

# Small-Mid Cap Growth Portfolio

## Investment Process: Discovering Quality

### Development of KAR High-Quality Universe



#### 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 Research



#### 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

### Portfolio Construction



#### Position Weights

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

#### Sector Tolerances

- Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints

#### Non-U.S. Holdings

- Up to 20%

#### Holding Period

- Typically 3-to-5 years, but is often longer
- 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

## Portfolio Highlights

**Style:** Small-Mid Cap

**Sub-Style:** Growth

**Index:** Russell 2500™ Growth

**Portfolio Inception:** 2018

**Portfolio Assets:** \$482.0 M\*

**Portfolio Turnover:** 25%–35%

## Investment Management Team

| Name                                                                    | Research Start Date |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Julie Biel, CFA</b><br>Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst   | 2004                |
| <b>Chris Wright, CFA</b><br>Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst | 2012                |
| <b>Todd Bailey, CFA</b><br>Senior Research Analyst                      | 1999                |
| <b>Jon Christensen, CFA</b><br>Senior Research Analyst                  | 1995                |
| <b>Julie Kutasov</b><br>Senior Research Analyst                         | 2001                |
| <b>Craig Stone</b><br>Senior Research Analyst                           | 1990                |
| <b>Adam Xiao, CFA</b><br>Senior Research Analyst                        | 2013                |
| <b>Sean Dixon</b><br>Research Analyst                                   | 2008                |
| <b>Luke Longinotti, CFA</b><br>Governance & Sustainability Analyst      | 2020                |
| <b>Clarissa Ayzenberg</b><br>Associate Research Analyst                 | 2023                |

\*Figures in USD.

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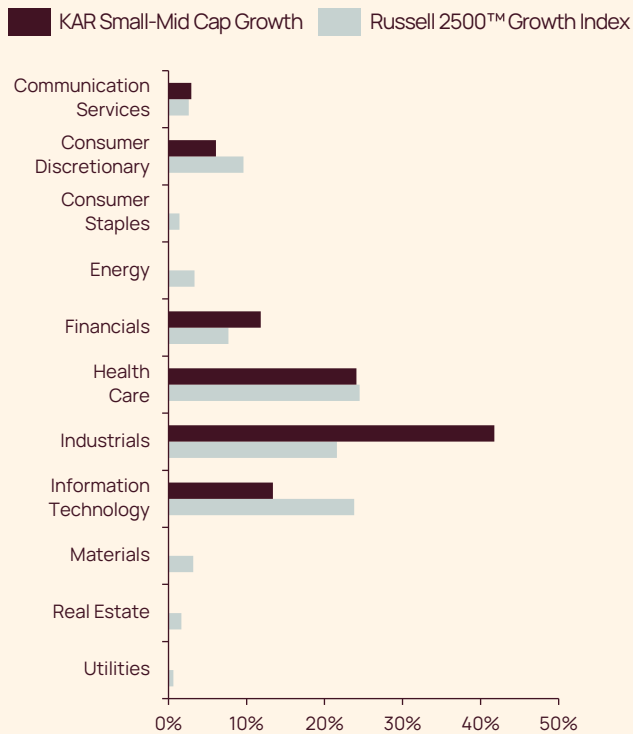
Seeking Higher Quality

Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth

Seeking Better Value

## Sector Diversification

As of June 30, 2026



## Portfolio Characteristics

As of June 30, 2026

|                                         | KAR Small-Mid Cap Growth | Russell 2500™ Growth Index |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Quality</b>                          |                          |                            |
| Return on Equity—Past 5 Years           | 20.4%                    | 9.2%                       |
| Debt/EBITDA*                            | 0.8 x                    | 1.5 x                      |
| Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years      | 37.0%                    | 89.6%                      |
| <b>Growth</b>                           |                          |                            |
| Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years | 16.7%                    | 11.8%                      |
| Capital Generation—[ROE x (1-Payout)]   | 15.6%                    | 8.3%                       |
| <b>Value</b>                            |                          |                            |
| P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months            | 63.8 x                   | 189.5 x                    |
| Free Cash Flow Yield†                   | 3.5%                     | 1.5%                       |
| <b>Market Characteristics</b>           |                          |                            |
| \$ Weighted Average Market Cap          | \$13.4 B                 | \$8.9 B                    |
| Largest Market Cap                      | \$41.4 B                 | \$30.6 B                   |

## Top Five Holdings

As of June 30, 2026

| Company                      | Percent of equity (%) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| West Pharmaceutical Services | 6.5                   |
| Hinge Health                 | 6.1                   |
| AAON                         | 5.6                   |
| HEICO                        | 5.6                   |
| Teledyne Technologies        | 5.1                   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>28.8</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.

†Free cash flow data is as of March 31, 2026. Prices are as of June 30, 2026. Excludes financials.

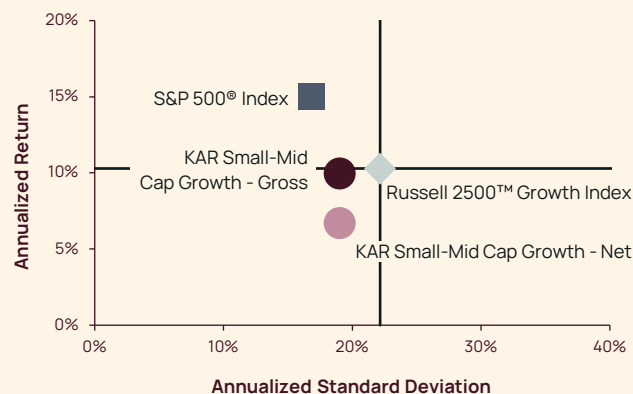
Source: SS&C GWP™, FactSet Research Systems, and BNY Mellon. This material is deemed supplemental and complements the performance and disclosure at the end of this presentation. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information. Holdings are subject to change. Holdings and weightings are based on a representative portfolio. Individual Investors' holdings may differ slightly. Numbers may not always add up due to rounding. The sector information represented above is based on GICS sector classifications. Returns may be affected by currency fluctuations. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

