose only.

^{*}A financial buyer is a type of buyer in an acquisition that is primarily interested in the return that can be achieved from the purchase and the level of cash flows the acquired asset base will generate

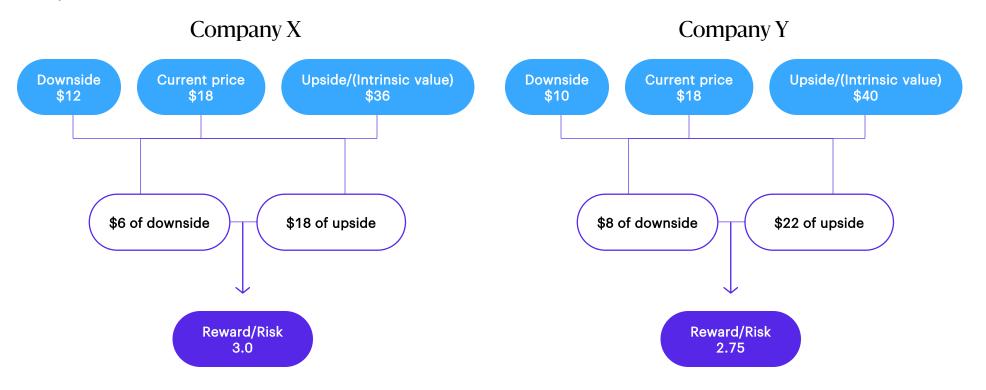


Investment process: calibrate reward/risk

Overlay valuation targets on current price

- Calculate Reward/Risk tradeoff
- Seek asymmetric Reward/Risk opportunity
- Invest where Reward/Risk is most favorable, not necessarily where upside is the greatest
- Sell when Reward/Risk is unfavorable

Example:





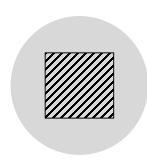
Investment process







Optimal capital structure



Typical company in the investment universe

Target company

- Sustainable FCF
- Durable asset base
- · Flexible balance sheet

Reward/risk 1.5

Target investment

- Unrecognized potential
- Favorable reward/risk model

Reward/risk 3.0

Successful investment

· Trim/Sell/Reallocate

Reward/risk 1.0-1.5

Size of graphic represents:

Market cap

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Value of deployable balance sheet (B/S) & FCF



Investment process

Process – Construct portfolio while managing risk

- · Measure active risk on both a sector and security level
- Long-term investment horizon (3-5 years)

PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES*

Benchmark	Russell 2000 Value
Number of companies	100–125
Position limit at market	5%
Sector guideline	Higher of 30% or index sector weight plus 5%
Market cap range	80% of portfolio within the Russell 2000 Index
Cash	Typically, less than 5%

^{*}Guidelines are subject to change. Modifications in the portfolio construction guidelines and portfolio limitations are subject to the discretion of the investment manager.



Risk management is ingrained in our process

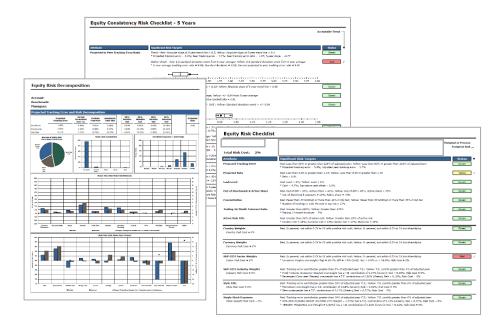
Risk management is a vital component of the team's investment process

Pre-trade analysis

- Our portfolio construction process utilizes Allspring's proprietary ex-ante and ex-post risk tools to understand how intended and unintended style factor exposures may impact our portfolios.
- The team monitors how correlations across stocks, portfolios and macro variables may influence our active risk.

Portfolio construction/monitoring

 Portfolios are constructed in an attempt to neutralize unintended style factors—allowing security selection to drive our fate.



