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Small-Mid Cap Core Portfolio
Managed Accounts
Second Quarter 2024



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Firm Overview

As of June 30, 2024



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Profile

- Originally established to manage founder capital
- Over three decades of experience
- A differentiated “business analyst” investment approach focusing on high-quality businesses†
- A disciplined and repeatable investment process that produces high-conviction portfolios
- A wholly owned, independent subsidiary of Virtus Investment Partners

At a Glance

Year Founded	1984
Headquarters	Los Angeles, CA
AUM	\$62.9 billion*
Number of Equity Investment Professionals	22
Average Investment Experience	16 Years

*Figures in USD.

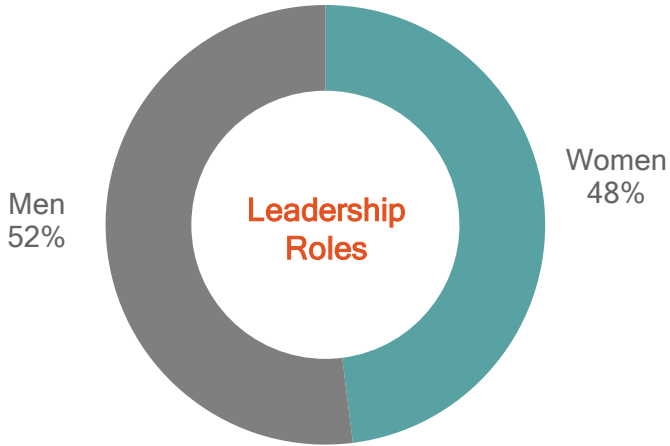
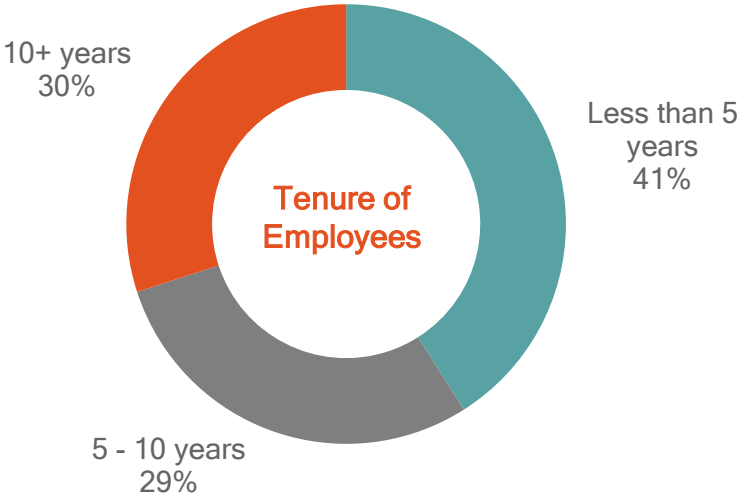
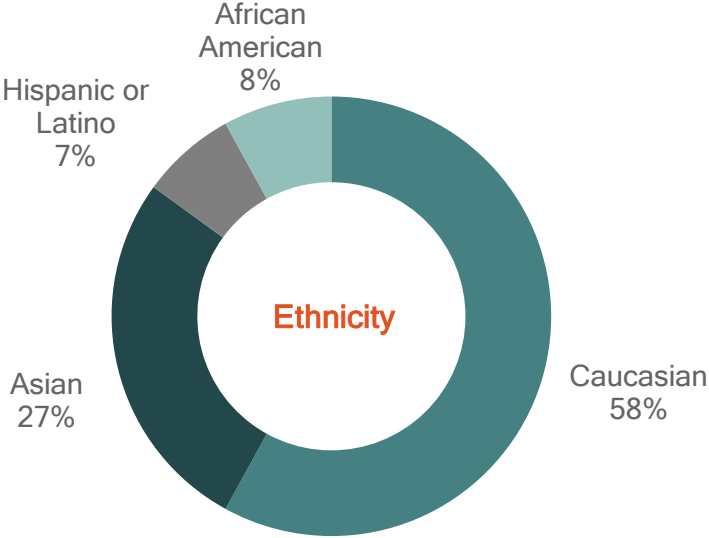
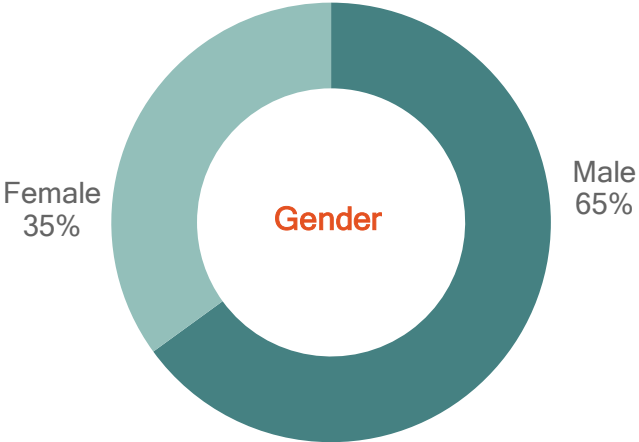
†Please refer to the “Tenets of Quality: Our Quality Business Assessment” slide later in this presentation for KAR’s definition of high-quality businesses.

