

# Westwood SmallCap Value

Investing at the Intersection of **Quality** and **Value**

## Quality & Value

We believe investing in undervalued, high-quality businesses can generate a return premium resulting in lower absolute downside risk and superior risk-adjusted returns.

## Asymmetric Return Focus

Strong emphasis on loss limitation by quantifying the absolute downside risk for every security throughout the process.

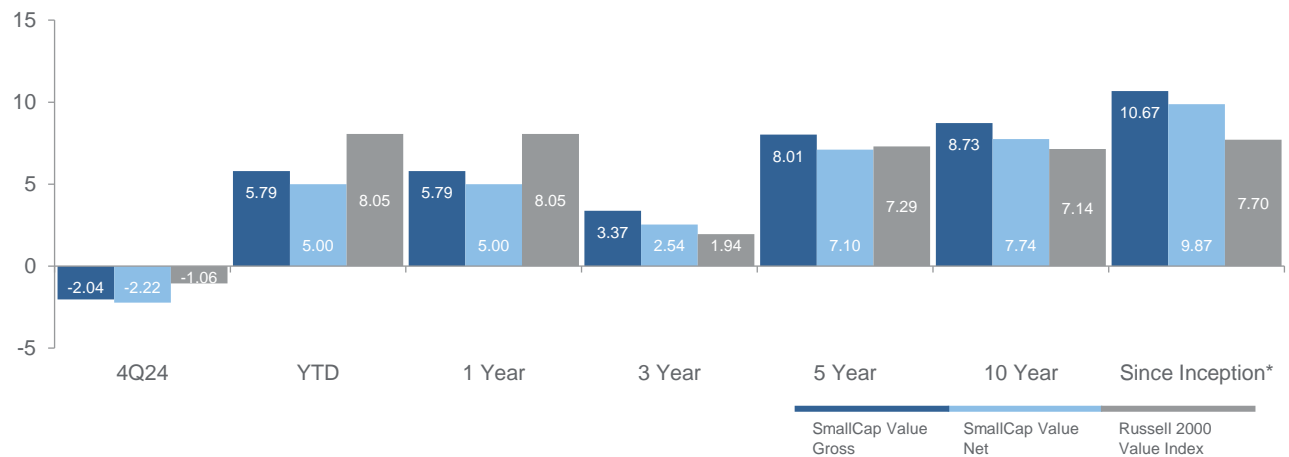
## High Conviction

Differentiated investment performance with historically high active share for “true active” management. Number of holdings typically ranges between 50-70.

**Objective:** We seek to outperform the Russell 2000® Value Index over a full market cycle while delivering an asymmetric outcome for our clients.

**Strategy:** Actively managed, utilizing a team based, fundamental bottom-up approach to identify high quality companies with undervalued earnings potential.

**Team:** Our U.S. Value team includes 11 investment professionals with an average of 23 years’ industry experience and 12 years’ tenure supporting the Portfolio Team.



\* Inception date: January 1, 2004.

All data as of December 31, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Returns are calculated in U.S. Dollars and include reinvestment of dividends and other income. Indexes are unmanaged, do not incur management fees, costs and expenses, and cannot be invested in directly. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

