

# U.S. Small-Cap Equity Strategy

## Investment Overview

The Eaton Vance U.S. Small-Cap Strategy offers exposure to a broadly diversified portfolio of high quality, U.S. small cap companies.

## Investment Philosophy

We focus on three definable inputs - Quality, Valuation, and Time (QVT). Our focus on quality drives a preference for well-entrenched franchises with durable and scalable business models, we believe can benefit from either structural growth (compounders) or structural change (improvers). We believe a disciplined combination of quality in a reward-to-risk framework with a long-term mindset can uncover sources of alpha in the broad and inefficient small cap universe.

## Investment People

- 6 person team with an average of 15 years experience located in Boston
- Supported by the broader Eaton Vance equity group, with over 50<sup>1</sup> investment professionals
- Analyst-driven process with collaborative culture
- High levels of accountability, with distinct lines of responsibility

<sup>1</sup>Portfolio managers, analysts, and traders including U.S. and Global/International Equity team members.

## Process

- Structured to implement our philosophy in a disciplined and repeatable reward-to-risk framework
- Designed to maximize the impact of fundamental bottom-up stock selection
- Portfolio exercises ensure team ownership, encourage collaboration, and test biases
- 1000+ company meetings per annum


## Portfolio Construction

- 60 – 90 holdings<sup>1</sup>
- Quality/core bias
- Seek resilience in down markets
- Alpha driven by bottom-up stock selection and clearly defined risk parameters
- Clearly defined risk parameters

<sup>1</sup> The number of securities/holdings indicated is the current range typically associated with this type of account and will vary depending on account size, client parameters and market conditions prevailing at the time of investment.

## Investment Team

	Michael D. McLean, CFA	Joined investment	
	Managing Director, Co-Head of US Small/Mid Cap	management industry in 2001	B.S., Providence College
	Consumer Discretionary & Consumer Staples	Joined Eaton Vance in 2001	

	J. Griffith Noble, CFA	Joined investment	
	Managing Director, Co-Head of US Small/Mid Cap	management industry in 1996	B.S., University of Vermont

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