Employee Statistics

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Small-Mid Cap Core Team



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Portfolio Manager/Analysts	Responsibility	Research Start Date	KAR Start Date
Jon Christensen, CFA	Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Health Care and Industrials	1995	2001
Julie Kutasov	Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Materials, Industrials and Utilities	2001	2001
Craig Stone	Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Real Estate and Consumer Staples	1990	2000
Todd Beiley, CFA	Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Financials (Insurance Industry) and Information Technology	1999	2002
Julie Biel, CFA	Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Information Technology and Health Care	2004	2013
Chris Wright, CFA	Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Financials, Information Technology, Energy and Industrials	2012	2012
Adam Xiao, CFA	Senior Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Financials, Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology and Industrials	2013	2018
Tyler Cantarano	Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services	2017	2024
Sean Dixon	Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Consumer Discretionary and Industrials	2008	2018
Luke Longinotti, CFA	ESG Research Analyst	2020	2023
Arthur Su, CFA	Research Analyst Sector Coverage: Information Technology and Industrials	2015	2022
Clarissa Ali	Associate Research Analyst	2023	2018
Client Services	Responsibility	Industry Start Date	KAR Start Date
Jason Pomatto	Managing Director - Senior Client Portfolio Manager	1994	2021
Ben Falcone, CFA	Managing Director - Client Portfolio Manager	1996	2023
James May, CFA	Managing Director - Client Portfolio Manager	1989	2019
Ben Corser	Portfolio Specialist	2006	2018

Investment Philosophy

We believe that purchasing high-quality businesses with competitive protections at attractive valuations will achieve excess returns over a complete market cycle

Investment Objectives

- To achieve a return meaningfully above that of the Russell 2500™ Index
- To achieve this return objective with a portfolio that exhibits lower overall risk characteristics*



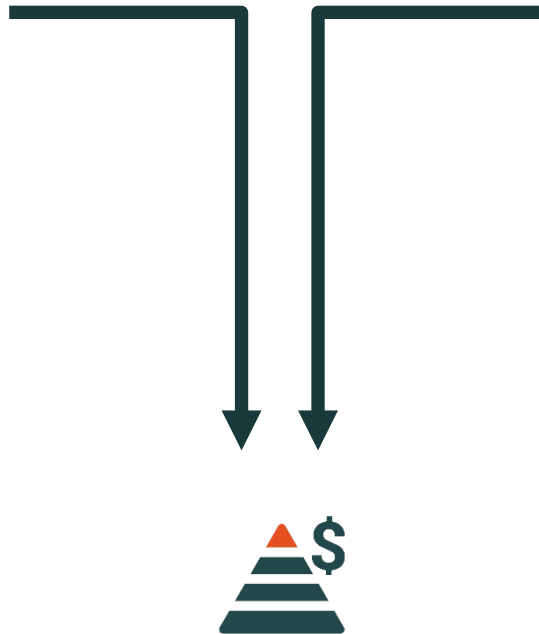
Competitive Protection

- Brand/Reputation
- Network Effect
- Scale/Cost Advantage
- Benchmarking Standard
- High Customer Switching Costs
- Barriers to Entry/Unique Asset
- Low Obsolescence Risk



Owner-Oriented Management

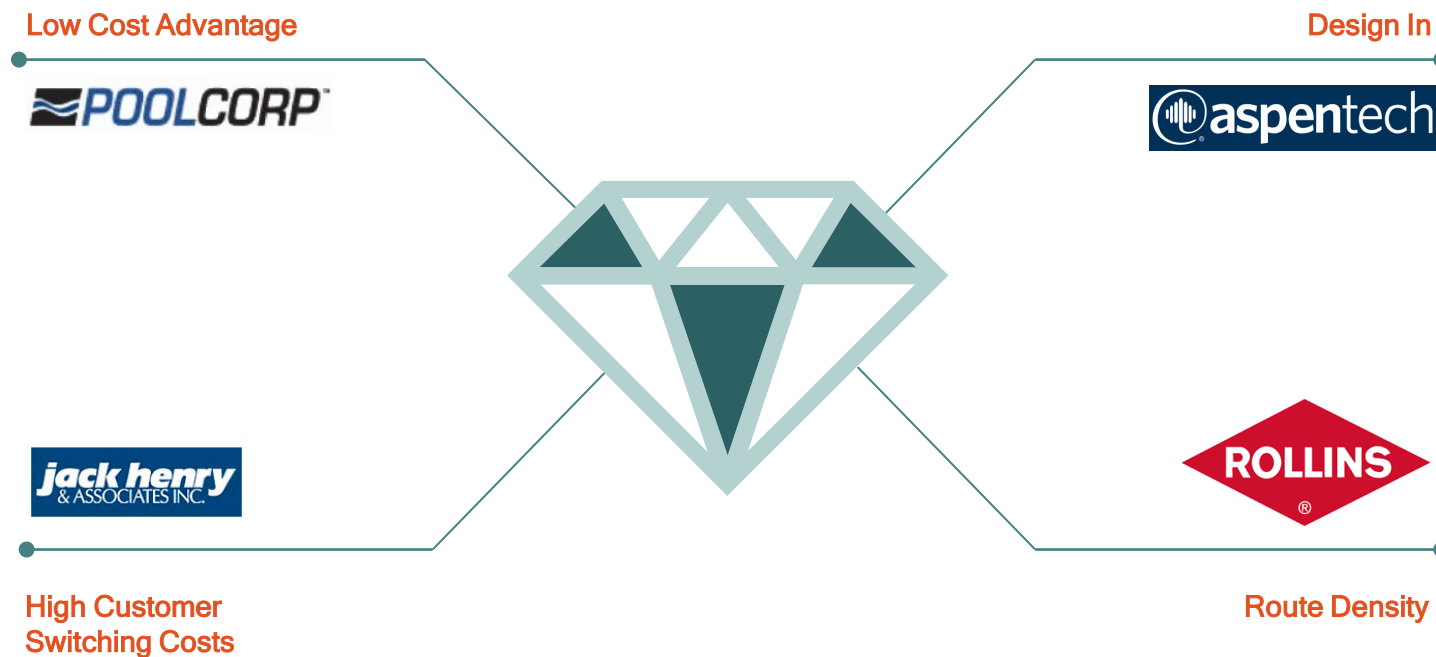
- Cultivates Competitive Advantage
- Rational Capital Allocation
- Considers Stakeholder Interests



HIGH QUALITY BUSINESS

- Protect and Grow Market Share
- High Economic Return on Capital
- Business Returns → Shareholder Returns

Examples of High-Quality Business Models



The securities presented on this page are chosen based upon objective, non-performance based criteria and are current holdings of the strategy. Companies are chosen to exemplify diversification. We typically select companies that operate in large, vast industries, but have overwhelming market share for their particular niches. All information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to purchase the securities mentioned. It should not be assumed that securities recommended in the future will be profitable. Holdings are subject to change. Individual investors' holdings may differ slightly.