## Upside-Downside Market Capture

**SmallCap Value:** December 31, 2024

**Inception Date:** January 1, 2004

**Benchmark:** Russell 2000® Value Index

**Beta:** 0.92

**Current Yield:** 1.9%

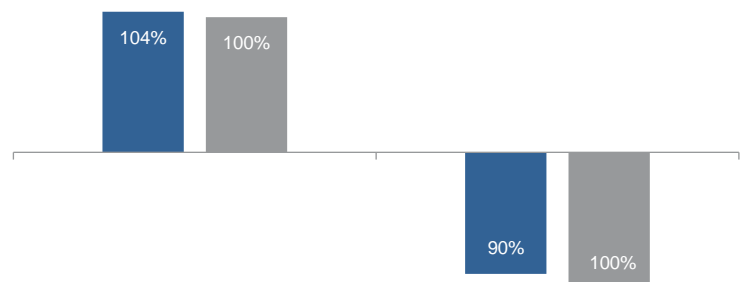
**Number of Holdings:** 63

**Active Share:** 94%

All data as of December 31, 2024

Upside Capture

Downside Capture



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Characteristics	Portfolio	Benchmark	Top 10 Holdings	(%)
Free Cash Flow Margin*	6.1%	0.9%	Verra Mobility Corp.	2.32
Free Cash Flow Yield*	1.2%	NM*	SM Energy Co.	2.02
Dividend Payout	31%	27%	Piper Sandler Cos.	1.98
Return on Equity	13%	4%	GMS Inc.	1.95
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.6x	3.2x	Moog Inc.	1.93
Average Market Cap (Weighted)	\$2.8B	\$2.8B	Stepan Co.	1.89
Median Market Cap	\$2.4B	\$0.8B	ArcBest Corp.	1.88
Portfolio Turnover**	31%	N/A	Century Communities Inc.	1.87
Westwood Forecasted Growth Rate	16.6%	8.0%	NorthWestern Energy Group Inc.	1.56
Westwood Forward P/E Ratio	12.3x	17.3x	Viavi Solutions Inc.	1.30
Westwood P/E to Growth	0.7x	2.2x		

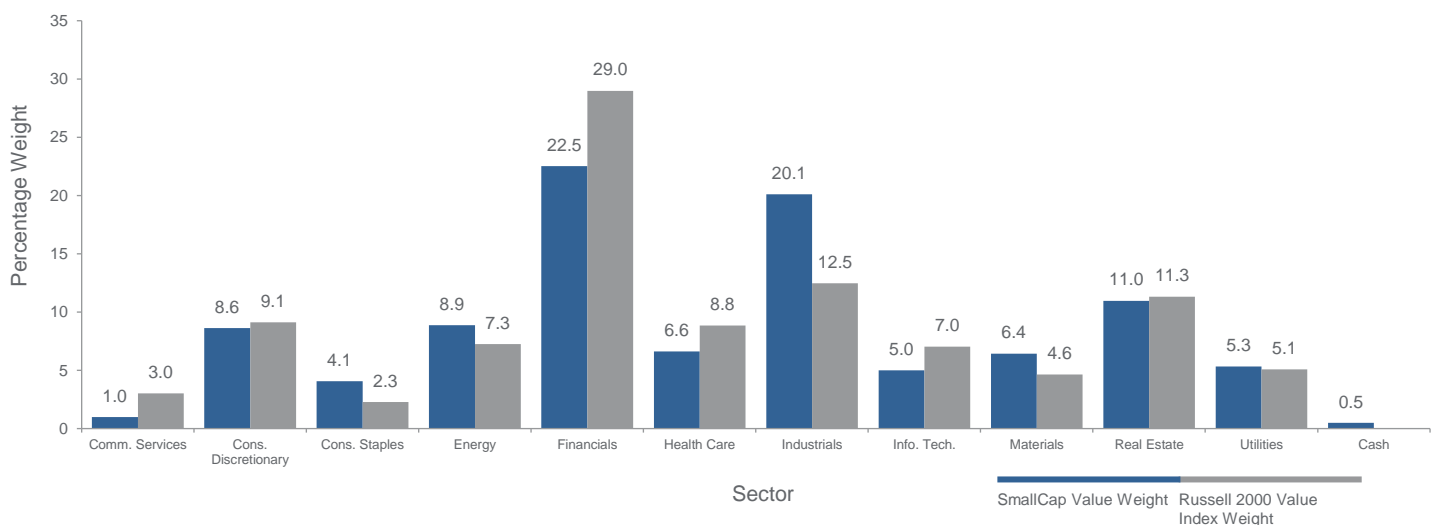
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\*NM = Not Meaningful as number is negative

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### Sector Weight Distribution



The Portfolio Sector Allocation (%) share shows sector weightings for a representative account as of the period end date. The representative account was selected by the firm as it was deemed to best represent the Westwood strategy. Sector weights and holdings may vary from account to account, subject to any client-imposed restrictions. Westwood's analysts closely monitor the securities held in our portfolios. Should a company's underlying fundamentals or valuation measures change, Westwood may re-evaluate its position and may sell part or all of its positions. Indexes are unmanaged, do not incur management fees, costs and expenses, and cannot be invested in directly.

