# Quantitative Portfolio: Market Series Small Cap Core

Fourth Quarter 2023

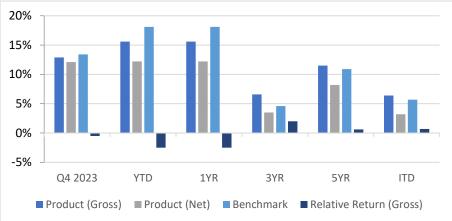
## Strategy Overview

The Quantitative Portfolio: Market Series Small Cap Core strategy is a passively managed Separately Managed Account. The portfolio is designed to provide beta exposure and risk characteristics similar to those of an appropriate asset class benchmark.

#### **Investment Approach**

Securities are selected through a systematic, research-driven process, which focuses on evaluating fundamental and macroeconomic information in a quantitative format. Since the portfolio is quantitatively constructed, active stock selection is not part of the process.

- The investment universe for the portfolio comprises of individual equities found in a broad asset class benchmark.
- With the investment objective in mind, the management team develops the portfolio characteristics such as number of securities, turnover, and tracking error.
- The investment team uses a proprietary, multi-factor risk model to optimize the portfolio and ensure the target objectives are satisfied.
- The resulting portfolio is well-diversified and aims to be sector-neutral relative to the index.



## Trailing Returns (%, Annualized for period longer than one year)

Calendar Year Performance (Gross)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018**
Strategy Return	15.59%	-13.79%	21.70%	16.34%	22.30%	-19.87%
CRSP US Small Cap Index	18.09%	-17.64%	17.71%	19.07%	23.10%	-20.10%

\*\* Partial year from inception date.

Index performance is presented for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the performance of any specific investment product or portfolio. Fees and expenses are not included in the performance of an index. Fees and expenses will reduce performance. An investment cannot be made directly into an index.

## As of 12/31/2023

#### Investment Objective

Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in U.S. small cap companies.

#### Overview

Minimum Investment: \$100,000

Asset Class: Small Cap Core

Benchmark: CRSP US Small Cap Index

Inception Date: Oct 01, 2018

#### **Quick Facts**

Holdings #: 226 % of Holdings in Top Ten: 12.3% Annual Turnover (approx.): 20% Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$ millions): 7,066

#### **Portfolio Statistics**

Standard Deviation\*: 20.03% Dividend Yield: 1.36% (Benchmark = 1.52%) P/E Ratio: 19.4 (Benchmark = 17.3) P/B Ratio: 3.9 (Benchmark = 4.3) Beta\*: 1.03

\*Over 3 years

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## Sector Allocation (% Weight)



## Top 10 Holdings

Ticker	Company	Allocation %
SSD	Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	1.76
RS	Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	1.60
MLI	Mueller Industries, Inc.	1.30
AIT	Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.	1.20
ELS	Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc.	1.18
BRC	Brady Corporation	1.12
NSIT	Insight Enterprises, Inc.	1.11
FICO	Fair Isaac Corporation	1.05
RLI	RLI Corp.	1.01
GLPI	Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.	0.99

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# **QRG Market Series Small Cap Core**

Period	*Pure Gross Return	Net Return	***CRSP US Small Cap Index Return	Number of Portfolios End of Period	Equal Weighted Std. Dev.	Composite 3-year Std. Dev.	Benchmark 3-year Std. Dev.	Total Composite Assets	Total Product Assets	Firm AUM	Composite Assets as Percentage of Total Firm
**2018-10-01 - 2018-12-31	-19.87%	-20.51%	-20.10%	1	nm	n/a	n/a	354,173	834,101	1,604,283,375	0.02%
2019	22.30%	18.74%	23.10%	2	nm	n/a	n/a	249,260	1,171,872	2,723,594,504	0.01%
2020	16.34%	12.93%	19.07%	3	nm	n/a	n/a	680,684	5,796,247	4,011,352,178	0.02%
2021	21.70%	18.15%	17.71%	22	n/a	21.39%	22.87%	4,772,859	24,780,814	5,883,211,018	0.08%
2022	-13.79%	-16.37%	-17.64%	26	0.53%	24.00%	25.17%	5,061,040	33,443,704	5,825,736,102	0.09%
2023	15.59%	12.20%	18.09%	36	0.65%	20.03%	20.04%	7,584,626	50,341,367	9,254,020,860	0.08%

\*Presented as supplementary information. \*\*Partial year.

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The QRG Market Series Small Cap Core composite is comprised of all fee-paying, discretionary accounts with at least \$100,000 in assets. Accounts are added to the composite at the beginning of the month after they are fully invested. If the market value and net investment of the account falls below \$100,000 it is removed until the next reconciliation and calculation period. Accounts that have a significant cash flow, defined as 20% of the beginning market value, will be removed from the composite until the next reconciliation and calculation period. Financial leverage is not employed as part of the investment strategy.

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Percentage of strategy assets represented by WRAP accounts at period end:

2018 - 100% 2019 - 100% 2020 - 100% 2021 - 100% 2022 - 100% 2023 - 100%

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