

Small Cap Growth Portfolio

First Quarter 2025

Portfolio Review

The Small Cap Growth portfolio outperformed the Russell 2000 Growth Index in the first quarter. Good stock selection and an overweight in financials and good stock selection in communication services contributed positively to performance. Poor stock selection and an underweight in health care and poor stock selection and an overweight in information technology detracted from performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were Ryan Specialty Holdings and Goosehead Insurance.

- Ongoing policy migration into the Excess and Surplus market, continued rate increases by underwriters, and higher contingent commissions are supporting healthy revenue and profit growth for Ryan.
- Growth in written premiums continues to be healthy for Goosehead despite a weak housing market and limited product availability in certain geographies.
- Other top contributors included Rightmove, Kinsale Capital Group, and Enerpac Tool Group.

The biggest detractors from performance during the quarter were Endava and AAON.

- Endava reported a quarter of continued soft demand driven by global industry-wide weakness of nearshoring technology services demand. This sales softness caused operating de-leverage in the quarter.
- AAON had sales and bookings headwinds in its rooftop HVAC business due to the R454B refrigerant transition, resulting in margin contraction on lower fixed cost absorption and manufacturing efficiencies. Additionally, news surrounding the release of the DeepSeek app raised concerns around sustainability of strong AI datacenter capital expenditures.
- Other bottom contributors included Triumph Financial, Revolve Group, and nCino.

Purchases and Sales

During the quarter, we purchased AppFolio and Kinsale Capital Group and we sold Aspen Technology.

- Founded in 2006, Appfolio is a leading vertical software platform for the residential real estate industry. The company provides mission critical software that acts as the core system of record for property managers to run their businesses, including functionality to support managing rental units, marketing and leasing, accounting, communications, tenant screening, maintenance requests and payments. Appfolio also acts as a system of engagement connecting multiple stakeholders across the residential real estate ecosystem, including property managers, owners, tenants, and service providers.
- Kinsale Capital Group is a specialty property and casualty insurance company focused on the excess and surplus (E&S) lines market in the U.S. The company targets small and medium-sized accounts with high hazard, poor loss histories, or new operations that are unable to obtain coverage in the standard market.
- In November 2024, Aspen Technology announced that Emerson proposed to buy the remaining 43% of Aspen that it did not own. On January 27, the agreed upon price was increased. As a result, we tendered our remaining shares.

Outlook

The U.S. consumer is feeling far more negative than just a few months ago and business confidence has also declined. Many feel exhausted by higher prices, most notably grocery prices, which have not seen any material relief in terms of inflation. Tariffs, while traditionally a one-time price increase or tax, could have a more long-lasting impact on overall price levels should a global trade war materialize. This could lead to more persistent pressure on wage levels, and changes there could be self-reinforcing, leading to more prolonged inflation. That said, very few have ever struck it rich betting against the U.S. consumer. They have been the backbone of the decade-plus economic expansion we have enjoyed. With employment still quite strong, we do think consumer spending should remain intact, although with perhaps more deterioration for those at lower income levels.

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Small Cap
Sub-Style: Growth
Index: Russell 2000® Growth
Portfolio Inception: 1998
Portfolio Assets: \$3,931.0 M*
Portfolio Turnover: 25%-35%

Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
Todd Bailey, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	1999
Jon Christensen, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	1995
Julie Biel, CFA Senior Research Analyst	2004
Julie Kutsov Senior Research Analyst	2001
Craig Stone Senior Research Analyst	1990
Chris Wright, CFA Senior Research Analyst	2012
Adam Xiao, CFA Senior Research Analyst	2013
Tyler Cantarano Research Analyst	2017
Sean Dixon Research Analyst	2008
Luke Longinotti, CFA Governance & Sustainability Analyst	2020
Arthur Su, CFA Research Analyst	2015
Clarissa Ali Associate Research Analyst	2023

Top Five Holdings

As of March 31, 2025

Company	Percent of equity (%)
Morningstar	8.2
Auto Trader	6.9
Goosehead Insurance	6.6
Ryan Specialty	6.4
ServisFirst Bancshares	6.2
Total	34.4

* Figures in USD

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Investment Process: Discovering Quality

Development of KAR High-Quality Universe	Proprietary Fundamental Research	Portfolio Construction	Sell Discipline
Quantitative Screens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High return on capital over a full economic cycle Long and resilient earnings history High return on net operating assets Minimal debt Other Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research on existing portfolio holdings Meetings with companies Industry reviews Investment conferences Third-party research 	Qualitative Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market Financial Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately Valuation Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the current and potential value of the business 	Position Weights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 is 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% 	Extended Valuation Portfolio Upgrade Acquisition Activity Negative Company or Industry Changes