## Historical Returns

|                                                      | KAR<br>Small-Mid<br>Cap Growth<br>(gross) | KAR<br>Small-Mid<br>Cap Growth<br>(net) | Russell<br>2500™<br>Growth<br>Index |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Annualized Returns (%)</b><br>As of June 30, 2026 |                                           |                                         |                                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter                              | 13.67                                     | 12.86                                   | 24.02                               |
| Year to Date                                         | 3.32                                      | 1.78                                    | 19.66                               |
| One Year                                             | (6.06)                                    | (8.86)                                  | 32.94                               |
| Three Years                                          | 4.63                                      | 1.55                                    | 16.40                               |
| Five Years                                           | 0.48                                      | (2.50)                                  | 4.98                                |
| Seven Years                                          | 8.45                                      | 5.26                                    | 11.06                               |
| Inception*                                           | 9.96                                      | 6.72                                    | 10.29                               |
| <b>Annual Returns (%)</b>                            |                                           |                                         |                                     |
| 2025                                                 | (7.28)                                    | (10.05)                                 | 10.31                               |
| 2024                                                 | 12.86                                     | 9.55                                    | 13.90                               |
| 2023                                                 | 20.07                                     | 16.56                                   | 18.93                               |
| 2022                                                 | (21.94)                                   | (24.31)                                 | (26.21)                             |
| 2021                                                 | 6.58                                      | 3.44                                    | 5.04                                |
| 2020                                                 | 48.40                                     | 44.14                                   | 40.47                               |
| 2019                                                 | 46.11                                     | 41.92                                   | 32.65                               |
| 2018 <sup>†</sup>                                    | (9.44)                                    | (10.60)                                 | (15.93)                             |

## Risk-Return Analysis

Inception\* to June 30, 2026



## Performance Statistics

Inception\* to June 30, 2026

|                          | KAR Small<br>Cap Growth<br>(gross) | KAR Small<br>Cap Growth<br>(net) | Russell<br>2500™<br>Growth<br>Index |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Alpha</b>             | 1.26                               | (1.73)                           | 0.00                                |
| <b>Sharpe Ratio</b>      | 0.38                               | 0.21                             | 0.34                                |
| <b>Information Ratio</b> | (0.03)                             | (0.36)                           | N/A                                 |
| <b>Beta</b>              | 0.77                               | 0.77                             | 1.00                                |
| <b>Downside Capture</b>  | 75.94                              | 81.27                            | 100.00                              |
| <b>Tracking Error</b>    | 9.97                               | 9.97                             | N/A                                 |

\*August 1, 2018

<sup>†</sup>Performance calculations are for the five months ended December 31, 2018.

Source: SS&C GWP™ and FactSet Research Systems. Returns for the Kayne Anderson Rudnick ("KAR") composite are preliminary, based on unaudited calculations as of the period shown, subject to change, and may differ from final performance due to reconciliation, timing, or valuation adjustments. All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Composite performance does not represent the performance of any individual client account, which can differ based on factors such as cash flows and different fee arrangements. Attribution results are based on a representative client account using an external returns methodology and may differ from composite performance or the performance of any individual client account. KAR may update preliminary performance information as it deems appropriate. Final performance information for existing client accounts is reflected in account statements, where applicable. Net of fee returns reflect an assumed maximum fee of 3.00% as further described on the Disclosure page. Returns may be affected by currency fluctuations. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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# Small-Mid Cap Growth (Wrap) Composite Disclosure

| Year  | Composite<br>Pure Gross<br>Return<br>(%) | Composite<br>Net<br>Return<br>(%) | Russell<br>2500™<br>Growth<br>Index<br>Return<br>(%) | Composite<br>3-Yr<br>Std Dev<br>(%) | Benchmark<br>3-Yr<br>Std Dev<br>(%) | Number of<br>Accounts | Internal<br>Dispersion<br>(%) | Composite<br>Assets<br>(\$ Millions) | Firm<br>Assets<br>(\$ Millions) |
|-------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2018* | (9.44)                                   | (10.60)                           | (15.93)                                              | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | < 5                   | N/A                           | < 1                                  | 17,840                          |
| 2019  | 46.11                                    | 41.92                             | 32.65                                                | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | < 5                   | N/A                           | < 1                                  | 25,685                          |
| 2020  | 48.40                                    | 44.14                             | 40.47                                                | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | 65                    | N/A                           | 24                                   | 39,582                          |
| 2021  | 6.58                                     | 3.44                              | 5.04                                                 | 18.89                               | 22.28                               | 126                   | 0.81                          | 427                                  | 47,269                          |
| 2022  | (21.94)                                  | (24.31)                           | (26.21)                                              | 22.52                               | 25.54                               | 109                   | 0.59                          | 352                                  | 33,531                          |
| 2023  | 20.07                                    | 16.56                             | 18.93                                                | 19.56                               | 21.25                               | 100                   | 0.42                          | 471                                  | 41,186                          |
| 2024  | 12.86                                    | 9.55                              | 13.90                                                | 20.58                               | 23.12                               | 85                    | 1.19                          | 567                                  | 45,494                          |

\*2018 performance numbers in this table reflect the composite inception date of August 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Pure gross returns are supplemental to net returns.

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For all periods, the composite calculations have been linked to the firm's Small-Mid Cap Growth actual historical non-wrap fee composite performance. There are no Small-Mid Cap Growth Wrap Portfolios at this time.

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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 2021 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 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.