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# HIGH QUALITY SMID CAP -

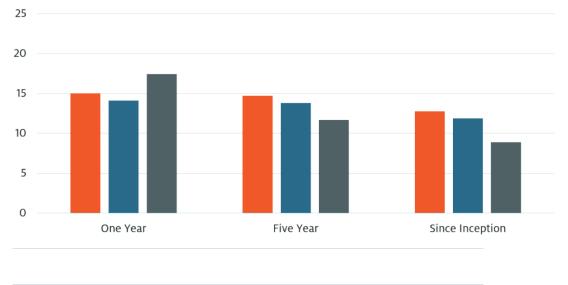
### STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

We seek to invest in high-quality companies with a demonstrated history of consistent growth and earnings stability. The portfolio is managed with a fundamental, bottom-up investment process, looking for businesses with innovative models, quality management, strong free cash !ow, and high returns on invested capital. Historically, this process has produced a diversi?ed portfolio that exhibits solid up-market capture, minimized participation in declining markets, reduced volatility, low turnover and high active share.

Key Stats			600/	
Asset Class:	Small-to-Mid Cap Equity	DOWNSIDE PARTICIPATION	Downside Capture Since Inception	
Primary Index:	Russell 2500™ Index			
Inception Date:	April 1, 2004			
Strategy Assets:	\$14.8 bn	ACTIVE	94% Active Share	
Current Holdings:	52	MANAGEMENT		
Max Position Sizes:	5%			
Sector Constraint:	30%	LONG-TERM	11%	
Max Use of Cash:	5%	PERSPECTIVE	3-Yr. Avg. Turnover	
3-Yr. Avg. Turnover:	11%		<b>U</b>	

### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS Investment Performance (%)

as of December 31, 2023



High Quality SMID Cap (Gross)	11.21	15.01	9.25	14.70	12.17	12.76
High Quality SMID Cap (Net)	10.99	14.10	8.38	13.80	11.29	11.87
Russell 2500™ Index	13.35	17.42	4.24	11.67	8.36	8.88

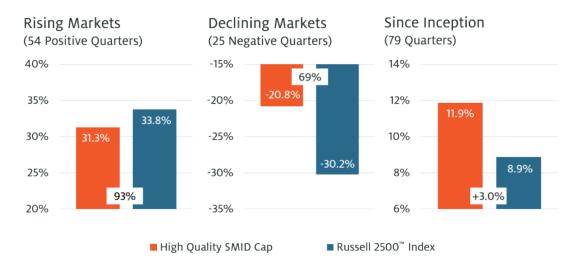
Periods greater than one year are annualized. Composite inception date is 4/1/04. Composite data is based upon all discretionary institutional accounts eligible for inclusion in the Composite for the periods shown. Performance is calculated in US dollars and relects the reinvestment of all income and capital gains. Net of fee returns relect the deduction of the highest applicable annual management fee of 0.80%, applied monthly.

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### Up, Down, Cumulative Market Capture (%)

April 1, 2004 - December 31, 2023

#### Net of Fees



Annualized. Up-Down Market Capture measures composite performance (net of fees) relative to index during periods when index has risen/fallen. Source: eVestment.

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS Sector Diversi?cation (%)

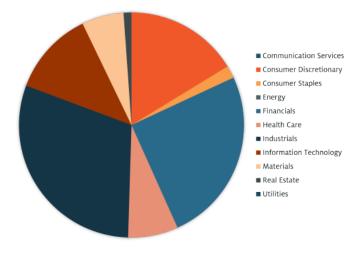
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Communication Services	0.0	2.6	-2.6
Consumer Discretionary	15.5	12.9	2.6
Consumer Staples	1.6	3.2	-1.6
Energy	0.0	4.8	-4.8
Financials	25.0	16.6	8.4
Health Care	7.1	12.2	-5.1
Industrials	30.6	19.8	10.8
Information Technology	12.3	12.7	-0.4
Materials	6.4	5.5	0.9
Real Estate	1.4	7.2	-5.8
Utilities	0.0	2.6	-2.6

Sector Diversi?cation and Top Ten Holdings are based on the equity-only assets of a representative client portfolio managed according to this strategy. Sources: Atlanta Capital, eVestment, FactSet.

## Sector Diversi?cation (%)

as of December 31, 2023



## Top Ten Holdings

(%) of representative portfolio

Carlisle Companies4.3Markel Group3.4CACI International CL A3.3Brown & Brown3.3Aramark3.1Landstar System2.9Morningstar2.8Tele!ex2.8LKQ Incorporated2.7TOTAL33.6%	W. R. Berkley Corporation	5.0
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	Tele!ex	2.8
TOTAL 33.6%	LKQ Incorporated	2.7
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### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**



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### STRATEGY DOCUMENTS

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