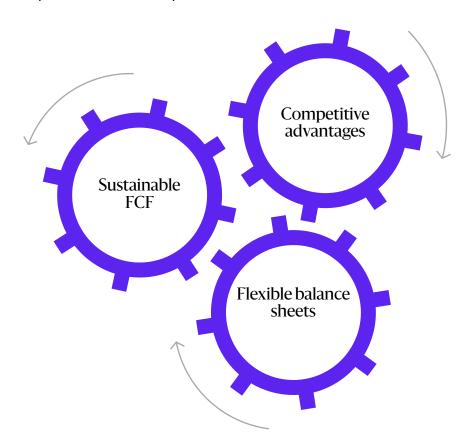
The result of this process is a high active share, low-tracking error, style pure approach that seeks to deliver consistent top-tier risk-adjusted returns.



Portfolio construction is designed to allow security selection to determine our fate

Portfolio construction

- Weightings driven by the best Reward-to-Risk opportunities
- Construction parameters designed to target top quartile alpha with bottom quartile risk



Investment analytics team

- Ex-ante and ex-post assessment of portfolio risks
- Monitoring portfolio for direction and level of intended and unintended risks around:
 - Security selection
 - Sector allocation
 - Currency
 - Country allocation
 - Style factors

Barra risk model style factors

- Beta
- Book-to-Price
- Dividend Yield
- Earnings Yield
- Growth
- Leverage
- Liquidity
- Momentum

- Non-Linear Beta
- Non-Linear Size/Mid Capitalization
- Residual Volatility
- Size
- Earnings Quality
- Long-term Reversals
- Management Quality
- Profitability & Prospect



Strategy profile: Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

Investment objective

Aims to deliver long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in small-capitalization companies with above average capital appreciation potential and below average risk.

Investment process summary

- Fundamental research that looks to identify companies with the following traits:
 - Durable Asset Base
 - Flexible Balance Sheet
 - · Strong Free Cash Flow Generation
- Relies on accounting expertise and valuation approach to select companies with optimal reward to risk potential, minimizing unintended risks through strategic risk-based portfolio construction.

Benchmark

Russell 2000 Value Index

Inception date

October 1, 1993

Strategy risks

Market risk

 Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions.

Management risk

 Investment decisions, techniques, and analyses implemented by the manager may not lead to expected returns of the team.

Style risk

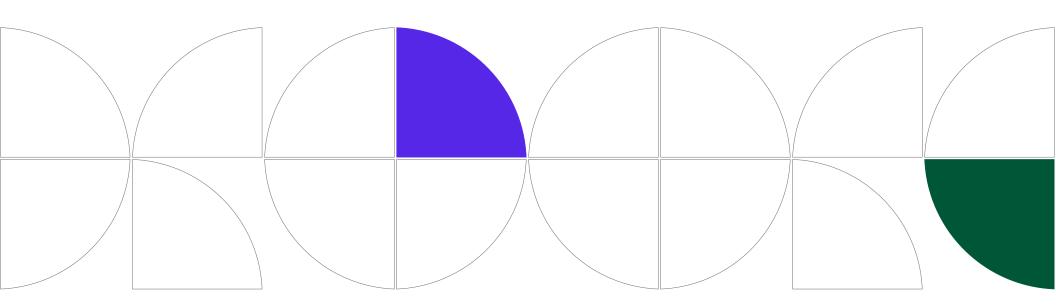
 Style factor exposure including but not limited to, beta, growth, value, liquidity, etc. can perform differently and shift in and out of favor through a market cycle.

Smaller company securities risk

 Securities of smaller market capitalization companies tend to have more volatility and less liquidity compared to larger companies.