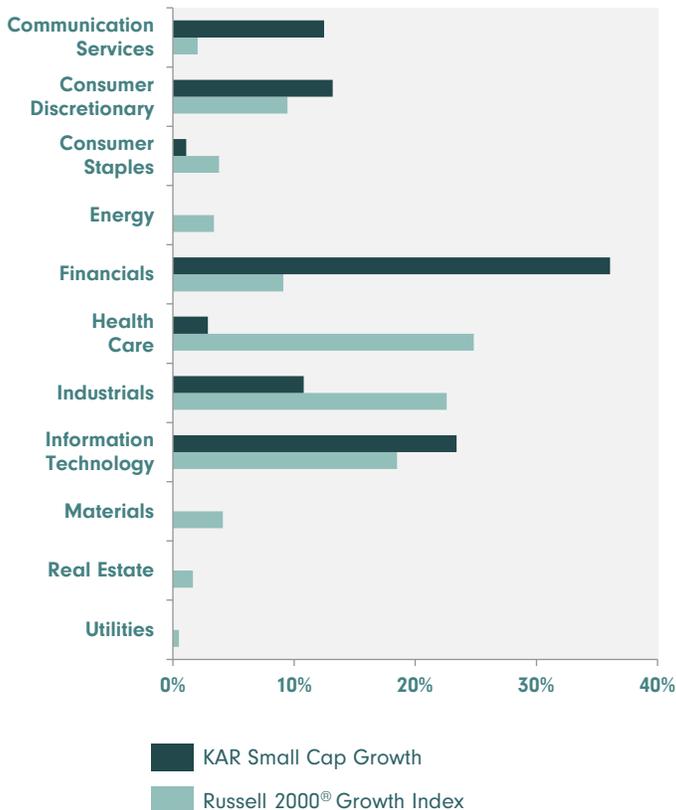
Seeking Higher Quality

Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth

Seeking Better Value

Sector Diversification

As of March 31, 2025



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Portfolio Characteristics

As of March 31, 2025

	KAR Small Cap Growth	Russell 2000® Growth Index
Quality		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	24.1%	9.5%
Debt/EBITDA*	0.9 x	1.3 x
Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years	48.9%	77.7%
Growth		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	16.4%	13.2%
Capital Generation—{ROE x (1-Payout)}	19.2%	8.4%
Value		
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	36.9 x	75.5 x
Free Cash Flow Yield†	1.4%	2.0%
Market Characteristics		
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	\$5.8 B	\$3.9 B
Largest Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	\$17.6 B	\$18.3 B
Annualized Standard Deviation—Since Inception‡	18.7%	23.0%

*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 December 31, 2024. Prices are as of March 31, 2025. Excludes financials.

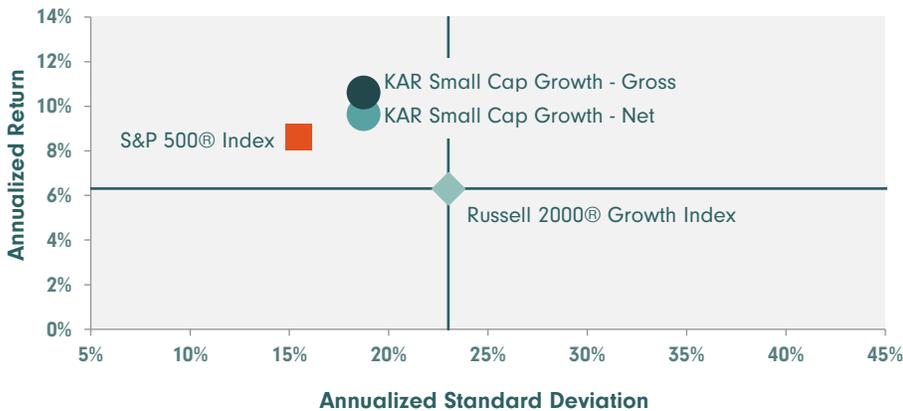
‡January 1, 1998. Standard deviation for the KAR strategy is based on net-of-fee returns. This material is deemed supplemental and complements the performance and disclosure at the end of this presentation. Data is obtained from FactSet Research Systems and BNY Mellon and is assumed to be reliable. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

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Risk-Return Analysis

Inception* to March 31, 2025



Historical Returns

	KAR Small Cap Growth (gross)	KAR Small Cap Growth (net) [‡]	Russell 2000 [®] Growth Index
Annualized Returns (%)[†]			
As of March 31, 2025			
1 st Quarter	(9.60)	(9.81)	(11.12)
One Year	(3.73)	(4.60)	(4.86)
Three Years	0.47	(0.43)	0.78
Five Years	9.61	8.64	10.78
Seven Years	9.57	8.59	5.04
Ten Years	13.50	12.49	6.14
Inception*	10.63	9.65	6.31
Annual Returns (%)			
2024	10.94	9.95	15.15
2023	21.43	20.36	18.66
2022	(29.37)	(30.03)	(26.36)
2021	5.69	4.75	2.83
2020	44.70	43.44	34.63
2019	41.37	40.13	28.48
2018	10.69	9.70	(9.31)
2017	39.03	37.82	22.17
2016	26.11	25.00	11.32
2015	2.57	1.65	(1.38)
2014	6.47	5.52	5.60
2013	39.89	38.67	43.30
2012	13.29	12.28	14.59
2011	17.82	16.78	(2.91)
2010	14.82	13.80	29.09
2009	38.51	37.30	34.47
2008	(33.61)	(34.23)	(38.54)
2007	(0.59)	(1.48)	7.05
2006	15.80	14.78	13.35
2005	1.88	0.97	4.15
2004	12.82	11.82	14.31
2003	38.44	37.23	48.54
2002	(23.82)	(24.52)	(30.26)
2001	0.48	(0.42)	(9.23)
2000	6.28	5.33	(22.43)
1999	31.19	30.04	43.09
1998	3.33	2.40	1.23

