

Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Strategy



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**Small-Cap
Core
Approach¹**

**MSCI ACWI x
USA SC
Benchmark**

**Total Strategy
AUM²**

\$179_M

Longevity

14+
Years of History

**Average
Market Cap^{3,4}**

\$1,667_M

Active Share⁵

99%

**Available
Vehicles**

**Separate Account
Sub-Advisory
Mutual Fund**

Portfolio Diagnostics

Number of Holdings 54

Portfolio Company Characteristics

Weighted Average ROIC ⁶	18.0%
Operating Margin ⁷	20.1%
Asset/Equity ⁸	1.7x
Capitalization Rate (EBIT/Enterprise Value) ⁹	6.8x

Why invest in the Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Strategy?

- The strategy invests in a limited number of premier non-U.S. small-cap companies (generally less than 80) with discernible competitive advantages, high and consistent returns on invested capital, and sustainable franchises.
- Seeks to identify companies with notable strengths in industry structure, competitive positioning, operational efficiency, financial track record, and corporate governance.
- Focuses on consistently profitable, conservatively capitalized businesses trading at valuations that do not fully reflect these attributes.

Value of \$10,000

Invested on 12/31/10 as of 12/31/24 (\$)



Performance

Average Annual Total Return through 12/31/24 (%)

	4Q24*	YTD*	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	SINCE INCEPT. (12/31/10)
ISCQ (Gross)	-9.09	-6.01	-6.01	-8.83	-0.92	6.76	6.07
ISCQ (Net)	-9.29	-6.83	-6.83	-9.64	-1.82	5.84	5.36
MSCI ACWI x USA SC	-7.66	3.36	3.36	-1.47	4.30	5.66	4.79

*Not Annualized

Important Performance Information

Performance for the Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Strategy is represented by the Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Composite performance (see GIPS Composite Report). The net-of-fees performance for the Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Strategy would be lower than the gross performance of the account. All net-of-fees performance information reflects past performance, is presented on a total return basis, reflects the reinvestment of distributions, and does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. Net-of-fees performance for the Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Strategy is represented by the Royce International Small-Cap Premier Quality Composite net-of-fees performance (see GIPS Composite Report). Past performance does not guarantee future results.

“We are long-term investors who screen for non-U.S. small-caps with high returns on invested capital and low debt that offer mission-critical products or services to a loyal customer base.”

—Mark Fischer

All Portfolio Characteristics calculations exclude Cash (-1.5% of ISCQ as of 12/31/24), all non-equity securities, and investment companies. **1.** Royce classifies a client account as ‘Core’ because it anticipates the client account equity holdings will have a weighted average price-to-book ratio or weighted average normalized price-to-earnings ratio that is similar to, or somewhat higher than, its general asset class. **2.** Strategy assets for International Small-Cap Premier Quality include Royce International Premier Fund. **3. Geometric Average.** This weighted calculation uses each portfolio holding’s market cap in a way designed to not skew the effect of very large or small holdings; instead, it aims to better identify the portfolio’s center, which Royce believes offers a more accurate measure of average market cap than a simple mean or median. **4. Market Capitalization** is calculated by multiplying a company’s share price by its shares outstanding. **5. Active Share** is the sum of the absolute values of the different weightings of each holding in the portfolio versus each holding in the benchmark, divided by two. **6. Return on Invested Capital** is calculated by dividing a company’s past 12 months of operating income (earnings before interest and taxes) by its average invested capital (total equity, less cash and cash equivalents, plus total debt, minority interest, and preferred stock). The portfolio calculation is a simple weighted average that excludes cash, all non-equity securities, investment companies, and securities in the Financials sector with the exceptions of the asset management & custody banks and insurance brokers sub-industries. The portfolio calculation also eliminates outliers by applying the inter-quartile method of outlier removal. As of 12/31/24, 16% of Portfolio holdings were excluded from the ROIC calculations. **7. Operating Margin** is calculated by dividing a company’s past 12 months of operating income (earnings before interest and taxes) by its revenue in the most recent year. As of 12/31/24, 0% of Portfolio holdings were excluded. **8. The Asset/Equity Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company’s total assets by stockholder’s equity (1% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 12/31/24). This ratio is one measurement that can be used to evaluate a company’s leverage on its balance sheet. **9. Capitalization Rate** is calculated by dividing a company’s past 12 months of operating income (earnings before interest and taxes) by its enterprise value (market cap, less cash and cash equivalents, plus total debt, minority interest, and preferred stock). The portfolio calculation eliminates outliers by applying the inter-quartile method of outlier removal. As of 12/31/24, 0% of Portfolio holdings were excluded.

