

Small Cap Core Portfolio

Third Quarter 2024

Portfolio Review

The Small Cap Core portfolio outperformed the Russell 2000 Index in the third quarter. Good stock selection and an underweight in information technology and an underweight in energy contributed positively to performance. An underweight in real estate and poor stock selection and an underweight in consumer discretionary detracted from performance.

The biggest contributors to performance during the quarter were EMCOR Group and CorVel.

- EMCOR experienced robust growth and margin expansion across its electrical and mechanical businesses, which continue to see strong demand across multiple market sectors, notably in datacenters and high-tech manufacturing construction.
- Shares rose following the company's reports of robust operating results. We believe Corvel's focus on areas in healthcare that are highly inefficient is positioning the company to benefit from its strong innovation capabilities.
- Other top contributors included Simpson Manufacturing, Moelis & Co., and Primerica.

The biggest detractors from performance during the quarter were Toro and Kforce.

- Toro continues to work through excess field inventory of some of its lawnmower equipment product offering.
- Kforce reported revenue declines and associated profit declines stemming from continued cyclical softness in customer demand for modernizing their technology infrastructure.
- Other bottom contributors included Acushnet, Atrion, and Donaldson.

Purchases and Sales

During the quarter, there were no new purchases or complete sales from the portfolio.

Outlook

We believe investors should avoid getting too excited about what impact the initial cut in rates will have on the broader economy. The Federal Reserve's 50-basis point rate cut started a descent back to a more normal interest rate level. After the steep increases of the recent past, our current expectation is a gradual decline of rates to a plateau that will likely be 200-300 basis points above our former "normal." While we see many positive signs for the economy, such as a still-healthy labor market, strong consumer demand, and increased investment in infrastructure and manufacturing capacity, we also see some headwinds. The current level of deficit spending is more consistent with unemployment in the 7% to 10% range, not the 4% levels we enjoy today. Companies' pricing power also appears to be weakening as consumers push back against price increases, which could challenge profit margins. Bottom line: we believe there is reason for cautious optimism, but we do not think all companies will benefit equally if we do achieve that soft landing.

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Small Cap
Sub-Style: Core
Index: Russell 2000®
Portfolio Inception: 1992
Portfolio Assets: \$14,477.6 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 Kutasov 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 ESG Research Analyst	2020
Arthur Su, CFA Research Analyst	2015
Clarissa Ali Associate Research Analyst	2023

Top Five Holdings

As of September 30, 2024

Company	Percent of equity (%)
EMCOR Group	10.6
Simpson Manufacturing	7.7
FTI Consulting	6.8
Primerica	6.2
CorVel	5.5
Total	36.8