Investment Process Overview

A Business Analyst Approach



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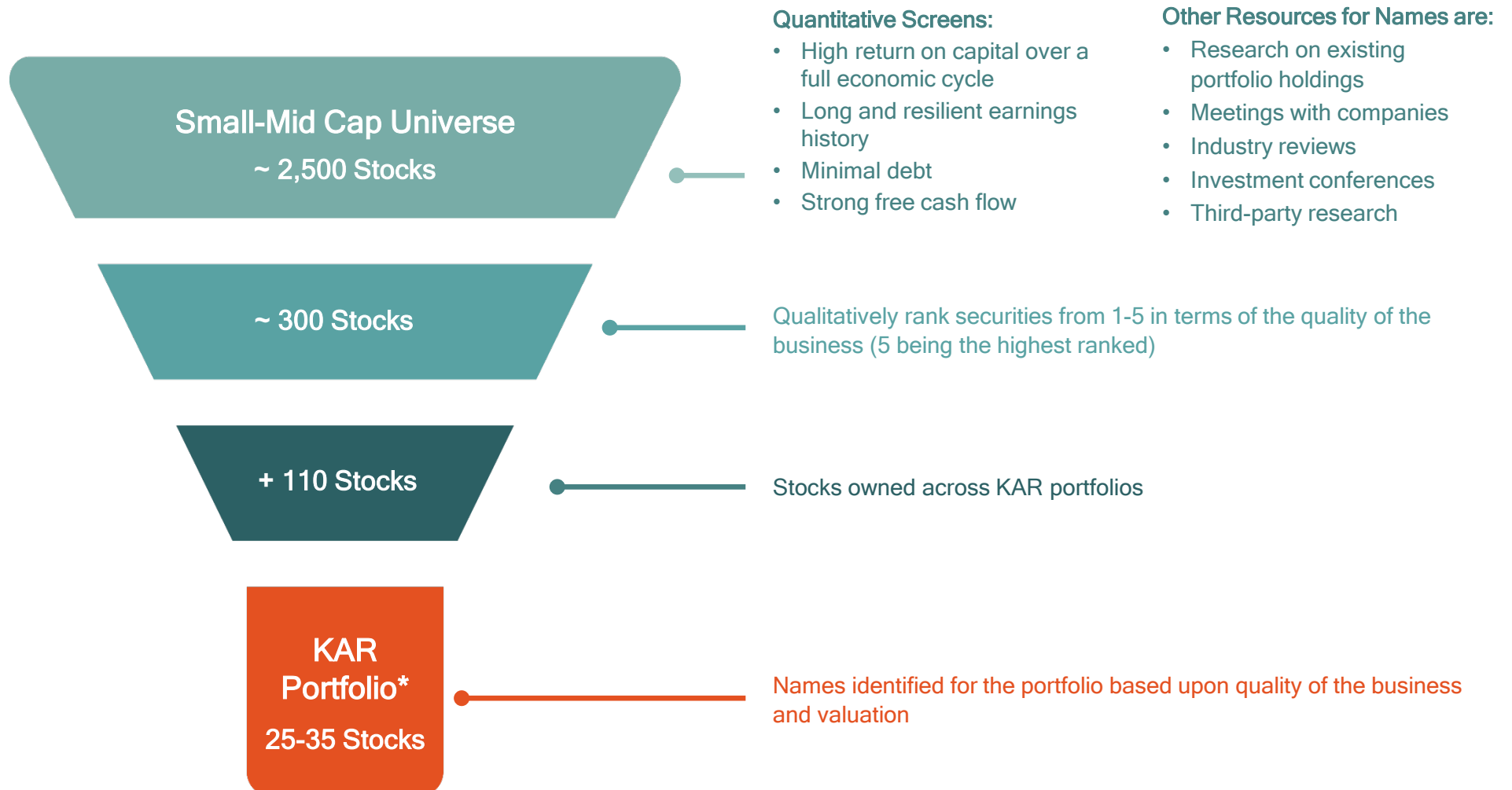


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Development of KAR High-Quality Universe



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*There is no guarantee that the portfolio will meet its objective.

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Intensive Fundamental Research



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Research analysts and portfolio managers work together to develop in-depth business knowledge



Qualitative Analysis

Purpose: Determine if competitive advantage exists and evaluate its strength.

- Review regulatory filings, company materials, industry data, and third party research
- Conduct comprehensive interviews with management; contact other relevant parties
- Understand basis of competition within industry
- Assess competitive threats and obsolescence risk: What protects the business?



Financial Analysis

Purpose: Evaluate source, level, and sustainability of economic profitability.