Performance and characteristics

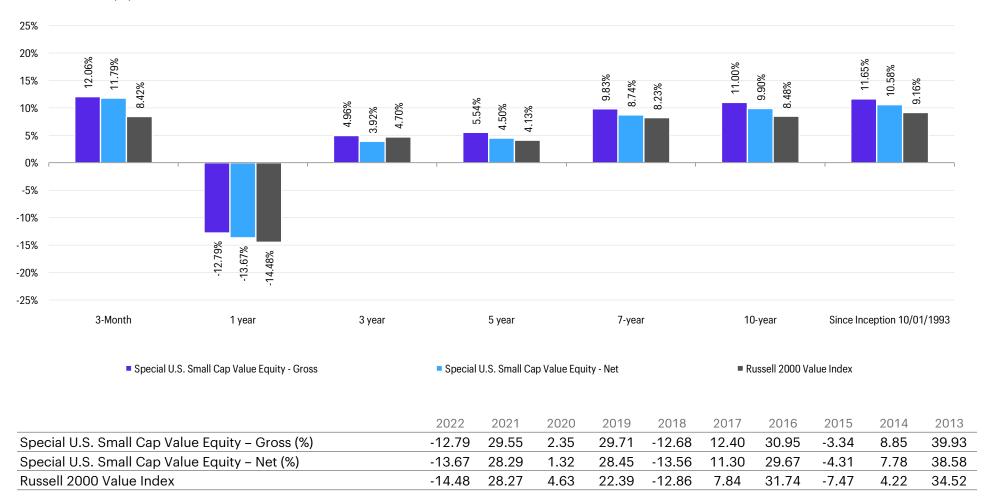
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Annualized & calendar returns

Performance (%)



As of 31 Dec 2022 Benchmark/Index Source: FactSet.

All returns for periods greater than one year are annualized.

Note: The GIPS® composite report can be found at the end of this presentation, including information on net returns.

Performance shown prior to January 1, 2010 represents results achieved by the Special Global Equity Team prior to joining Allspring. Although the composition of the investment team has evolved since the strategy's inception date, the team has managed the strategy in a consistent manner over time. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**



Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

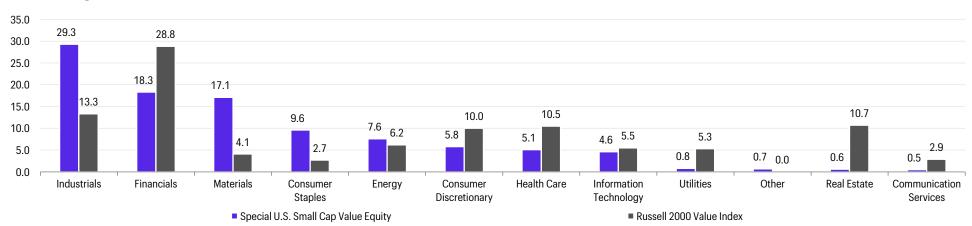
Ten largest company weights

Company	Portfolio weight %
Innospec Inc.	3.5
Mueller Industries, Inc.	3.4
J&J Snack Foods Corp.	3.0
Eagle Materials Inc.	2.8
Franklin Electric Co., Inc.	2.8
UMB Financial Corporation	2.5
Avient Corporation	2.3
CSW Industrials, Inc.	2.1
Spectrum Brands, Inc.	1.9
Belden Inc.	1.7
Total	26.0

Portfolio characteristics

Statistic	Portfolio	Russell 2000 Value Index
Number of companies held	115	1,377
Ten largest company weights	26.0%	4.8%
Weighted average market cap	\$2.9B	\$2.3B
Weighted median market cap	\$2.9B	\$2.1B
Dividend yield	2.2%	2.2%
Long-term growth forecast	12.5%	11.1%
P/E (1-year EPS forecast)	11.4x	14.4x
ROE (5-year average)	12.8%	10.3%
Price/book	1.8x	1.4x
Active share	92.7%	-

Sector weights (%)



As of 31 Dec 2022 1 This information is based on a representative account within the Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Composite. The representative account has been selected by meeting the following criteria: 1) the account is in the Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Composite, 2) Allspring Global Investments represents that the holdings, characteristics and risk profile are representative of the strategy/style of the Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Composite. Any changes to the representative account must be approved by Investment Analytics. 2 Ten 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. Index Source: FactSet.

