KAR Investment Management
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Small Cap Core Portfolio

Third Quarter 2026

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Small Cap
Sub-Style: Core
Index: Russell 2000®
Portfolio Inception: 1992
Portfolio Assets: $10,372.4 M*
Portfolio Turnover: 25%–35%

Our Philosophy

We seek to own differentiated businesses with enduring competitive protections, favorable long-term prospects, and exceptional economic characteristics. We invest in companies which we believe have low business risk as identified by certain financial characteristics—consistent and profitable growth, high returns on capital, strong free cash flow, and a low organic need for external financing. And we look to buy these companies at attractive valuations.

Tenets of Quality



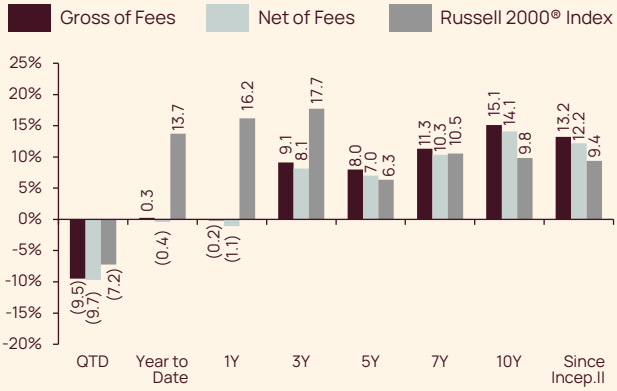
Portfolio Characteristics

As of September 30, 2026

	KAR Small Cap Core	Russell 2000® Index
Quality		
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	24.9%	7.0%
Debt/EBITDA†	0.6 x	2.3 x
Earnings Variability—Past 10 Years	26.0%	81.8%
Growth		
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	14.6%	9.3%
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	12.1%	5.7%
Capital Generation—{ROE x (1-Payout)}	17.7%	5.8%
Value		
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	19.3 x	48.1 x
Dividend Yield‡	1.6%	1.3%
Free Cash Flow Yield§	5.3%	1.9%
Market Characteristics		
$ Weighted Average Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	$8.1 B	$4.1 B
Largest Market Cap—3-Year Avg.	$24.4 B	$27.6 B
Annualized Standard Deviation—Since Incep.‖	15.5%	19.3%

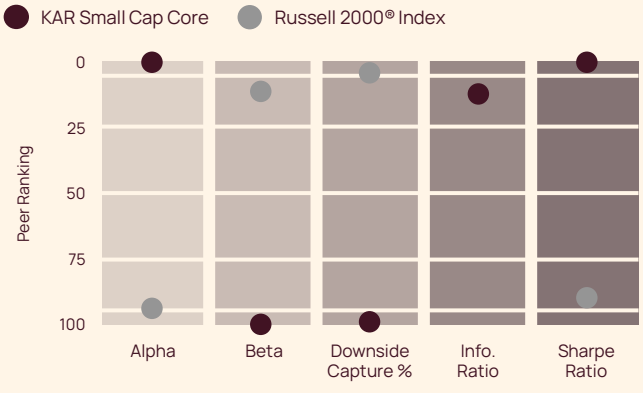
Annualized Returns¶

As of September 30, 2026



Peer Comparison**

20 Years Ending September 30, 2026



*Figures in USD.

†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.

‡Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much companies have paid out in dividends in the most recent year relative to their stock price at the end of such year. Dividend yield is being shown here as a characteristic of the stocks held in the portfolio and not to infer how the stocks have or will perform, as dividends are not the only component of the portfolio's performance. Dividends are subject to change from year-to-year, and the portfolio's dividend yield could be lower or higher in future years.

§Free cash flow data is as of June 30, 2026. Prices are as of September 30, 2026. Excludes financials.

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

Source: FactSet Research Systems and BNY Mellon. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information.

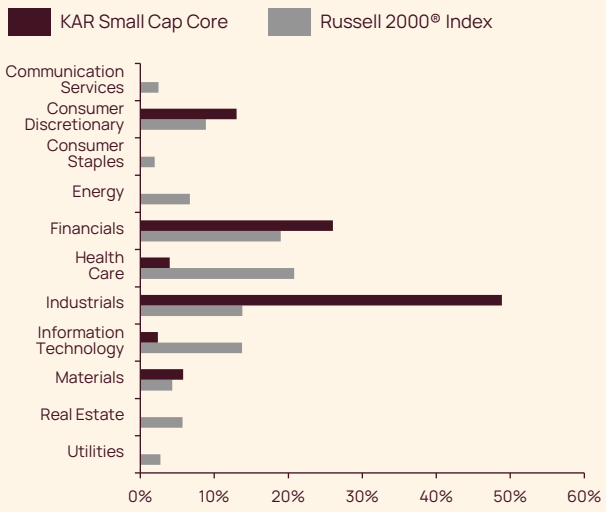
¶Source: SS&C GWP™ and FactSet Research Systems. Returns for the Kayne Anderson Rudnick ("KAR") composite are preliminary, based on unaudited calculations as of the period shown, subject to change, and may differ from final performance due to reconciliation, timing, or valuation adjustments. All periods 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. 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 0.90% 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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Sector Diversification

As of September 30, 2026



Top Ten Holdings

As of September 30, 2026

Company	Percent of equity (%)
Watts Water Technologies	7.8
Simpson Manufacturing	6.9
Primerica	6.9
Toro	6.9
Acushnet Holdings	5.3
RBC Bearings	5.1
Landstar System	4.8
FTI Consulting	4.2
CorVel	4.0
Jack Henry & Associates	3.6
Total	**55.6**

Source: SS&C GWP™ and FactSet Research Systems. Holdings and weightings are based on a representative portfolio. The sector information represented above is based on GICS sector classifications. Holdings are subject to change. Individual investors' holdings may differ slightly. Numbers may not always add up due to rounding.

Composite 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)
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	556	0.45	2,619	17,840
2019	40.88	39.11	25.52	14.77	15.93	718	0.89	3,692	25,685
2020	23.17	21.60	19.96	19.35	25.63	894	1.02	4,774	39,582
2021	19.24	17.72	14.82	16.58	23.68	1,072	1.45	5,285	47,269
2022	(9.92)	(11.10)	(20.44)	19.05	26.39	1,182	0.64	4,532	33,531
2023	33.95	32.26	16.93	17.60	21.41	1,425	0.61	6,402	41,186
2024	14.77	13.30	11.54	20.22	23.63	1,762	0.44	7,385	45,494

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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. 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.