- Seek: High and resilient return on capital
- Seek: Persistent earning power
- Seek: Abundant discretionary cash flow
- Seek: Under-levered balance sheet
- Assess management's capital allocation practices; favor high insider ownership



Valuation Analysis

Purpose: Estimate total return over several year period; compare to other opportunities considering varying levels of certainty

- Consider economic earning power in relation to enterprise value
- In our view, mispricing can be created by: Underfollowed company, investors' over-reaction to short-term challenges, improved competitive position not yet recognized



ESG Analysis*

Purpose: Evaluate financially material environmental, social, and/or governance factors to determine if they may impact an investment outcome

- Utilize a proprietary ratings framework identifying five key issues for each sector
- ESG research integrated into research process by each member of the investment team
- Ratings updated annually

*Where material to a particular investment opportunity and consistent with KAR's investment strategy, KAR seeks to consider environmental, social, and/or governance ("ESG") factors that KAR believes may influence risks and rewards as an element of its investment research and decision-making processes. However, such ESG factors are not by themselves determinative to an investment decision.

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Portfolio Construction



Investment Guidelines

Position Weights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25-35 holdings• Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)• Maximum position size is 10% (at market)
Sector Tolerances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints
Non-U.S. Holdings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 20%
Holding Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typically 3-to-5 years, but is often longer• Portfolio turnover typically 25% to 35%
Cash Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%

Sell Discipline

Extended Valuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant premium to intrinsic value• Expected annual return insufficient
Portfolio Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better business• Better price
Acquisition Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our holding acquired at an attractive premium• Our holding acquires a company diminishing its business or value
Negative Company or Industry Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position review research report written for any of the following conditions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stock price declines 20% or more in a short time period absent an industry or broad market decline- Validity deteriorates for one or more of the reasons for purchase- Credit-quality profile deteriorates• Quality parameters reviewed by the Chief Investment Officer with the Portfolio Managers

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Risk Management—Investment Oversight



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Our risk management begins with our high-quality investment approach

Risk Management

Investment Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on “high-quality” companies• Company’s “business risk” is primary risk control factor
Portfolio Level Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broad sector diversification• Individual security weights initiated at 1% to 5% of portfolio
Position Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Position Review” report when a portfolio holding declines 20% absent an industry or broad market decline• Re-validate reasons for original purchase or sell position

Portfolio Monitoring

CIO/PM Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Investment Officer and the Portfolio Managers meet to review, discuss, and explain each strategy’s portfolio positioning and its performance
Research Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal meetings to discuss and evaluate portfolio holdings and overall industry trends

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Risk Management—Independent Oversight



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Our risk management process also includes independent oversight to ensure that business and investment risk is thoroughly evaluated from multiple viewpoints

Risk and Compliance Committee	Oversees all business and regulatory risk
Portfolio Oversight Committee (Reports to Risk and Compliance Committee)	Oversees all investment and strategy risk
Performance, Analytics & Risk Department	Produces all reporting and quantitative measures of risk
Risk Management Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FactSet Attribution and Performance Analytics• MSCI Barra Risk Model• ICE Liquidity Risk Management

Portfolio Characteristics

Small-Mid Cap Core Portfolio

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	KAR Small-Mid Cap Core	Russell 2500™ Index
Quality		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	23.8%	13.4%
Debt/EBITDA*	1.5 x	2.2 x
Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years	41.3%	74.7%
Growth		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	12.5%	14.3%
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	14.5%	10.8%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	8.9%	7.6%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	10.6%	7.5%
Capital Generation—{ROE x (1-Payout)}	19.0%	10.5%
Value		
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	34.3 x	29.0 x
Dividend Yield	0.8%	1.5%
Free Cash Flow Yield†	3.9%	3.7%
Market Characteristics		
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap—3-Year Average	\$14.5 B	\$6.8 B
Largest Market Cap—3-Year Average	\$35.4 B	\$29.9 B
Annualized Standard Deviation—Since Inception‡ (Net of Fees)	16.2%	19.7%

In a market of average businesses, we seek to own protected proprietary businesses that generate exceptional returns on shareholders' capital without employing significant debt.

In a market of cyclical businesses requiring growth capital from fickle markets, we seek to own companies producing self-funded strong, consistent growth sustainable into the future.

*KAR utilizes the interquartile method when calculating Debt/EBITDA. The interquartile method excludes outliers from an aggregate statistic such as weighted average. The interquartile method does not assume that data from the top or bottom of the distribution are outliers—only the extreme ends are excluded—and that it can be applied consistently as a quantitative method for most fundamental characteristics. Debt/EBITDA utilizes net debt for the calculation.

†Free cash flow data is as of March 31, 2024. Prices are as of June 30, 2024. Excludes financials.

‡April 1, 1992

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Data is obtained from FactSet Research Systems and BNY Mellon and is assumed to be reliable. The statistics presented above are based on a representative portfolio. Actual results may vary. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

Top Ten Holdings

Small-Mid Cap Core Portfolio

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Top 10 Holdings	GICS Sector	% of Portfolio
Lennox International	Industrials	5.2
Teradyne	Information Technology	4.9
Bentley Systems	Information Technology	4.6
LPL Financial Holdings	Financials	4.3
Cooper Companies	Health Care	4.0
Watsco	Industrials	4.0
W. R. Berkley	Financials	3.8
Nordson	Industrials	3.7
POOLCORP	Consumer Discretionary	3.7
Interactive Brokers Group	Financials	3.6
Total		41.8

Research confidence leads to large active weights

	KAR Small -Mid Cap Core	Russell 2500™ Index
# of Holdings	30	2,485
Average Position Size (%)	3.3	0.04
Weight of Top Ten Holdings (%)	41.8	2.9
Active Share (%)	97.1	–

The strategy benefits from diversification while still taking significant active positions

