

# Lyons Fundamental Small Cap Value Strategy





5 Star Overall Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 157 small value funds as of 09-30-23. Compensation was provided for the display of this rating.

#### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Objective Long term growth of capital through buying undervalued

companies with improving business prospects.

Benchmark Russell 2000

Account Type Separately Managed Accounts

Minimum \$100.000

Investment

Inception Date January 1, 2001

# STRATEGY STATISTICS

 Number of Holdings
 56

 Mkt Cap Mill. (Avg)
 \$2,389

 P/E (TTM)
 10.6

 P/B
 1.8

 ROE (Median)
 19.8%

Statistics in this table are weighted averages except

otherwise noted.

# STRATEGY PERFORMANCE

	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	10 Year*
Fundamental Small Cap Value	9.29%	19.04%	19.04%	18.67%	19.59%	10.91%
Russell 2000	14.03%	16.93%	16.93%	2.22%	9.97%	7.16%

Annualized for periods longer than one year. Composite returns are presented net of management fees and trading expenses and include the reinvestment of dividends and other income. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

# **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS**



# PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023)

	SCV	Russell 2000
Standard Deviation (annual)	22.67%	20.16%
Correlation to Russell 2000	0.86	1
Sharpe Ratio	0.56	0.31
Avg Up Market Month	4.55%	4.38%
Avg Down Market Month	-3.81%	-4.92%

#### GROWTH OF \$10,000 ILLUSTRATION (FROM COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE INCEPTION JAN 1, 2001 - DEC 31, 2023)



This chart illustrates the compounded performance of the monthly composite returns from the strategy's performance inception date. Since it displays our composite returns, this is not the performance achieved by any single account invested in the strategy. Returns are presented net of management fees and include all trading expenses and the reinvestment of all income. Please see our Disclosures section for more information on the composite and the benchmarks presented, including a description of fees. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance.

# **STRATEGY**

Managed by our affiliate Lyons Investment Management, the US Small Cap Value strategy consists of a diversified portfolio of small cap value stocks traded on US stock exchanges. We utilize our Fundamental Process, including our proprietary GRAPES valuation model, to screen the universe of mid, small, and micro-cap companies in order to find attractive candidates. We are typically looking for companies with strong current operating results and conservative balance sheets which are trading at discounted prices.



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# INVESTMENT PROCESS Initial Universe of Small Cap Stocks

#### GRAPES Analysis & Other Quantitative Filters

GRAPES (Growth Rate Arbitrage Price Equilibrium System) is our proprietary valuation model used to find undervalued stocks. GRAPES evaluates a company's market value relative to accounting metrics using profitability and capital structure ratios. Higher profitability and lower debt justify a higher valuation, according to this model. We also apply other screens based on our studies of corporate events, including share sales and buybacks, dividend announcements, and mergers and acquisitions.

#### **Fundamental Analysis**

We narrow down the list of attractively valued stocks by reviewing each company's current business prospects. We focus on a healthy balance sheet, profitability, and the ability to drive future earnings growth.

Equity Portfolios

We use risk/reward analysis to create portfolios of attractive stocks. We seek to take risk efficiently, allowing us to make large active stock bets while controlling portfolio volatility. Our portfolios will often deviate significantly from benchmark weightings for sectors and industries.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Mark Zavanelli, CFA – President & CIO, Lyons Investment Management

#### **TOP 5 HOLDINGS (AS OF 12/31/23)**

BELFB Bel Fuse Inc Class B

PLUS ePlus, Inc.

PLPC Preformed Line Products Co.

MOD Modine Mfg. Co.

AVNW Aviat Networks Inc.

Results are based on the largest positions in the representative account, as a percentage of assets, and do not represent all the securities purchased, sold, or held in the account. It should not be assumed that an investment in any of these securities will be profitable.

# SECTOR WEIGHTS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023)

Energy	4.61%	Consumer Staples	3.45%	Technology	26.05%
Materials	2.01%	Healthcare	1.22%	Telecommunications Services	1.99%
Industrials	22.48%	Financials	3.45%	Utilities	0.00%
Consumer Discretionary	16.99%	Real Estate	1.22%	Cash	1.13%
				Total	100%

#### **DISCLOSURES**

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The Fundamental Small Cap Value Composite consists of accounts that hold U.S. small cap stocks selected by using LIM Fundamental Analysis. This analysis identifies undervalued companies using LIM's GRAPES valuation model and applies other selection criteria relating to a company's business prospects, management quality, and capital structure. The benchmark for the composite is the Russell 2000 Index, presented in U.S. Dollars. The Russell 2000 is a market cap weighted index of small company US stocks. In the past the composite has displayed higher volatility than its benchmark. Investing in small capitalization companies generally involves greater risk than investing in larger, more established companies. The S&P 500 is a market-capitalization weighted index of 500 leading publicly traded companies in the U.S.

The composite includes fully discretionary, management fee-paying and, beginning on January 1, 2011, non-management fee-paying accounts, including those accounts no longer with the firm. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented net of management fees and include all trading expenses and the reinvestment of all income and dividends. Net of fee performance was calculated using model management fees, including for non-fee-paying accounts. The model fee is our current maximum fee of 1.5% per year for separately managed accounts which do not pay a performance-based fee. Actual advisory fees and transaction fees will vary depending on, among other things, the portfolio, account size, and activity. Fees are described in LIM's ADV Part 2A.

On September 24, 2019, Lyons Investment Management acquired the asset management business which managed the composite presented. At the time of the acquisition LIM was affiliated with the prior firm with shared investment personnel. Performance shown prior to the acquisition date is from the prior firm. The historical performance has been linked to performance achieved at Lyons Investment Management.

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