*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

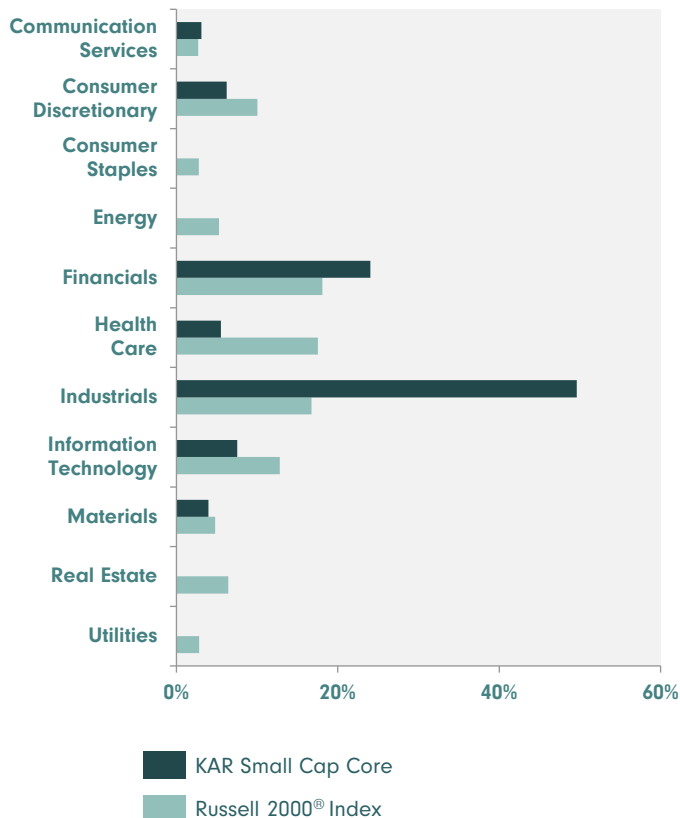
Seeking Higher Quality

Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth

Seeking Better Value

Sector Diversification

As of September 30, 2024



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Portfolio Characteristics

As of September 30, 2024

	KAR Small Cap Core	Russell 2000® Index
Quality		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	24.0%	9.0%
Debt/EBITDA*	0.4 x	2.4 x
Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years	31.4%	83.1%
Growth		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	13.5%	9.5%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	11.8%	5.6%
Capital Generation—{ROE x (1-Payout)}	17.9%	7.4%
Value		
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	27.8 x	49.4 x
Dividend Yield	1.1%	1.3%
Free Cash Flow Yield†	4.5%	1.9%
Market Characteristics		
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	\$7.1 B	\$3.2 B
Largest Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	\$19.3 B	\$18.2 B
Annualized Standard Deviation—Since Inception‡	15.5%	19.4%

*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 June 30, 2024. Prices are as of September 30, 2024. Excludes financials.

‡April 1, 1992. Standard deviation for the KAR strategy is based on net-of-fee returns.

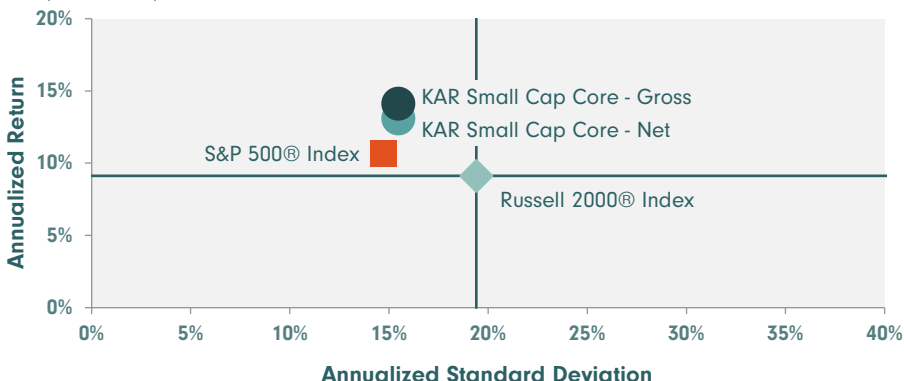
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Risk-Return Analysis

Inception* to September 30, 2024



Historical Returns

	KAR Small Cap Core (gross)	KAR Small Cap Core (net) [†]	Russell 2000 [®] Index
Annualized Returns (%)[†]			
As of September 30, 2024			
3 rd Quarter	11.86	11.62	9.27
Year to Date	15.40	14.63	11.17
One Year	32.51	31.35	26.76
Three Years	14.42	13.41	1.84
Five Years	16.67	15.64	9.39
Seven Years	17.85	16.80	7.36
Ten Years	17.94	16.90	8.78
Inception*	14.13	13.11	9.13
Annual Returns (%)			
2023	33.95	32.77	16.93
2022	(9.92)	(10.74)	(20.44)
2021	19.24	18.18	14.82
2020	23.17	22.08	19.96
2019	40.88	39.65	25.52
2018	(0.83)	(1.72)	(11.01)
2017	36.61	35.42	14.65
2016	19.10	18.05	21.31
2015	2.37	1.45	(4.41)
2014	7.51	6.55	4.89
2013	30.10	28.96	38.82
2012	13.42	12.42	16.35
2011	10.14	9.16	(4.18)
2010	25.00	23.90	26.85
2009	32.09	30.93	27.17
2008	(27.64)	(28.30)	(35.79)
2007	3.16	2.24	(1.57)
2006	13.43	12.43	18.37
2005	7.78	6.82	4.55
2004	23.37	22.28	18.33
2003	34.34	33.17	47.25
2002	(12.74)	(13.53)	(20.48)
2001	6.16	5.21	2.49
2000	21.38	20.30	(3.02)
1999	6.09	5.15	21.26
1998	21.39	20.32	(2.55)
1997	20.82	19.76	22.36
1996	27.00	25.89	16.49
1995	17.47	16.43	28.45
1994	2.75	1.83	(1.82)
1993	20.00	18.94	18.88
1992 [§]	9.65	8.92	10.16