Portfolio Attribution



US Dollar

31 December 2021 to 31 December 2022

Investment Strategy: Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity Primary Benchmark: Russell 2000 Value

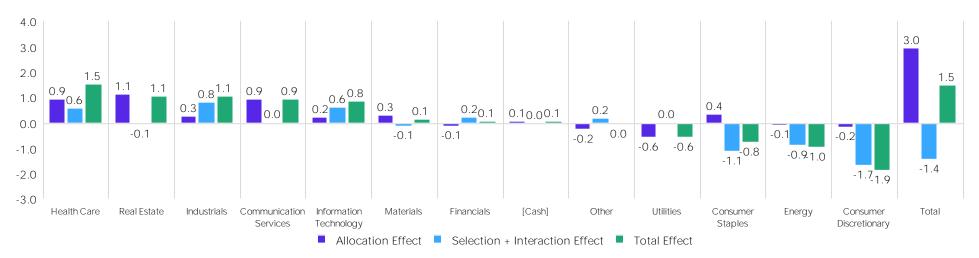
Five largest relative contributors (%)

COMPANY	SECTOR	RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION
Innospec Inc.	Materials	0.77
Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.	Energy	0.60
Silgan Holdings Inc.	Materials	0.55
Mueller Industries, Inc.	Industrials	0.50
Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp.	Energy	0.47

Five largest relative detractors (%)

COMPANY	SECTOR	RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION
Holley, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	-0.93
Helen of Troy Limited	Consumer Discretionary	-0.84
Spectrum Brands, Inc.	Consumer Staples	-0.81
Avient Corporation	Materials	-0.62
Owens & Minor, Inc.	Health Care	-0.45

Sector by relative contribution (%)

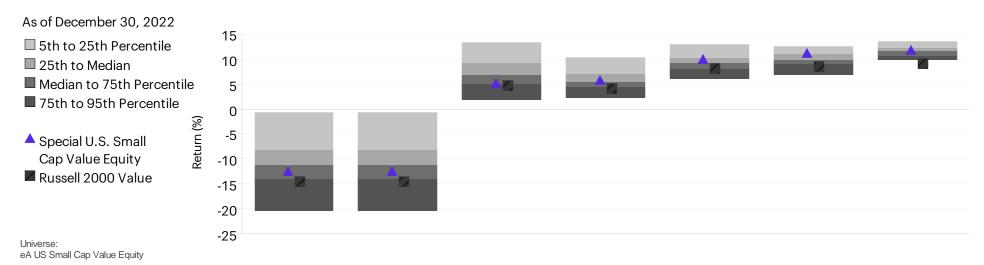


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Special U.S. Small Cap Value