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Sector Weights

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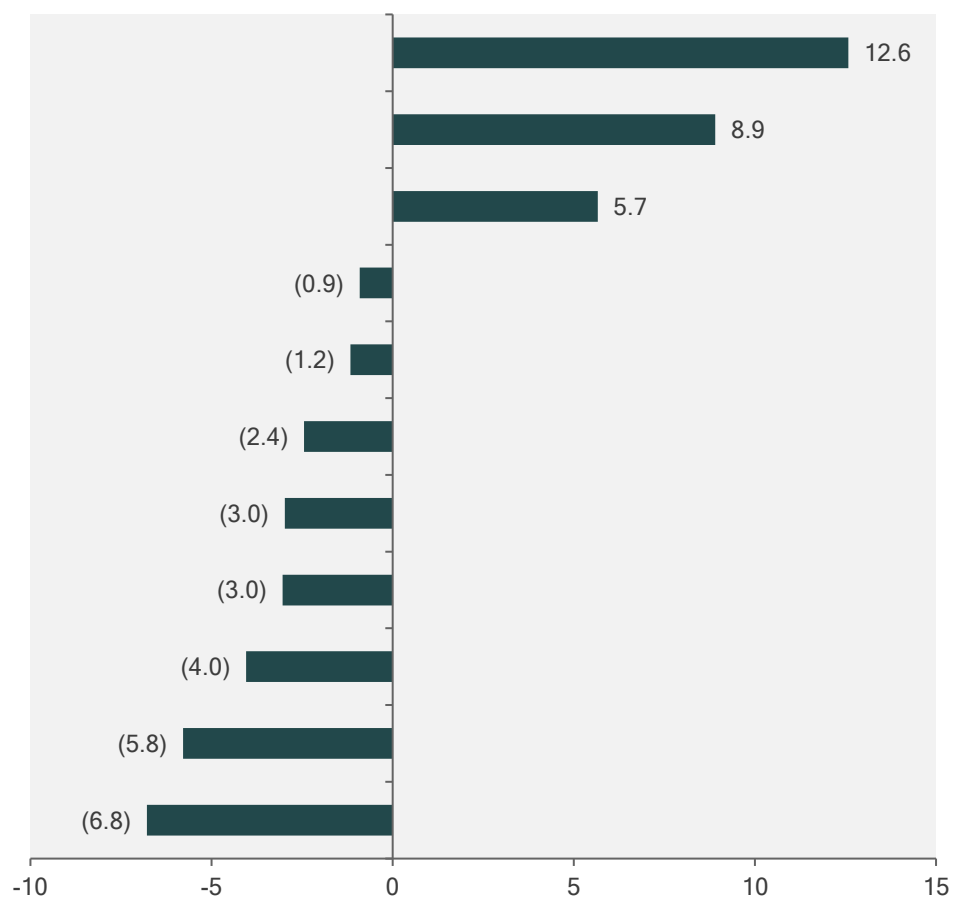
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Sectors	KAR Small-Mid Cap Core (%)	Russell 2500™ Index (%)
Industrials	31.3	18.7
Information Technology	21.2	12.3
Consumer Discretionary	18.4	12.7
Consumer Staples	2.7	3.6
Financials	15.0	16.1
Utilities	—	2.4
Communication Services	—	3.0
Health Care	9.7	12.7
Materials	1.9	5.9
Energy	—	5.8
Real Estate	—	6.8

Underweight/Overweight (%)



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Returns

Small-Mid Cap Core Portfolio



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Annualized Performance

Periods Ending 6/30/24	Gross (%)	Net (%)	Index (%)	Excess Return - Net (bps)
Second Quarter	(5.09)	(5.81)	(4.27)	(153)
Year to Date	2.13	0.61	2.35	(174)
1 Year	9.75	6.52	10.47	(395)
3 Years	0.95	(2.04)	(0.29)	(175)
5 Years	12.14	8.85	8.31	54
7 Years	13.16	9.84	8.44	139
10 Years	12.79	9.48	7.99	149
Since Inception*	11.55	8.30	10.20	(190)

*April 1, 1992

†Performance calculations are for the nine months ended December 31, 1992.

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Returns for the Kayne Anderson Rudnick composite are final. All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. For periods prior to July 1, 2000, the Small-Mid Cap Core composite calculations have been linked to the firm's Small Cap Core composite performance, which represents all taxable and nontaxable, fully discretionary Small Cap Core Portfolios (including cash) under management for at least one full quarter. Beginning on July 1, 2000, only Small-Mid Cap Core Portfolios are included in the composite. For further details on the composite, please see the disclosure statement in this presentation. Data is obtained from FactSet Research Systems and is assumed to be reliable. Numbers may not always add up due to rounding. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS: Equity Securities: The market price of equity securities may be adversely affected by financial market, industry, or issuer-specific events. Focus on a particular style or on small, medium, or large-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Technology Concentration:** Because the portfolio is presently heavily weighted in the technology sector, it will be impacted by that sector's performance more than a portfolio with broader sector diversification. **Limited Number of Investments:** Because the portfolio has a limited number of securities, it may be more susceptible to factors adversely affecting its securities than a portfolio with a greater number of securities. **Market Volatility:** The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its assets as intended.

Calendar Year Performance

Periods Ending 12/31	Gross (%)	Net (%)	Index (%)	Excess Return - Net (bps)
2023	23.87	20.26	17.42	284
2022	(23.73)	(26.04)	(18.37)	(767)
2021	20.90	17.38	18.18	(80)
2020	36.85	32.89	19.99	1,290
2019	40.90	36.84	27.77	907
2018	(5.23)	(8.05)	(10.00)	195
2017	19.77	16.28	16.81	(53)
2016	17.03	13.61	17.59	(398)
2015	5.76	2.65	(2.90)	555
2014	9.25	6.04	7.07	(103)
2013	31.04	27.25	36.80	(955)
2012	9.25	6.04	17.88	(1,184)
2011	8.43	5.24	(2.51)	775
2010	20.23	16.73	26.71	(998)
2009	31.12	27.46	34.39	(693)
2008	(29.90)	(32.18)	(36.79)	461
2007	0.26	(2.71)	1.38	(409)
2006	14.04	10.76	16.17	(541)
2005	3.24	0.20	8.11	(791)
2004	13.69	10.42	18.29	(787)
2003	25.54	22.01	45.51	(2,350)
2002	(17.31)	(19.90)	(17.80)	(210)
2001	4.57	1.48	1.22	26
2000	23.47	19.99	4.27	1,572
1999	7.02	3.89	24.14	(2,026)
1998	20.98	17.54	0.38	1,716
1997	21.00	17.57	24.36	(679)
1996	26.98	23.43	19.03	440
1995	18.57	15.20	31.70	(1,650)
1994	2.75	(0.28)	(1.05)	77
1993	20.00	16.60	16.55	4
1992†	9.65	7.28	11.36	(408)

