

## U.S. SMALL CAP VALUE

## OVERVIEW

The Strategy seeks to generate total return in excess of its benchmark, the S&P Small Cap 600 Value Index, by investing primarily in equities of U.S. companies that are included in the S&P 600 Index or whose market capitalization at the time of investment is less than that of the 1000 largest publicly held companies.

The Strategy's investment approach is grounded in the Systematic Equity team's belief that, in the short term, equity markets exhibit exploitable inefficiencies as a result of irrational investor actions, the imperfect flow of information, and the participation of non-economic actors, while in the long-term returns are ultimately driven by economic reality. The Strategy aims to take advantage of this inefficiency by utilizing a multi-factor valuation model in conjunction with other methods, such as cross-asset signals and corporate alerts, to identify mispriced equity securities.

## FACTS

Strategy Inception	1-Jul-19
Composite Inception	31-Jul-19
Total Assets	\$35mm USD
Benchmark	S&P 600 Value +

## CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>MTD</i>	<i>QTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
Composite	5.03	5.20	5.20	22.79	-14.03	35.66	2.34	6.67
Benchmark	3.39	0.14	0.14	14.89	-11.04	30.95	5.34	7.70

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (USD, NET OF FEES, %)

	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>3 Years</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>ITD</i>
Composite	24.10	6.74	-	-	11.25
Benchmark	11.64	2.58	-	-	9.39

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**Risks:** Risks associated with investing in the Strategy may include Market Risk-Equities, Management and Operational Risk, Small Company Risk, Focused Investment Risk and Illiquidity Risk. Returns shown for periods greater than one year are on an annualized basis. To obtain performance information to the most recent month-end, visit [www.gmo.com](http://www.gmo.com).

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## CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Price/Earnings - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	13.6x	23.5x
Price/Book - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	1.3x	1.4x
Price/Cash Flow - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Mdn	8.6x	9.4x
Return on Equity - Hist 1 Yr Mdn	13.4%	7.1%
Dividend Yield - Hist 1 Yr Wtd Avg	2.1%	2.5%
Market Cap - Wtd Mdn Bil	2.1 USD	2.1 USD
Number of Equity Holdings	292	452

## MARKET CAP BAND EXPOSURES (\$B)

	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Small (5.5 & Below)	82.4	100.0
Small - Medium (5.5 To 16.2)	17.5	0.0
Medium (16.2 To 41.9)	0.0	0.0
Medium - Large (41.9 To 115.9)	0.0	0.0

## SECTORS (%)

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Communication Services	1.8	1.9
Consumer Discretionary	18.3	13.2
Consumer Staples	1.8	4.1
Energy	3.7	2.7
Financials	29.1	25.2
Health Care	5.0	9.1
Industrials	19.7	15.9
Information Technology	9.4	10.1
Materials	5.9	5.4
Real Estate	5.2	9.9
Utilities	0.0	2.4

## TOP HOLDINGS

<i>Company</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>%</i>
Radian Group Inc	Financials	2.1
Allison Transmission Holdings Inc	Industrials	2.0
Group 1 Automotive Inc	Consumer Discretionary	1.7
Avnet Inc	Information Technology	1.7
Enova International Inc	Financials	1.6
MGIC Investment Corp	Financials	1.6
Organon & Co	Health Care	1.6
Unum Group	Financials	1.6
Old Republic International Corp	Financials	1.5
World Kinect Corp	Energy	1.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>16.9</b>

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Benchmark(s):** The S&P 600 Value+ Index is an internally maintained benchmark computed by GMO, comprised of (i) Russell 2000 Value through 3/31/2020, and (ii) S&P SmallCap 600 Value thereafter. The index is internally blended by GMO. S&P does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, completeness or availability of any data or information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions from the use of such data or information. Reproduction of the data or information in any form is prohibited except with the prior written permission of S&P or its third party licensors. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is a trademark of Russell Investment Group.

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