Top 10 Positions

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

NICE Information Service	3.4
Zuken	3.0
DiscoverIE Group	3.0
Maruwa	2.7
Johns Lyng Group	2.6
JTC	2.5
Ashtead Technology Holdings	2.3
Intertek Group	2.3
Vitec Software Group Cl. B	2.3
Riken Keiki	2.3

Portfolio Regional Breakdown% of Net Assets¹

	ISCO	MSCI ACWI X USA SC
Western Europe	56.6	28.3
Asia Pacific (Developed)	35.8	44.0
Latin America & Caribbean	2.5	1.5
North America	2.3	8.0
Middle East & Africa	2.3	4.9
Eastern Europe	2.0	1.1
Asia Pacific (Emerging)	—	12.1

¹Securities are categorized by the country of their headquarters.**Portfolio Country Breakdown**% of Net Assets^{1,2}

	ISCO	MSCI ACWI X USA SC
Japan	24.1	22.9
United Kingdom	19.2	8.9
Sweden	7.1	3.3
France	6.6	2.1
Australia	6.4	6.0
Italy	6.1	1.9
Germany	4.8	2.2
Switzerland	4.8	2.7
South Korea	3.4	3.1

¹Represents countries that are 3% or more of net assets.²Securities are categorized by the country of their headquarters.**Relative Returns (Net): Monthly Rolling Average Annual Return Periods**

Since Inception Through 12/31/24

On a monthly rolling basis, The Strategy outperformed the MSCI ACWI x USA SC in 100% of all 10-year periods; 83% of all 5-year periods; and 58% of all 1-year periods.

	PERIODS BEATING THE INDEX	ISCO AVG*	INDEX AVG*
10-year	49/49	100%	7.8
5-year	91/109	83%	8.2
1-year	91/157	58%	7.4

*Average of monthly rolling average annual total returns over the specified periods.

Portfolio Sector Breakdown

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

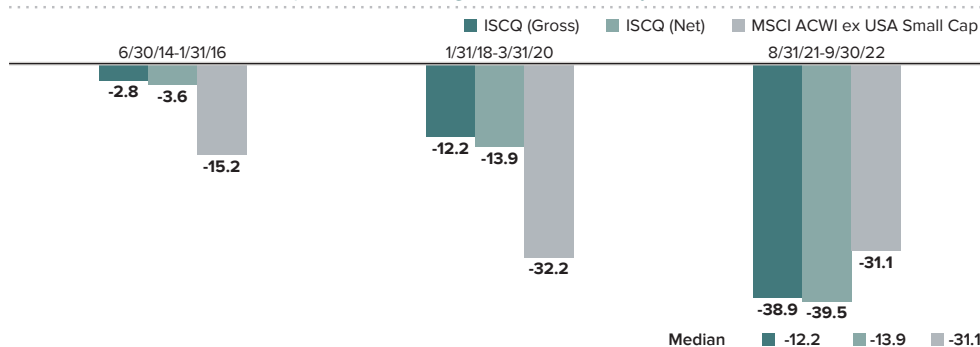
	ISCO	MSCI ACWI X USA SC
Industrials	38.0	21.1
Information Technology	28.6	11.7
Health Care	12.5	6.6
Financials	7.1	11.8
Materials	5.6	11.2
Communication Services	5.1	3.6
Consumer Discretionary	3.7	12.0
Energy	1.0	3.7
Real Estate	—	9.4
Consumer Staples	—	5.9
Utilities	—	3.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-1.5	—