Annualized return – Peer universe rankings

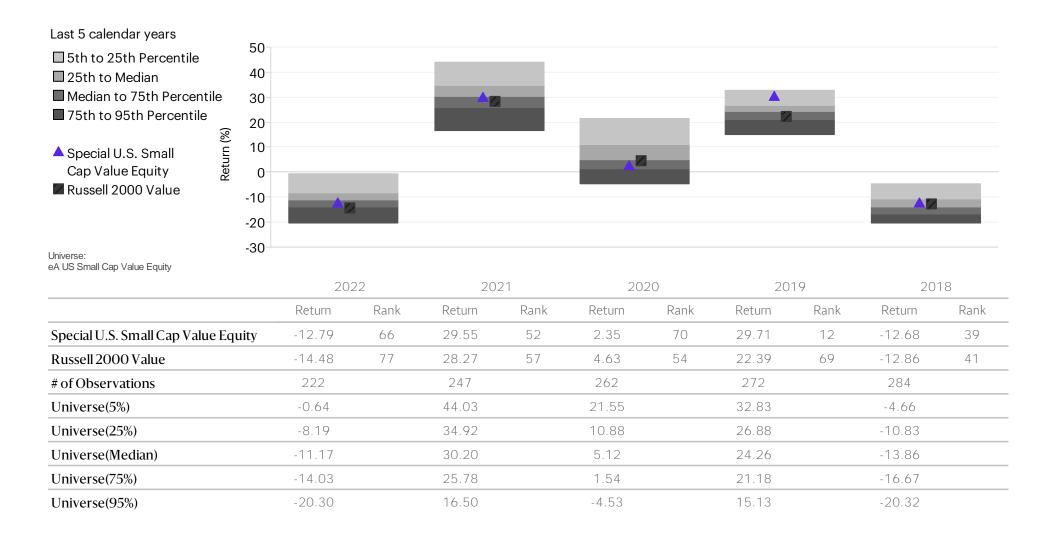


	YT	D	1 Y	ear	3 Ye	ears	5 Ye	ears	7 Years		10 Years		Since Inception	
	Return	Rank	Return	Rank	Return	Rank	Return	Rank	Return	Rank	Return	Rank	Return	Rank
Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity	-12.79	66	-12.79	66	4.96	79	5.54	53	9.83	35	11.00	28	11.65	54
Russell 2000 Value	-14.48	77	-14.48	77	4.70	81	4.13	82	8.23	74	8.48	86	9.16	98
# of Observations	222		222		219		208		200		188		29	
Universe(5%)	-0.64		-0.64		13.36		10.46		13.02		12.60		13.50	
Universe(25%)	-8.19		-8.19		9.34		7.09		10.39		11.11		12.34	
Universe(Median)	-11.17		-11.17		7.02		5.64		9.32		10.00		11.72	
Universe(75%)	-14.03		-14.03		5.18		4.47		8.20		9.24		10.70	
Universe(95%)	-20.30		-20.30		1.92		2.27		6.23		7.03		10.03	



Special U.S. Small Cap Value

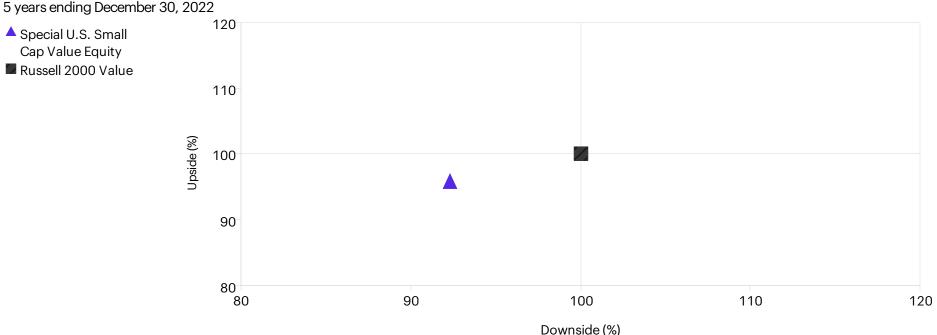
Calendar year return – Peer universe rankings





Special U.S. Small Cap Value Upside/downside market capture

5 years ending December 30, 2022



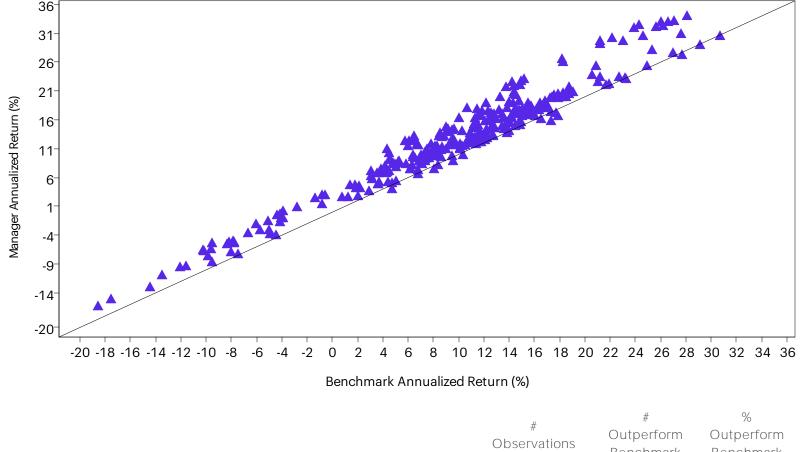
	# of	# of	Average	Average	Average	Average	Best	Worst	Best 1	Worst 1	Up Mkt	Down Mkt	
	Months	Months	Return	Return	Up Mkt	Down Mkt	Month	Month	Year	Year	Capture	Capture	R-Squared
	Up	Down	Up	Down	Return	Return	Return	Return	Return	Return	Ratio	Ratio	
Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity	38	22	4.44	-6.08	4.31	-6.34	15.91	-22.49	84.21	-24.10	95.50	92.34	96.94
Russell 2000 Value	39	21	4.49	-6.94	4.49	-6.94	19.31	-24.67	97.05	-29.64	100.00	100.00	100.00