Risk-Return Analysis

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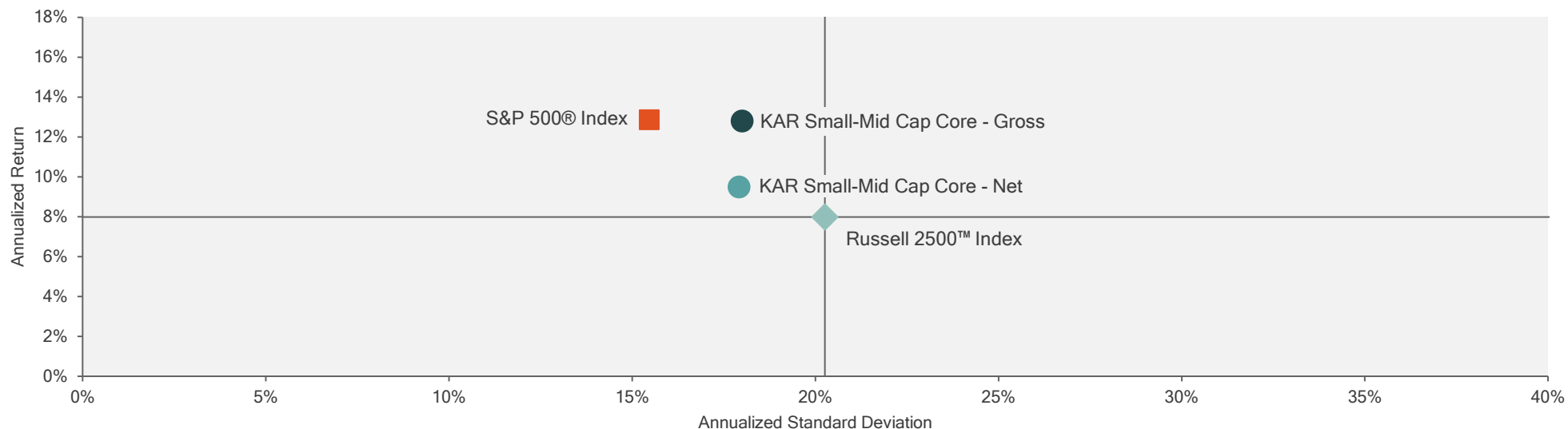
Ten Years Ending June 30, 2024



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Meaningful Excess Return with Lower Volatility

Annualized for the Past 10 Years



Performance Statistics

Annualized for the Past 10 Years

	Annualized Return (%)	Alpha (%)	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Tracking Error	Standard Deviation (%)	Beta	Downside Capture
KAR Small-Mid Cap Core - Gross	12.79	5.49	0.63	0.65	7.35	18.01	0.83	78.99
KAR Small-Mid Cap Core - Net	9.48	2.38	0.44	0.20	7.36	17.92	0.83	87.56
Russell 2500™ Index	7.99	0.00	0.32	N/A	N/A	20.26	1.00	100.00

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Peer Comparison

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*The eVestment Small-Mid Cap Core Universe includes 55 managers categorized in the small-mid cap core asset class by eVestment. KAR does not pay any fees to be included in the eVestment Small-Mid Cap Core Universe or for the ranking itself. KAR does pay fees for the use of certain products and services provided by eVestment. eVestment rankings are based on gross of fee returns. Gross of fee returns will be reduced by investment managements fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Management fees are described in KAR's Form ADV Part 2A, which is available upon request and can also be found at <https://kayne.com/wp-content/uploads/ADV-Part-2A.pdf>. Returns could be reduced or losses incurred due to currency fluctuations. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.***

Summary of Key Differentiators

We Seek to Manage Risk and Generate Returns Differently



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	CLASSIC APPROACH*	KAR APPROACH†
RISK	<p>stock portfolio 75</p> <p>1% to 2% positions</p>	<p>stock portfolio 25-35</p> <p>3% to 10% positions in high-quality companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal business risk Minimal balance sheet risk Minimal profit risk
RETURNS	Typically average companies producing average returns on capital	We strive to find companies that produce strong returns on capital with a sustainable competitive advantage
	Typically buying cheap and selling dear required for above-average portfolio returns	We strive to buy at attractive prices and let strong returns on capital drive growth and income over extended period of time
	6 months average holding period	36 to 60 months average holding period, but often longer
	High frictional costs due to rapid trading	Low frictional costs due to less trading
	Poor tax efficiency due to short holding periods	Inherent tax efficiency

*The Classic Approach is based upon competitors with 75 holdings or more. The observations are generalized and do not represent any specific competitor's investment approach.

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- **ESG Principles & Process**
- **Biographies**
- **Disclosure**

Policy

We believe that responsible investment practices which incorporate the consideration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) topics add sustainable value for our investors and are consistent with our fiduciary duty.

Philosophy

Our investment strategy is driven by the belief that:

- Long-term sustainable and successful businesses incorporate and manage all relevant factors whether they be economic, financial, operational, environmental, social, or governance related.
- Where material to a particular investment opportunity and consistent with a strategy's investment goals and objectives, we seek to consider environmental, social, and/or governance factors that we believe may influence risks and rewards as an element of our investment research and decision-making processes.
- However, such environmental, social, and/or governance factors are not by themselves determinative to an investment decision.