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Risk/Reward Statistics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Alpha	2.62	N/A
Beta	0.92	1.00
R-Squared	0.93	1.00
Standard Deviation	19.91	20.82
Tracking Error	5.34	N/A
Information Ratio	0.40	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	0.41	0.29

Data Set: January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2024 (Quarterly)  
 Risk Free Proxy: FTSE (3 M) Treasury Bill (LOC)  
 Market Proxy: Russell 2000 Value Index

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### Investment Team

Westwood believes that team management creates a sense of ownership, accountability, and consistency in the investment process. Westwood's U.S. Value team includes 11 investment professionals conducting cross capitalization research of specific sectors/industries.

The SmallCap Value team members are:

Name	Industry Experience	Firm Tenure
Jordan Latimer, CFA®	13 years	2023
Bill Costello, CFA®	37 years	2010
Matt Lockridge	23 years	2010
Fred Rowsey, CFA®	15 years	2010

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### Westwood Investment Glossary

- **Alpha** is the excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index's return.
- **Active Share** is a measurement of active management based on the differences within the portfolio as compared to the stated benchmark.
- **Annualized Total Return** is the geometric average of returns on an investment over a given time period. The annualized return shows what an investor would earn over a period of time if the annual return was compounded.
- **Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. A beta of 1 indicates that the security's price will move with the market. A beta of less than 1 means that the security will be less volatile than the market. A beta of greater than 1 indicates that the security's price will be more volatile than the market.
- **Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)** is a measure of the rate of return that would be required for an asset or investment to grow from a beginning balance to an ending balance, assuming profits are reinvested.
- **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food and medical care. Changes in CPI are used to assess price changes associated with the cost of living.
- **Correlation** is a statistical measure of how two securities move in relation to each other. Correlation ranges between -1 and +1. Perfect positive correlation (a correlation coefficient of +1) implies that as one security moves, either up or down, the other security will move in the same direction. Perfect negative correlation means that if one security moves in either direction the security that is perfectly correlated will move in the opposite direction. A correlation of 0 means the movements of securities are independent of each other.
- **Cumulative Return** is the aggregate amount that an investment has gained or lost over time, independent of the period of time involved.
- **Discounted Cash Flow (DCF)** is a valuation method that estimates the value of an investment using its expected future cash flows.
- **Dispersion** is a statistical term describing the size of the range of values expected for a particular variable.
- **Dividend Discount Model (DDM)** is a method of valuing a company's stock price based on the theory that its stock is worth the sum of all of its future dividend payments, discounted back to their present value.
- **Dividend** refers to payments that a company makes to its shareholders.
- **Downside Market Capture** evaluates how an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has dropped.
- **Downside Deviation** measures the standard deviation of returns below a given threshold.
- **Drawdown or Maximum Drawdown** is defined as the maximum loss from the most recent high to the low in a trough for a portfolio before a new peak is attained.
- **Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA)** is a measure of a company's operating performance.
- **Enterprise Value to EBITDA (EV/EBITDA)** is a ratio used to determine the value of a company.
- **Forecasted Growth Rate** is a measure of a company's earnings growth potential, using a multitude of factors, including current and forecasted revenue, which is used to estimate future valuation of a company.
- **Forward P/E Ratio** is a measure of the ratio between the current share price and its forecasted earnings per share.
- **Free Cash Flow Margin** is a measure of a company's net cash flow provided by operating activities less capital expenditures for a calendar year in the performance period, which is expressed as a percentage of the company's net sales for such calendar year. This is generally used to indicate or measure performance and/or profitability.
- **Free Cash Flow Yield** is a measure that compares the free cash flow per share a company is expected to earn against its market value per share. This is generally a measure of profitability that excludes the non-cash expenses of the income statement and includes spending on equipment and assets as well as changes in working capital from the balance sheet.