Special U.S. Small Cap Value 3-year rolling monthly returns

Since inception ending December 30, 2022

▲ Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

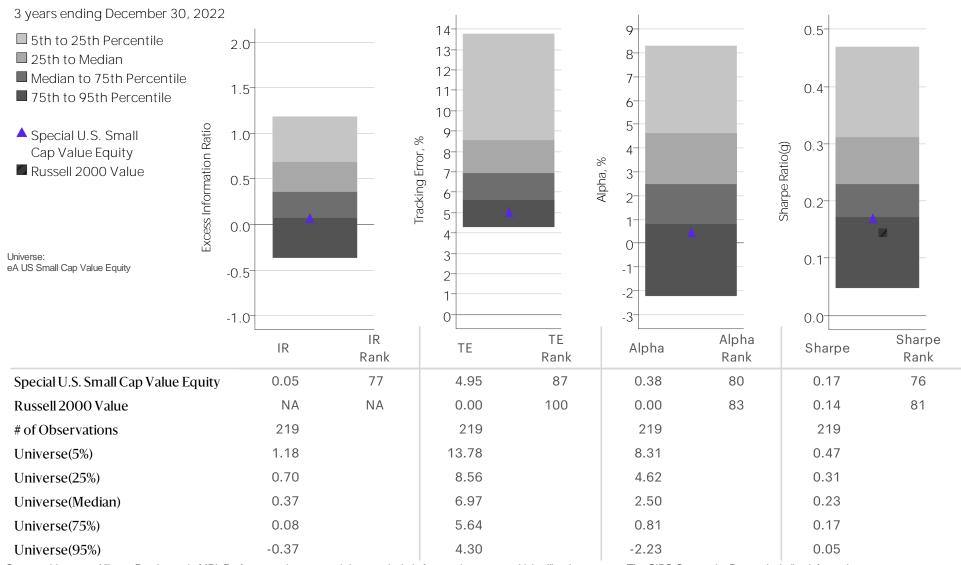


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Observations U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

Russell 2000 Value



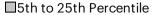
Special U.S. Small Cap Value Risk-adjusted performance vs. peers





Special U.S. Small Cap Value 3-year rolling excess monthly returns vs. peers

Ending December 30, 2022



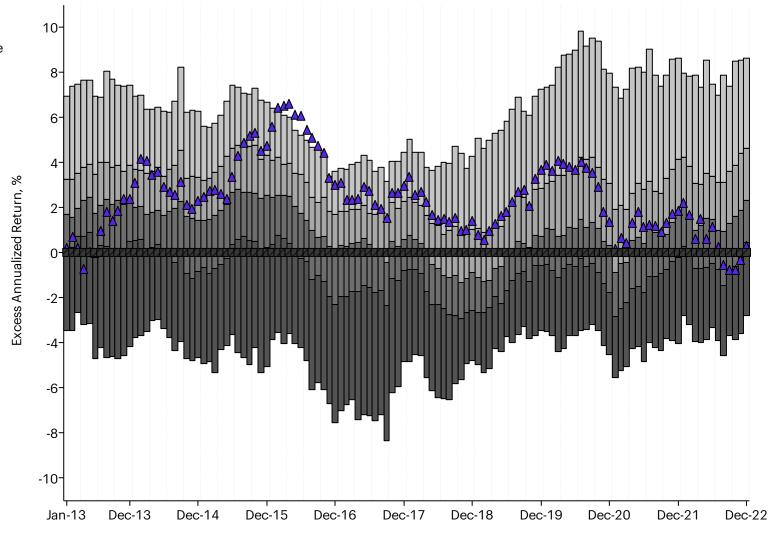
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Russell 2000 Value



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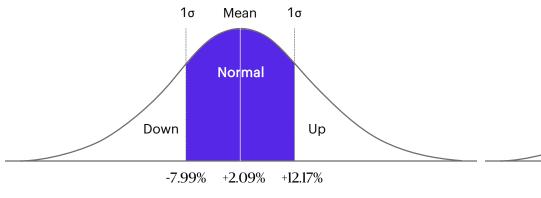
Special U.S. Small Cap Value Performance through a full market cycle – peak to peak¹

