

# U.S. SMALL CAP VALUE

## OVERVIEW

The GMO U.S. Small Cap Value Strategy seeks to generate total return in excess of its benchmark, the S&P Small Cap 600 Value Index, by investing primarily in equities of U.S. companies that are included in the S&P 600 Index or whose market capitalization at the time of investment is less than that of companies in the bottom decile of market capitalization of the MSCI U.S. IMI Index.

The Strategy's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Strategy aims to take advantage of these inefficiencies by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as momentum and corporate alerts, to identify undervalued equity securities.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	01-Jul-19
Composite Inception	31-Jul-19
Total Assets	\$36mm USD
Benchmark	S&P 600 Value +

## CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Composite	-4.87	-1.77	-1.77	11.18	22.79	-14.03	35.66	2.34
Benchmark	-5.50	-3.79	-3.79	7.56	14.89	-11.04	30.95	5.34

## RISK PROFILE (5-YEAR TRAILING)

Alpha (Jensen's)	2.75
Beta	0.97
Information Ratio	0.52
R Squared	0.96
Standard Deviation	25.20

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>3 Years</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>ITD</i>
Composite	9.03	6.27	13.81	-	10.06
Benchmark	6.84	2.60	11.30	-	8.43

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include: (1) Market Risk - Equities: the market price of equities may decline due to factors affecting the issuer, its industries, or the economy and equity markets generally. Declines in stock market prices generally are likely to reduce the net asset value of the Fund's shares; (2) Management and Operational Risk: the risk that GMO's investment techniques will fail to produce desired results, including annualized returns and annualized volatility; and (3) Smaller Company Risk: smaller companies may have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources, lack the competitive strength of larger companies, have less experienced managers or depend on a few key employees. The securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations often are less widely held and trade less frequently and in lesser quantities, and their market prices often fluctuate more, than the securities of companies with larger market capitalizations. For a more complete discussion of these and other risks, please consult the Fund's offering documents. This is not a complete list of risks associated with investing in the Strategy. Please contact GMO for more information.

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Price/Earnings - Forecast 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	10.8x	13.6x
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	15.0x	22.8x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.4x	1.3x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	9.0x	10.4x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	11.6%	6.7%
Debt/Equity - Wtd Mdn	0.6x	0.7x
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	2.3%	2.3%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	2.7 USD	2.3 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	260	449
Active Share	81.1%	N/A

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Small (5.3 & Below)	73.6	89.0
Small - Medium (5.3 To 16.9)	26.4	11.0

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Communication Services	2.8	3.4
Consumer Discretionary	20.5	15.9
Consumer Staples	4.2	3.6
Energy	1.4	4.3
Financials	29.3	23.8
Health Care	3.3	7.8
Industrials	19.9	15.4
Information Technology	7.9	10.6
Materials	1.6	4.0
Real Estate	7.7	7.7
Utilities	1.4	3.5

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Unum Group	Financials	2.2
Adtalem Global Education Inc	Consumer Discretionary	2.0
MGIC Investment Corp	Financials	2.0
Enova International Inc	Financials	1.9
Jackson Financial Inc	Financials	1.9
Cirrus Logic Inc	Information Technology	1.8
Jones Lang LaSalle Inc	Real Estate	1.7
Lincoln National Corp	Financials	1.7
Radian Group Inc	Financials	1.7
Whirlpool Corp	Consumer Discretionary	1.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>18.5</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The S&P 600 Value+ Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) Russell 2000 Value through 3/31/2020, and (ii) S&P SmallCap 600 Value thereafter. The index is internally blended by GMO. S&P does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, completeness or availability of any data or information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions from the use of such data or information. Reproduction of the data or information in any form is prohibited except with the prior written permission of S&P or its third party licensors. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is a trademark of Russell Investment Group.

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## GLOSSARY

**Risk Statistics:** Risk profile data is net of fees. Alpha is a measure of risk-adjusted return. Beta is a measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to the market. R-Squared is a measure of how well a portfolio tracks the market. Std Deviation is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio.

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