

Small Cap Composite QSV Equity Investors

JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Year	QSV Small Cap Composite Gross Return	QSV Small Cap Composite Net Return	Russell 2000 Value	Composite 3-Yr St Dev	Russell 2000 Value 3-Yr St Dev	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion	Composite Assets	Firm Assets
2017*	7.20%	6.66%	7.25%	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	\$0.5M	\$20.9M
2018	-4.66%	-5.61%	-12.86%	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	\$0.5M	\$34.0M
2019	25.88%	24.67%	22.39%	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	\$2.5M	\$30.4M
2020	6.73%	5.69%	4.63%	19.18%	26.12%	<5	N/A	\$3.8M	\$38.4M
2021	20.74%	20.06%	28.27%	17.80%	25.00%	11	0.25%	\$57.7M	\$96.7M
2022	-10.86%	-11.23%	-14.48%	19.37%	27.27%	11	0.22%	\$77.4M	\$96.1M
2023	16.43%	16.03%	14.65%	18.13%	21.75%	11	0.21%	\$89.8M	\$111.1M

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NOTES:

- 2017 is reported as a partial year. The QSV Quality Value Small Cap Composite was started on July 1, 2017.
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- The QSV Quality Value Small Cap Composite includes all portfolios that mirror QSV's Small Cap Value long-only model portfolio of 50-70 small-cap stocks (stocks with market capitalization below \$3bil) that meet QSV's rigorous investment standards. The portfolio's performance objective is to outperform the Russell 2000 Indices over a full market cycle (including peaks and troughs), with less risk. The account minimum is \$1,000,000.
- The returns of the QSV Quality Value Small Cap strategy are compared to the historical performance of the Russell 2000 Value Index as it is a widely used benchmark for small capitalization companies.
- Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars.
- Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees, but after all trading expenses. Composite and benchmark returns are presented net of non-reclaimable withholding taxes. Net-of-fees returns are calculated by deducting the maximum advisory fee of 100bps from inception through June 30, 2020. Starting July 1, 2020, actual fees charged are used to calculate net performance.
- The composite was created and inceptioned on July 1, 2017. The complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request.
- Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year.
- The composite utilizes a 15% significant cash flow policy.