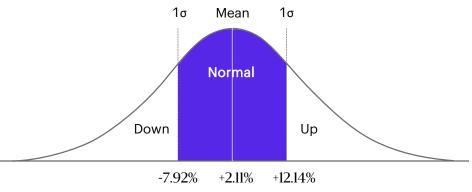
Composite ² vs. Lipper peers

1 October 2007 - 31 December 2019

Composite³ vs. Russell 2000 Value Index

1 October 2007 - 31 December 2019





	NORMAL MARKET	UP MARKET	DOWN MARKET
# Quarters outperform peers	24	4	5
Total quarters	35	5	6
% Quarters outperform peers	69%	50%	83%
Average quarterly excess return vs. peers	0.56	-1.16	0.90
Total return of Composite	96.13	118.76	-96.52
Total return of Lipper peers	76.45	128.03	-101.94
Total excess return	19.68	-9.27	5.42

	NORMAL MARKET	UP MARKET	DOWN MARKET
# Quarters outperform benchmark	24	2	6
Total quarters	37	5	7
% Quarters outperform benchmark	65%	40%	86%
Average quarterly excess return vs. benchmark	0.40	-0.16	1.92
Total return of Composite	146.55	85.32	-101.12
Total return of Russell 2000 Value Index	131.67	86.11	-114.58
Total excess return	14.88	-0.79	13.46

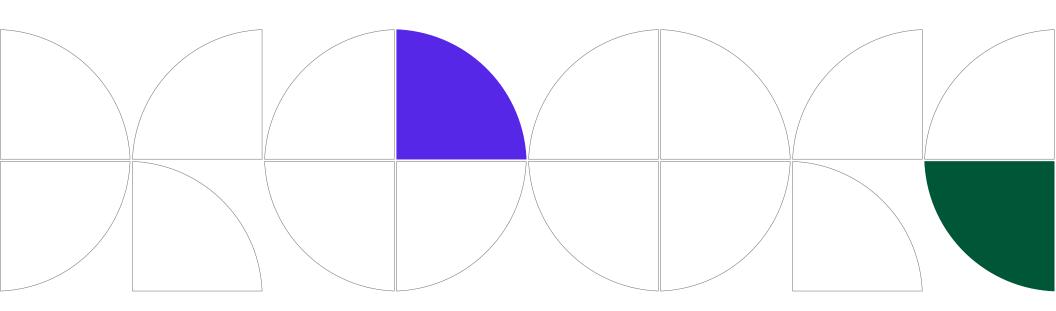
Source: Allspring. All figures are shown in USD.