Experience



Natural alignment with our quality-focused investment approach



PRI Signatory
Since 2019



\$3.8 billion in mandates with client specific ESG objectives*

*As of June 30, 2024

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We use a proprietary ESG ratings framework to generate ESG scores for businesses in our portfolios as well as portfolio scores.



- ESG research is conducted by each member of the investment team
- Five key issues identified that we believe are the most material and financially relevant for each sector
- These five key issues are largely informed by SASB



We analyze each of these key issues and assign each one an A, B, or C rating

- ✓ A Rating - Demonstrates leadership within ESG
- ✓ B Rating - Demonstrates neither leading the charge nor doing something egregious
- ✓ C Rating - Demonstrates one or more ESG issues of significant concern



- The rating on the key issues informs the overall company rating
- Rating updated annually or more frequently if a material event should occur

Biographies

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Jon Christensen, CFA

Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization health-care and industrials sectors

Mr. Christensen began his equity research career in 1995. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2001, Mr. Christensen was a Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst for Doheny Asset Management. He earned a B.S. in Mathematics/Applied Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an M.B.A. from the California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Christensen is a CFA charterholder.



Craig Stone

Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization real estate and consumer staples sectors

Mr. Stone began his equity research career in 1990. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2000, Mr. Stone was a Portfolio Manager at Doheny Asset Management. He earned a B.S. in International Business from San Francisco State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California.



Julie Kutasov

Portfolio Manager and Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization materials, industrials and utilities sectors

Ms. Kutasov began her career in equity research in 2001. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2001, she worked at Goldman Sachs in a program focused on investment management for high-net worth individuals and at Arthur Andersen as a Senior Associate leading teams that provided financial-audit and business-advisory services to a variety of clients in service-related industries. Ms. Kutasov holds a Certified Public Accountant license (currently inactive) in the state of California. Ms. Kutasov earned a B.A. in Business Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she graduated summa cum laude, and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.



Todd Beiley, CFA

Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization financials (insurance industry) and information technology sectors

Mr. Beiley began his equity research career in 1999. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2002, he worked as an Associate Analyst in equity research at Prudential Securities and before that was an Equity Research Associate at RNC Capital Management. Mr. Beiley earned a B.S. in Finance from Northern Arizona University and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. Mr. Beiley is a CFA charterholder.

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Julie Biel, CFA

Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization information technology and health-care sectors

Ms. Biel began her equity research career in 2004. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2013, Ms. Biel worked at Imperial Capital as an Equity Research Associate. Prior to business school, Ms. Biel was an Equity Research Associate at Merrill Lynch. Ms. Biel earned a B.A., in Economics and Psychology from New York University and an M.B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles. Ms. Biel is a CFA charterholder.



Chris Wright, CFA

Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization financials, information technology, energy and industrials sectors

Mr. Wright began his career in equity research in 2012. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2012, Mr. Wright worked at Alvarez & Marsal as a Senior Associate in Turnarounds and Restructuring and at Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin as an Associate in the Investment Banking Financial Institutions Group. Mr. Wright earned a B.S.E., concentration in Finance, from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles where he was selected for the Student Investment Fund. Mr. Wright is a CFA charterholder and is a member of the CFA Society of Los Angeles, Inc.



Adam Xiao, CFA

Senior Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization financials, consumer discretionary, information technology and industrials sectors

Mr. Xiao began his career in equity research in 2013. Prior to joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2018, Mr. Xiao was with Diamond Hill Capital Management, where he was a senior associate covering telecommunications and networking equipment companies. Mr. Xiao earned his B.A. in operations research and management science from University of California, Berkeley and his M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. Mr. Xiao is a CFA charterholder.



Tyler Cantarano

Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization information technology, consumer discretionary and communication services sectors

Mr. Cantarano began his career in equity research in 2017. Before joining KAR in 2024, Mr. Cantarano worked as an Equity Analyst for Franklin Templeton working in small and midcap equity funds. Prior to Franklin Templeton, Mr. Cantarano worked as an investment associate at Citadel and in private equity at Lexington Partners. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Economics from Duke University, and an MBA in Investment Management from the UCLA Anderson School of Business.

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Sean Dixon

Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization consumer discretionary and industrials sectors

Mr. Dixon began his career in equity research in 2008. Prior to joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2018, Mr. Dixon worked as an analyst at Denver Investments, covering international small-cap stocks. Mr. Dixon earned his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Denver.



Arthur Su, CFA

Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization information technology and industrials sectors

Mr. Su began his career in equity research in 2015. Prior to joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2022, Mr. Su worked at Capital Group as an equity research associate. Prior to that he served as an equity research associate at Needham & Company. Mr. Su earned his B.A. in Economics from University of California, Berkeley and is a CFA charterholder.



Luke Longinotti, CFA

ESG Research Analyst with primary research responsibilities for providing specialist ESG support across all strategies

Mr. Longinotti began his career in equity research in 2020. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2023, Mr. Longinotti was an ESG Research Analyst with Pzena Investment Management. His responsibilities at Pzena included conducting ESG research at the company level for a global portfolio as well as researching and publishing on broader thematic ESG topics. Mr. Longinotti earned his B.A. in political science from Yale University and is a CFA charterholder.



