



Global Small Cap Portfolio

First Quarter 2024

Market Review

The first quarter of 2024 saw a continuation of trends from 2023 with investors continuing to favor names with strong growth prospects, in many cases driven by the opportunities in artificial intelligence. As the quarter progressed, economic and inflation data came in ahead of expectations, which led investors to realize that there could be fewer interest rate cuts than expected.

The S&P 500 Index advanced 10.56% in the first quarter, its largest first quarter gain since 2019. Large cap growth stocks, as measured by the Russell 1000 Growth Index, were the best performers in the quarter gaining 11.41%. Value stocks, as measured by the Russell 1000 Value Index, lagged growth stocks returning 8.99%. Small capitalization stocks underperformed their larger cap counterparts with the Russell 2000 Index advancing 5.18%. International and emerging market stocks continued to lag U.S. markets. The MSCI EAFE Index advanced 5.78% in the quarter while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased just 2.37% over the same period.

Portfolio Review

The Global Small Cap portfolio underperformed the MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index in the first quarter. Poor stock selection in industrials and an overweight in communication services detracted from performance. Good stock selection in financials and an underweight in real estate contributed positively to performance. From a geographic perspective, poor stock selection and an overweight in the United Kingdom and poor stock selection in Japan detracted from performance. Good stock selection in the United States and an underweight in Asia ex. Japan contributed positively to performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were Primerica and Ryan Specialty. Primerica's earnings advanced due to healthy recruiting activity and sales productivity in the company's life insurance business, rising client asset values in the investments segment, and reduced losses in the senior health segment. Ryan Specialty experienced increasing policy flow into the excess and surplus portion of the property and casualty insurance market as underwriters seek more flexibility with setting rates and policy terms. Other top contributors included MediaAlpha, Haitian International, Gruppo MutuiOnline

The biggest detractors from performance during the quarter were FDM Group and Mercari. FDM Group, based in the United Kingdom, recruits, trains, and deploys information technology professionals around the world. Financial services firms represent the majority of FDM's client base. With the stress seen in the global financial services industry during 2023, some of their clients have delayed decisions around project commencements and consultant placements, which in turn has led to a diminished revenue and earnings outlook for 2024. Mercari operates the leading consumer to consumer marketplace app in Japan as well as a digital payments platform. Investors have reacted negatively to anticipated margin declines over the near term as the company invests in new initiatives. While we do not welcome declining margins, our investment thesis is predicated on the value of the core Mercari marketplace franchise, which we believe remains valuable and well-entrenched. Other bottom contributors included Fox Factory, Baltic Classifieds, and Tegma Gestao Logistica.

Purchases and Sales

During the quarter, we purchased FinecoBank and we sold Artisan Partners. FinecoBank is the leading digital financial services platform in Italy. We believe the company can continue gaining market share from traditional financial services players due to its exceptional product offering and strong brand recognition. We sold Artisan Partners due to persistent net outflows that the company has been unable to reverse. Despite some success with seeding new investment teams and strategies, Artisan's business remains largely dependent on a handful of sizeable asset under management portfolios. Certain of these strategies are either closed or experiencing lackluster performance and are therefore experiencing net outflows in aggregate.

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Small Cap

Index: MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index

Portfolio Inception: 2016 Portfolio Assets: \$245.7 M* Portfolio Turnover: 25%-35% Number of Holdings: 30-60

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 MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index
- To achieve this return objective with a portfolio that exhibits lower overall risk characteristics

Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
Todd Beiley, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	1999
Craig Thrasher, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2003

Top 5 Holdings

As of March 31, 2024

Company	Country	Percent of equity (%)
Primerica	United States	6.7
Baltic Classifieds	Lithuania	5.7
Ryan Specialty	United States	5.2
Rightmove	United Kingdom	5.1
Simpson Manufacturing	United States	5.1
Total		27.9

^{*}Figures in USD.

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Development of KAR High-Quality

Quantitative Screens

- High return on capital over a full economic cycle
- Long and resilient earnings history
- High return on net operating assets
- Minimal debt

Other Resources

- Research on existing portfolio holdings
- Meetings with companies
- Industry reviews
- Investment conferences
- Third-party research



Proprietary
Fundamental

Qualitative Analysis

 Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market

Financial Analysis

 Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately

Valuation Analysis

 Determine the current and potential value of the business

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Portfolio Construction

Position Weights

 Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)
 Maximum position size is 10% (at market)

Sector and Geographic Tolerances

 Seek broad diversification, but no sector or geographic constraints

Holding Period

- Typically 3-to-5 years
- Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 35%

Cash Levels

 Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%



Sell Discipline

Extended Valuation

Portfolio Upgrade

Acquisition Activity

Negative Company or Industry Changes

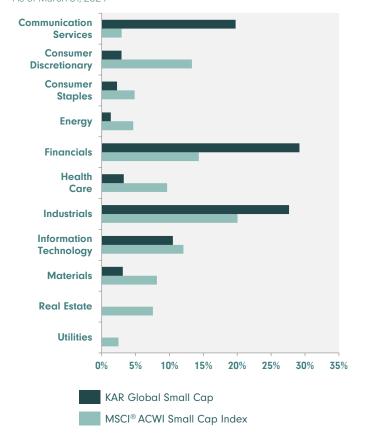
Higher Quality

Stronger, More Consistent Growth

Better Value

Sector Diversification

As of March 31, 2024



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Portfolio Characteristics

As of March 31, 2024

	KAR Global Small Cap	MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index		
Quality				
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	23.4%	11.1%		
Debt/EBITDA*	0.6 x	2.1 x		
Interest Expense Coverage	9.4 x	5.2 x		
Growth				
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	8.4%	11.4%		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	16.4%	9.1%		
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	10.6%	8.4%		
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	14.1%	7.1%		
Value				
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	21.6 x	25.1 x		
Dividend Yield	2.4%	2.0%		
Market Characteristics				
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	\$3.6 B	\$3.9 B		
Largest Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	\$9.4 B	\$527.3 B		