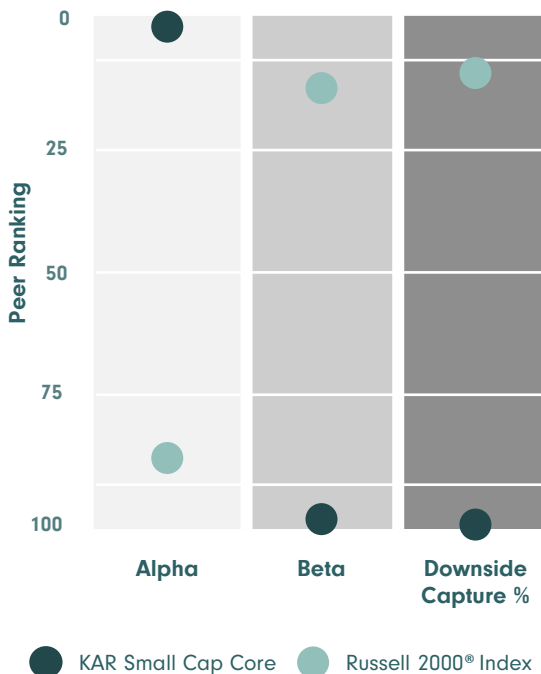
*April 1, 1992

[†]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

Peer Comparison Chart

Ten Years Ending September 30, 2024



The eVestment Small Cap Core Universe includes 111 managers categorized in the small cap core asset class by eVestment. KAR does not pay any fees to be included in the eVestment Small 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 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 September 30, 2024

	KAR Small Cap Core (gross)	KAR Small Cap Core (net)	Russell 2000 [®] Index
Alpha	6.46	5.51	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.75	0.69	0.34
Information Ratio	0.53	0.42	N/A
Beta	0.70	0.70	1.00
Downside Capture	56.38	57.96	100.00
Tracking Error	9.41	9.41	N/A

maximum fee across the firm's business units, which is further detailed on that page.

[§]Performance calculations are for the nine months ended December 31, 1992.

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Small Cap Core Composite

Third Quarter 2024

Disclosure

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Russell 2000® Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2014	7.51	6.13	4.89	9.79	13.31	145	0.24	965	7,989
2015	2.37	1.05	(4.41)	11.28	14.16	157	0.23	1,048	8,095
2016	19.10	17.59	21.31	12.50	15.99	209	0.49	1,303	9,989
2017	36.61	34.89	14.65	11.59	14.11	392	0.70	2,091	14,609
2018	(0.83)	(2.12)	(11.01)	14.03	16.01	557	0.45	2,619	17,840
2019	40.88	39.11	25.52	14.77	15.93	719	0.89	3,692	25,685
2020	23.17	21.60	19.96	19.35	25.63	895	1.02	4,775	39,582
2021	19.24	17.72	14.82	16.58	23.68	1,073	1.45	5,285	47,269
2022	(9.92)	(11.10)	(20.44)	19.05	26.39	1,183	0.64	4,532	33,531
2023	33.95	32.26	16.93	17.60	21.41	1,426	0.61	6,402	41,186

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The composite includes all discretionary institutional and pooled Small Cap Core Portfolios. Small Cap Core Portfolios are invested in equity securities with market capitalizations consistent with the Russell 2000® 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® Index. The Russell 2000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index 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 April 1992. The composite was created in April 1992. 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.

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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 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

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