Clarissa Ali

Associate Research Analyst

Ms. Ali works with the investment team, conducting industry and market research to assist in the decision and management of investments. She also helps integrate material ESG factors into the process and provides support for the research framework to identify ESG risks and opportunities. Clarissa joined Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2018 as an Office Services Associate and began her career in equity research in 2023. She earned her B.A. in Business/Managerial Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Jason Pomatto

Managing Director - Senior Client Portfolio Manager

Mr. Pomatto began his career in the investment management industry in 1994. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2021, Mr. Pomatto worked at bfinance US for four years as Managing Director where he spearheaded the launch of the US division for the investment consulting firm. Mr. Pomatto also worked at Driehaus Capital Management for 20 years in a variety of roles, most recently as Vice President Institutional Sales. Mr. Pomatto earned a B.S in Finance from Northern Illinois University and his M.B.A. from Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management.



James May, CFA

Managing Director - Client Portfolio Manager

Mr. May began his career in investment management in 1989. Prior to joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2019, Mr. May worked as a product specialist covering domestic and international equity strategies at Virtus Investment Partners and as a senior portfolio manager and ETF specialist in the Global Structured Products Group at SSgA. Mr. May earned a B.A. in Finance from Bentley University and an M.B.A. from Boston College. Mr. May is a CFA Charterholder and a member of the CFA Society Boston, Inc.



Ben Falcone, CFA

Managing Director - Client Portfolio Manager

Mr. Falcone began his career in the investment management in 1996. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2023, Mr. Falcone served as a Client Portfolio Manager for Vontobel Asset Management. Prior to that, he worked as a Portfolio Manager and Research Analyst at Echo Point Investment Management and Morgan Stanley Investment Management, and as a Fund Analyst at BlackRock. Ben received his B.A in Business Economics with a minor in Communications from The College of Wooster. Mr. Falcone is a CFA Charterholder and a member of the CFA Society New York, Inc.



Ben Corser

Portfolio Specialist

Mr. Corser began his career in the investment management industry in 2006. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2018, Mr. Corser worked as a Client Service and Marketing Associate at Wilshire Associates and before that he worked in a variety of roles at Western Asset Management, including RFP Associate and Portfolio Administrator. Mr. Corser earned his B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Portland.

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Stephen A. Rigali, CFA

Executive Managing Director and Member of the Executive Management Committee

Mr. Rigali has worked in the investment management industry since 1979. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 1991, Mr. Rigali was a Vice President at Shearson Lehman Brothers. Mr. Rigali earned a B.S. in Business and Economics from Loyola Marymount University. He is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA Society of Los Angeles, Inc.



Douglas S. Foreman, CFA

Co-Chief Investment Officer and Member of the Executive Management Committee

Mr. Foreman has worked in investment management since 1986 and joined Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2011. Prior to joining KAR, Mr. Foreman was Director of Equities at HighMark Capital Management and before that he was Group Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of U.S. equities at Trust Company of the West (TCW). He earned a B.S. in Marine Engineering from The U.S. Naval Academy and an M.B.A. from Harvard University. Mr. Foreman is a CFA charterholder.



Jeannine G. Vanian

Chief Operating Officer and Member of the Executive Management Committee

Ms. Vanian has worked in the investment management industry since 1987 and began her career at Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 1989. Ms. Vanian attended The American University in Cairo, Egypt.



Craig Stone

Co-Chief Investment Officer and Member of the Executive Management Committee

Mr. Stone began his equity research career in 1990. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2000, Mr. Stone was a Portfolio Manager at Doheny Asset Management. He earned a B.S. in International Business from San Francisco State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California.

Disclosure

Small-Mid Cap Core (Wrap) Composite



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Year	Composite Pure Gross Return* (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Russell 2500™ Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2014	9.25	6.04	7.07	10.13	11.84	35	0.16	373	7,989
2015	5.76	2.65	(2.90)	12.17	12.59	30	0.19	378	8,095
2016	17.03	13.61	17.59	12.62	13.86	30	0.38	369	9,989
2017	19.77	16.28	16.81	11.16	12.31	32	0.26	518	14,609
2018	(5.23)	(8.05)	(10.00)	13.27	14.30	24	0.17	618	17,840
2019	40.90	36.84	27.77	14.85	14.79	28	0.51	1,117	25,685
2020	36.85	32.89	19.99	21.37	24.55	30	0.33	2,556	39,582
2021	20.90	17.38	18.18	19.30	22.80	42	0.29	4,773	47,269
2022	(23.73)	(26.04)	(18.37)	23.35	25.52	52	0.08	3,922	33,531
2023	23.87	20.26	17.42	20.83	20.43	51	0.59	5,027	41,186

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The composite includes all fully discretionary Small-Mid Cap Core Wrap Portfolios. Small-Mid Cap Core Wrap Portfolios are invested in equity securities with market capitalizations consistent with the Russell 2500™ Index, that have market control, rising free cash flow, shareholder-oriented management, strong consistent profit growth and low-debt balance sheets. For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the Russell 2500™ Index. The Russell 2500™ Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 2,500 smallest companies in the Russell Universe, which comprises the 3,000 largest U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total-return basis with dividends reinvested. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. The inception date of the composite is April 1992. The composite was created in July 2000. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The firm's list of composite descriptions, list of broad distribution pooled fund and the list of limited distribution pooled funds descriptions are available upon request.

Beginning on January 1, 2006, sub-advisory wrap fee portfolios are also included in composite results. Each sub-advisory relationship is included in the composite as one account. All portfolios included in this composite for all periods are wrap portfolios.

The standard wrap fee schedule in effect is 3.00% on total assets. Actual management fees charged may vary depending on applicable fee schedules and portfolio size, among other things. Additional information may be found in Part 2A of Form ADV, which is available on request. The performance information is supplied for reference. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Results will vary among accounts. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Performance results include the reinvestment of all income. Pure gross returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs. Net annual returns are calculated by deducting 1/12th of an assumed maximum annual wrap fee of 3% on a monthly basis. Wrap fees include all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody and other administrative expenses.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns for accounts in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than five accounts were included for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using pure gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period.