*January 1, 1998

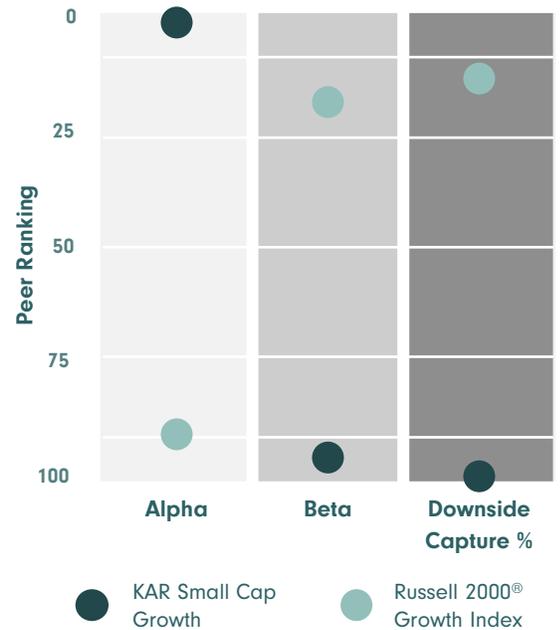
[†]All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final. Returns could be reduced, or losses incurred, due to currency fluctuations.

[‡]Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 0.90% annual fee. Fees presented on the Disclosure page could vary from the assumed fee in the net-of-fee calculation, as actual fees paid by a particular client account differ depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, business unit and size of mandate. The fee used on the Disclosure page utilizes an assumed maximum fee across the firm's business units, which is further detailed on that page.

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. 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.**

Peer Comparison Chart

Ten Years Ending March 31, 2025



The eVestment Small Cap Growth Universe includes 131 managers categorized in the small cap growth asset class by eVestment. KAR does not pay any fees to be included in the eVestment Small Cap Growth 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, 2025

	KAR Small Cap Growth (gross)	KAR Small Cap Growth (net)	Russell 2000 [™] Growth Index
Alpha	5.22	4.28	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.46	0.40	0.18
Information Ratio	0.37	0.29	N/A
Beta	0.70	0.70	1.00
Downside Capture	66.06	67.41	100.00
Tracking Error	11.62	11.62	N/A

Small Cap Growth Composite

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Disclosure

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Russell 2000® Growth Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2015	2.57	1.25	(1.38)	14.08	15.16	17	0.40	244	8,095
2016	26.11	24.51	11.32	14.85	16.91	19	0.54	614	9,989
2017	39.03	37.29	22.17	12.69	14.80	40	1.40	2,038	14,609
2018	10.69	9.27	(9.31)	13.29	16.69	79	0.85	4,738	17,840
2019	41.37	39.59	28.48	14.18	16.60	94	0.89	6,416	25,685
2020	44.70	42.88	34.63	20.63	25.46	124	0.64	8,888	39,582
2021	5.69	4.33	2.83	19.15	23.40	159	0.60	7,749	47,269
2022	(29.37)	(30.31)	(26.36)	22.65	26.57	154	0.35	4,095	33,531
2023	21.43	19.88	18.66	20.98	22.10	148	0.36	4,301	41,186
2024	10.94	9.51	15.15	23.30	24.33	105	0.41	3,609	45,494

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The Small Cap Growth Composite has had a performance examination for the period from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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on securities the firm defines as high quality.

The composite includes all fully discretionary institutional and pooled Small Cap Growth Portfolios. Small Cap Growth Portfolios are invested in equity securities with market capitalizations in line with the Russell 2000® Growth 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 2000® Growth Index. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of growth-oriented stocks of the 2,000 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 January 1998. The composite was created in January 1998. 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 1.30% for all periods presented. The standard Institutional management fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 0.90% for the first \$25 million; 0.80% on the next \$25 million; 0.70% on the balance. The maximum Wealth Advisory Services Fee in effect is 1.30% for all assets, which breaks out as

follows: 1.00% for the first \$3 million; 0.80% on the next \$2 million; 0.70% on the next \$5 million; 0.60% on the balance; with an additional 0.30% for any assets invested in separately managed accounts strategies. The standard investment advisory fee schedule currently in effect for clients not engaging in Wealth Advisory Services is 1.00%. 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 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 measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period.

GLOSSARY

Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk. **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 down-markets. 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 Russell 2000® Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of growth-oriented stocks of the smallest 2,000 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. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.