- **Internal Rate of Return (IRR)** is the interest rate at which the net present value of all the cash flows (both positive and negative) from a project or investment equal zero. Internal rate of return is used to evaluate the attractiveness of a project or investment.
- **Information Ratio** is a ratio of portfolio returns above the returns of a benchmark, compared to the volatility of those returns.
- **Market Capitalization (market cap)** is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. This figure is found by taking the stock price and multiplying it by the total number of shares outstanding.
- **Moody's Credit Ratings** are opinions of the relative credit risk of fixed-income obligations issued by companies and governments with an original maturity of one year or more. The rating is an assessment of the possibility of default by the issuer.
- **Max Drawdown** is the maximum peak-to-trough decline during a specific record period for an investment of fund.
- **Maximum Run-Ups:** The trough-to-peak increase during a specific record period of an investment or fund.
- **MSCI World Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, and is considered representative of global equity markets.
- **Net Debt/EBITDA Ratio** is a measure of a company's ability to pay down its debt, comparing debt to current earnings. A low ratio is preferred and indicates that the company is not excessively indebted.
- **Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratio** measures the relationship between a company's earnings and its share price and is calculated by dividing the current price per share by the earnings per share over the past year.
- **Price-to-Book Value (P/B)** is the ratio of a company's share price to the book value of equity, expressed as the value of a company's assets on its balance sheet.
- **R-Squared** is a statistical measure that explains how much of a portfolio's movements can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. A high R-squared indicates the portfolio moves generally in line with the index, while a low R-squared indicates the security does not generally follow the movements of the index.
- **Return on Assets (ROA)** is a type of return on investment (ROI) metric that measures the profit (net income) a company generates relative to the capital it has invested in assets.
- **Return on Equity (ROE)** measures the financial performance of a company, calculated by dividing the company's net income by shareholders' equity.
- **Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)** is the percentage return that a company makes over its invested capital.
- **Russell 1000® Value Index** is an unmanaged index considered representative of U.S. large-cap value stocks.
- **Russell 2000® Value Index** is an unmanaged index considered representative of U.S. small-cap value stocks.
- **Russell 2500® Value Index** is an unmanaged index considered representative of U.S. small- and mid-cap value stocks.
- **Russell 3000® Value Index** is an unmanaged index considered representative of value stocks in the U.S. overall, including large-, mid- and small-cap stocks.
- **Russell 3000® Index** is an unmanaged index considered representative of the U.S. stock market overall, including large-, mid- and small-cap stocks. of market capitalization.

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- **Russell Midcap® Value Index** is an unmanaged index considered representative of U.S. mid-cap value stocks.
- **S&P 500® Index** is an unmanaged index that includes the 500 largest companies in the United States, and is generally considered to be representative of the U.S. stock market. Returns include the reinvestment of dividends and distributions.
- **Semi Deviation** is an alternative to standard deviation for measuring risk, capturing only the below-average, or negative fluctuations in returns.
- **Sharpe Ratio** is a measure of risk-adjusted performance, calculated by comparing an investment's return to that of a risk-free asset. It is defined as the difference between the returns of the investment and the risk-free return, divided by the standard deviation of the investment's returns. It represents the additional amount of return that an investor receives per unit of risk.
- **Standard Deviation** is a measure of the relative riskiness of an investment, comparing the dispersion of monthly returns from the average.
- **Tracking error** measures the divergence of returns between an investment and a benchmark.
- **Yield** is the income return on an investment expressed as a ratio of income (dividends and other distributions) divided by current price of the investment, expressed as an annualized rate (annualized income/value of investment = yield).

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