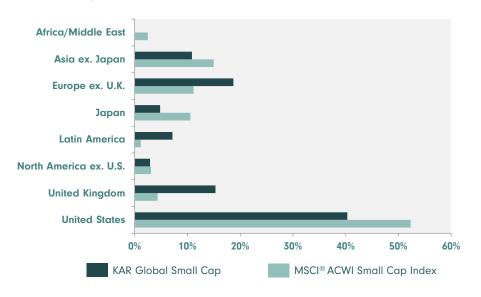
^{*} KAR utilizes the interquartile method when calculating Debt/EBITDA. The interquartile method excludes outliers from an aggregate statistic such as weighted average. The interquartile method does not assume that data from the top or bottom of the distribution are outliers—only the extreme ends are excluded—and that it can be applied consistently as a quantitative method for most fundamental characteristics. Debt/EBITDA utilizes net debt for the calculation. Data is obtained from FactSet Research Systems and BNY Mellon and is assumed to be reliable. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information.

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Geographical Exposure

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U.S. vs. Non-U.S.

As of March 31, 2024

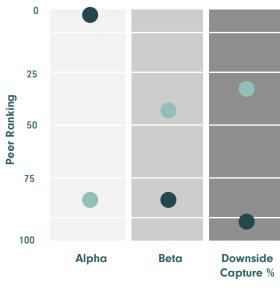


Historical Returns

	KAR Global Small Cap (gross)	KAR Global Small Cap (net) [‡]	MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index
Annualized Returns (%) [†] As of March 31, 2024			
1st Quarter	2.19	1.97	3.91
One Year	19.63	18.57	16.46
Three Years	3.40	2.47	1.62
Five Years	11.43	10.44	8.00
Seven Years	14.37	13.36	7.52
Inception*	16.35	15.32	8.54
Annual Returns (%)			
2023	25.00	23.89	16.84
2022	(20.47)	(21.20)	(18.67)
2021	12.63	11.63	16.09
2020	36.18	34.98	16.33
2019	26.40	25.29	24.65
2018	3.16	2.24	(14.39)
2017	37.08	35.88	23.81
2016	25.21	24.11	11.59

Peer Comparison Chart

Inception* to March 31, 2024







The eVestment Global Small Cap Universe includes 48 managers categorized in the global small cap asset class by eVestment. KAR does not pay any fees to be included in the eVestment Global Small Cap 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 management 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.

Performance Statistics

Inception* to March 31, 2024

	KAR Global Small Cap (gross)	KAR Global Small Cap (net)	MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index
Alpha	8.01	7.05	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.85	0.79	0.37
Information Ratio	1.27	1.10	N/A
Beta	0.89	0.89	1.00
Downside Capture	75.15	76.84	100.00
Tracking Error	6.15	6.15	N/A

^{*}January 1, 2016

[†]All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final.

^{*}Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 0.90% annual fee.

This material is deemed supplemental and complements the performance and disclosure at the end of this presentation. Returns of the Kayne Anderson Rudnick composite are final. Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations. 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. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.





Global Small Cap Composite

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Disclosure

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2016	25.21	24.11	11.59	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	4	9,989
2017	37.08	35.88	23.81	N/A	N/A	< 5	N/A	5	14,609
2018	3.16	2.24	(14.39)	11.83	12.49	< 5	N/A	5	17,840
2019	26.40	25.29	24.65	11.82	12.77	< 5	N/A	3	25,685
2020	36.18	34.98	16.33	20.88	22.96	< 5	N/A	9	39,582
2021	12.63	11.63	16.09	20.20	21.58	< 5	N/A	111	47,269
2022	(20.47)	(21.20)	(18.67)	22.98	24.17	< 5	N/A	144	33,531
2023	25.00	23.89	16.84	17.61	18.43	6	0.44	237	41,186

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The Global Small Cap Composite has had a performance examination for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2023. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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The composite includes all fully discretionary institutional Global Small Cap Portfolios. Global Small Cap Portfolios are invested in equity securities with market capitalizations in line with the MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index, that have market control, rising free cash flow, shareholderoriented management, strong consistent profit growth and low-debt balance sheets. For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index (net). The MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of smallcapitalization stocks of the MSCI® Global Investable Market Indices Universe. The index is calculated on a total-return basis with dividends reinvested, net of withholding taxes. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. The inception date of the composite is January 2016. The composite was created in January 2016. 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.

The model management fee used for the net returns in this table is 0.90% for all periods presented. The standard management fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 0.90% for

the first \$50 million; 0.80% on the next \$50 million; 0.70% on the next \$100 million; 0.60% on the balance. 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. Returns are presented net of withholding taxes. net of transaction fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment management fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Model net returns have been calculated by deducting 1/12th of the highest tier of the standard management fee schedule in effect for the respective period from the gross composite returns on a monthly basis.

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, which measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period, is not presented for periods prior to 2018 because 36 monthly composite returns are not available.

GLOSSARY: Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. Information Ratio: The information ratio (IR) is a measurement of portfolio returns beyond the returns of a benchmark, usually an index, compared to the volatility of those returns. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. Downside Capture Ratio: A statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in downmarkets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has dropped. Tracking Error: The divergence between the price behavior of a position or a portfolio and the price behavior of a benchmark. It is reported as a

standard deviation percentage difference, which reports the difference between the return an investor receives and that of the benchmark they were attempting to imitate.

INDEX DEFINITION: The MSCI® ACWI Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures small cap equity performance of developed and emerging markets. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.