

# Small Cap Quality Select Portfolio

Fourth Quarter 2023

## Peer Comparison Chart

Inception\* to December 31, 2023



## Historical Returns

	KAR Small Cap Quality Select (gross)	KAR Small Cap Quality Select (net) <sup>†</sup>	Russell 2000 Index	MSCI <sup>®</sup> ACWI Small Cap Index
<b>Annualized Returns (%)<sup>†</sup></b>				
As of December 31, 2023				
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	44.87	44.46	14.03	11.98
One Year	108.50	106.05	16.93	16.84
Three Years	11.14	9.77	2.22	3.33
Five Years	13.42	12.02	9.97	9.85
Seven Years	21.44	19.95	7.33	7.83
Ten Years	14.43	13.02	7.16	6.66
Inception*	15.67	14.25	7.29	6.86
<b>Annual Returns (%)</b>				
2023	108.50	106.05	16.93	16.84
2022	(33.74)	(34.60)	(20.44)	(18.67)
2021	(0.62)	(1.86)	14.82	16.09
2020	31.76	30.15	19.96	16.33
2019	3.75	2.46	25.52	24.65
2018	25.23	23.70	(11.01)	(14.39)
2017	65.76	63.78	14.65	23.81
2016	9.38	8.03	21.31	11.59
2015	(15.85)	(16.92)	(4.41)	(1.04)
2014	7.34	6.01	4.89	1.78
2013	50.52	48.71	38.82	28.66
2012	23.44	21.93	16.35	18.06
2011	5.67	4.36	(4.18)	(11.30)
2010	32.62	31.00	26.85	26.28
2009	68.54	66.53	27.17	50.67
2008	(39.41)	(40.20)	(33.79)	(43.68)
2007	15.46	14.04	(1.57)	6.83
2006 <sup>§</sup>	3.03	2.82	2.97	6.26

\*November 1, 2006.

<sup>†</sup>All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final.

<sup>‡</sup>Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 1.25% 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.

<sup>§</sup>Performance calculations are for the two months ended December 31, 2006.

This material is deemed supplemental and complements the performance and disclosure at the end of this presentation. For further details on the composite, please see the disclosure statement in this presentation. The eVestment Small Cap Core Universe includes 102

## Portfolio Highlights

Style: Small Cap  
Index: Russell 2000<sup>®</sup>  
Portfolio Inception: 2006  
Number of Holdings: 6-12

## Portfolio Strategy

Our goal is to provide favorable long-term investment results by owning a focused selection of businesses with enduring competitive protections and appealing long-term prospects purchased at attractive prices.

## Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
Todd Bailey, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	1999

## Performance Statistics

Inception\* to December 31, 2023

	KAR Small Cap Quality Select (gross)	KAR Small Cap Quality Select (net)	Russell 2000 Index
Annualized Standard Deviation	26.15	26.15	20.68
Alpha	10.63	9.27	0.00
Beta	0.84	0.84	1.00
Upside Capture %	94.94	92.49	100.00
Downside Capture %	63.37	65.35	100.00
R-Squared	44.61	44.61	100.00
Information Ratio	0.43	0.35	N/A

## Geographical Exposure

As of December 31, 2023

	KAR Small Cap Quality Select
United Kingdom	21.8%
United States	78.2%

managers categorized in the small cap core asset class by eVestment. KAR pays a subscription to be included in the eVestment Small Cap Core Universe, but does not pay any fees for the ranking itself. 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 into 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. 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.

# Small Cap Quality Select Composite

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## 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)
2013	50.52	47.28	38.82	12.93	16.68	45	0.82	34	7,841
2014	7.34	4.96	4.89	15.37	13.31	23	1.12	23	7,989
2015	(15.85)	(17.76)	(4.41)	19.82	14.16	33	0.26	37	8,095
2016	9.38	6.95	21.31	24.96	15.99	27	0.34	26	9,989
2017	65.76	62.21	14.65	24.93	14.11	26	1.01	39	14,609
2018	25.23	22.49	(11.01)	23.59	16.01	28	0.35	18	17,840
2019	3.75	1.43	25.52	22.90	15.93	37	0.41	19	25,685
2020	31.76	28.88	19.96	24.99	25.63	34	0.47	22	39,582
2021	(0.62)	(2.84)	14.82	23.81	23.68	34	0.46	22	47,269
2022	(33.74)	(35.27)	(20.44)	27.57	26.39	32	0.64	14	33,531

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The Small Cap Quality Select Composite has had a performance examination for the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2022. 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 tax-exempt institutional and pooled Small Cap Quality Select Portfolios. Small Cap Quality Select 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. Small Cap Quality Select Portfolios are highly concentrated portfolios, generally consisting of less than 12 securities. 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 November 2006. The composite was created in November 2006. 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.

As of October 1, 2014, the composite was redefined to include only tax-exempt portfolios. Previously, both taxable and tax-exempt portfolios were included.

The model management fee used for the net returns in this table is 2.25% for all periods presented. The

standard Institutional management fee schedule currently in effect is as follows: 1.25% on all assets. The maximum Wealth Advisory Services Fee in effect is 2.25% 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 1.25% for any assets invested in KAR's Small Cap Quality Select separately managed account. 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. **Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **Upside Capture Ratio:** A statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in up-markets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has risen. **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. **R2:** A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. **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.

## INDEX DEFINITIONS

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. 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 indices are unmanaged, their returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and are not available for direct investment.