Calendar Year Total Returns (%)

YEAR	ISCO (GROSS)	ISCO (NET)	MSCI ACWI X USA SC
2024	-6.0	-6.8	3.4
2023	9.2	8.2	15.7
2022	-26.2	-26.8	-20.0
2021	7.3	6.3	12.9
2020	17.4	16.3	14.2
2019	36.0	34.8	22.4
2018	-11.5	-12.3	-18.2
2017	41.8	40.4	31.6
2016	0.5	-0.4	3.9
2015	17.5	17.0	2.6
2014	-7.2	-7.8	-4.0
2013	20.3	20.2	19.7
2012	25.5	25.5	18.5
2011	-15.3	-15.3	-18.5

Down Market Performance Comparison (%)

The Strategy outperformed the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap during two out of three downturns of 15% or more from the index's prior historical high over the last 25 years.

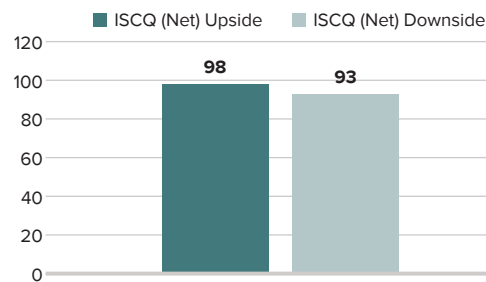
**Long-Term Risk/Return Profile**

Strategy's First Full Month (12/31/10) to 12/31/24 (%)

The Strategy had a higher return than the MSCI ACWI x USA SC with lower volatility.

**Upside/Downside Capture Ratio**

Strategy's First Full Quarter (12/31/10) to 12/31/24

**Tracking Error**

Three-Year	6.9%
Five-Year	7.1%
Ten-Year	6.2%

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ROYCE INTERNATIONAL SMALL-CAP PREMIER QUALITY COMPOSITE

GIPS COMPOSITE REPORT

YEAR END	TOTAL FIRM ASSETS (USD) (BILLIONS)	COMPOSITE ASSETS (USD) (MILLIONS)	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS	COMPOSITE RETURNS GROSS	COMPOSITE RETURNS NET	BENCHMARK RETURNS	COMPOSITE DISPERSION	COMPOSITE 3-YR STD DEV	BENCHMARK 3-YR STD DEV
2023	12.35	500.50	≤5	9.18%	8.20%	15.66%	N/A ¹	18.95%	16.97%
2022	11.28	739.90	≤5	-26.15%	-26.82%	-19.97%	N/A ¹	22.21%	22.72%
2021	16.05	1,252.94	≤5	7.31%	6.31%	12.93%	N/A ¹	18.37%	19.85%
2020	14.55	1,132.59	≤5	17.42%	16.34%	14.24%	N/A ¹	18.67%	20.98%
2019	13.72	808.64	≤5	36.00%	34.75%	22.42%	N/A ¹	11.51%	11.61%
2018	12.77	362.25	≤5	-11.49%	-12.28%	-18.20%	N/A ¹	11.97%	12.34%
2017	17.40	161.03	≤5	41.84%	40.45%	31.65%	N/A ¹	11.50%	11.53%
2016	17.65	63.60	≤5	0.48%	-0.42%	3.91%	N/A ¹	11.86%	12.14%
2015	18.51	15.77	≤5	17.47%	16.98%	2.60%	N/A ¹	9.89%	11.34%
2014	31.87	10.23	≤5	-7.24%	-7.81%	-4.03%	N/A ¹	11.61%	13.16%
2013	39.70	9.47	≤5	20.33%	20.15%	19.73%	N/A ¹	15.41%	16.68%
2012	35.29	6.44	≤5	25.51%	25.51%	18.52%	N/A ¹	N/A ²	N/A ²
2011	35.29	4.09	≤5	-15.34%	-15.34%	-18.50%	N/A ¹	N/A ²	N/A ²

NA¹ - Composite dispersion is not presented for periods with five or fewer portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

NA² - The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented for periods before 36 consecutive months of data is available.

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