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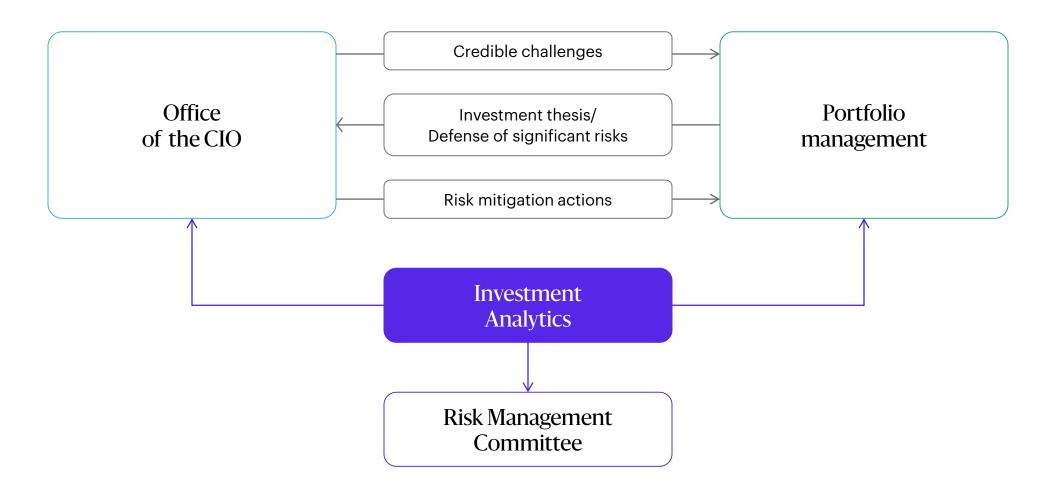
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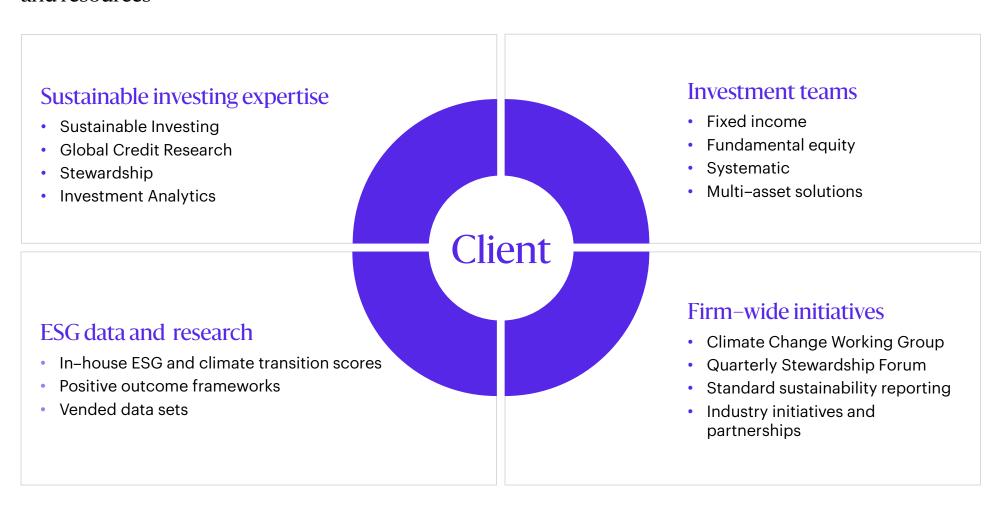
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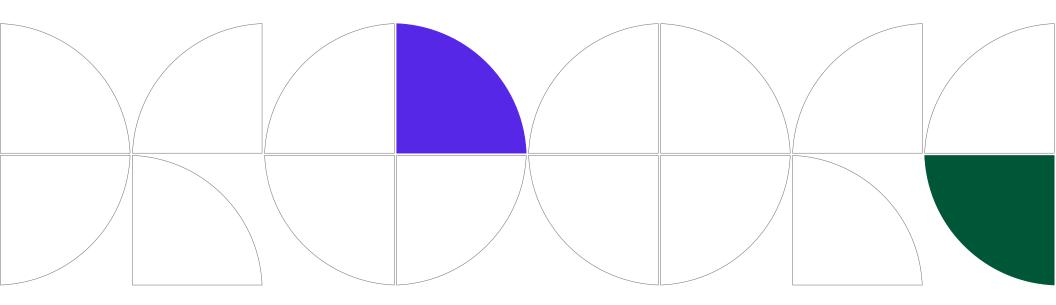


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Special U.S. Small Cap Value Equity

PERIOD	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)
2021	29.55	28.29	28.27	23.05	25.00	0.39	11	7,691.8	483,747
2020	2.35	1.32	4.63	24.08	26.12	0.72	11	5,594.4	508,914
2019	29.71	28.45	22.39	14.96	15.68	0.37	8	4,553.8	419,579
2018	-12.68	-13.56	-12.86	14.38	15.76	0.20	8	2,979.2	371,582
2017	12.40	11.30	7.84	12.55	13.97	0.20	8	3,285.0	385,111
2016	30.95	29.67	31.74	13.67	15.50	0.50	7	2,592.5	330,718
2015	-3.34	-4.31	-7.47	12.96	13.46	N.A.	6	1,620.2	349,342
2014	8.85	7.78	4.22	12.10	12.79	N.A.	4	931.5	351,065
2013	39.93	38.58	34.52	15.72	15.82	N.A.	4	940.5	357,113
2012	14.94	13.80	18.05	19.85	19.89	N.A.	4	933.0	332,154

Primary Index: Russell 2000 Value.

Source: Allspring

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