

Royce Smaller-Companies Growth Strategy


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**Small-Cap
Growth
Approach¹**
**Russell 2000
Growth
Benchmark**
**Total Strategy
AUM²**
\$194^M
**Average
Market Cap^{3,4}**
\$2,221^M
Active Share⁵
93%
**Available
Vehicles**
**Separate Account
SMA
Mutual Fund**
Portfolio Diagnostics

Number of Holdings	79
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	13.0%

Portfolio Company Characteristics

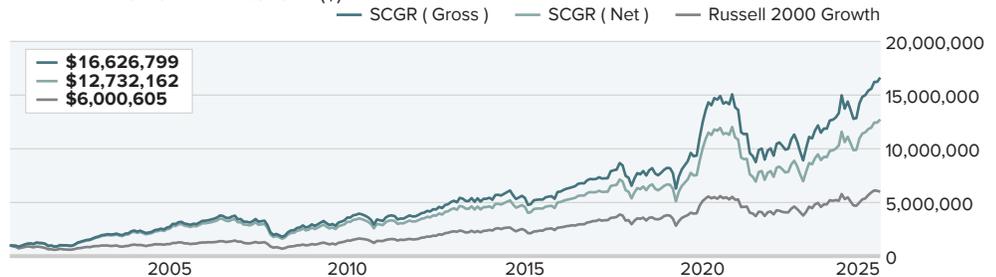
Weighted Average P/B Ratio ^{6,7}	3.8x
3-5 Year EPS Growth (est.) ⁸	21.4%
Weighted Average ROIC ⁹	4.0
Assets/Equity ¹⁰	2.1x

Why invest in Royce Smaller-Companies Growth Strategy?

- A Growth at a Reasonable Price Strategy that invests in smaller companies (generally those with market caps up to \$7.5 billion at the time of investment) with superior revenue and/or earnings growth selling at prices that Royce believes do not fully reflect their long-term prospects.
- Focuses on smaller companies that have the potential for higher internal rates of return and/or improving profit margins.
- Seeks companies that look poised for multi-year periods of robust growth driven by sustainable competitive advantages and/or are benefiting from secular growth themes that are creating favorable conditions for the business or its industry.

Value of \$1,000,000

Invested on 6/30/01 as of 12/31/25 (\$)


Performance

Average Annual Total Return through 12/31/25 (%)

	4Q25*	YTD*	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	SINCE INCEPT. (6/30/01)
SCGR (Gross)	6.72	21.08	21.08	21.14	5.95	12.16	10.75	9.46	12.16
SCGR (Net)	6.46	19.94	19.94	19.96	4.91	10.94	9.65	8.34	10.94
Russell 2000 Growth	1.22	13.01	13.01	15.59	3.18	9.57	9.94	8.76	7.59

*Not Annualized

Important Performance Information

Beginning January 1, 2008, performance for the Royce Small-Cap Growth Strategy is represented by the Royce Small-Cap Smaller-Company Growth Composite performance (see GIPS Composite Report). Prior to January 1, 2008, performance results were calculated using the gross performance of the oldest account that was a member of the composite on January 1, 2008. The gross performance of the account is unaudited and presumes reinvestment of distributions. The net-of-fees performance for the Royce Small-Cap Smaller-Companies Growth 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. Beginning January 1, 2008, net-of-fees performance for the Royce Small-Cap Smaller-Companies Growth Strategy is represented by the Royce Small-Cap Smaller-Companies Growth Composite net-of-fees performance (see GIPS Composite Report). Prior to January 1, 2008, net-of-fees performance results were calculated by reducing each monthly gross return of the oldest account included in the composite as of that date by the greater of (i) a prorated monthly equivalent of a 0.95% annual fee or (ii) the account's total expense ratio for the corresponding month. Past performance does not guarantee future results

All Portfolio Characteristics calculations exclude Cash (5.4% of SCGR as of 12/31/25), all non-equity securities, and investment companies. 1. Royce classifies a client account as 'Growth' because it anticipates the client account equity holdings will have weighted average estimated eps growth higher than its general asset class. 2. Strategy assets for Smaller-Companies Growth include Royce Smaller-Companies Growth Fund and Separately Managed Accounts. 3. **Market Capitalization** is calculated by multiplying a company's share price by its shares outstanding. 4. **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. 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. **Harmonic Average.** This weighted calculation evaluates a portfolio as if it were a single stock and measures it overall. It compares the total market value of the portfolio to the portfolio's share in the earnings or book value, as the case may be, of its underlying stocks. 7. The **Price-to-Book Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's share price by its book value per share (5% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 12/31/25). 8. The **3-5 Year EPS Growth (est.)** is the pre-calculated mean long-term EPS growth rate estimates by brokerage analysts (excluding companies without brokerage analyst coverage). Long Term Growth (LTG) is the annual EPS growth that the company can sustain over the next 3 or 5 years. Both estimates are the average of those provided by analysts working for brokerage firms who provide research coverage on each individual security as reported by FactSet. As of 12/31/25, 52% of Portfolio holdings were excluded. 9. **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 12/31/25, 28% of Portfolio holdings were excluded. 10. The **Asset/Equity Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's total assets by stockholder's equity (3% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 12/31/25). This ratio is one measurement that can be used to evaluate a company's leverage on its balance sheet.

Top 10 Positions

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

Axsome Therapeutics	2.6
Strata Critical Medical	2.3
Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida	2.3
Flotek Industries	2.3
Magnite	2.2
Guardian Pharmacy Services Cl. A	2.1
ACV Auctions Cl. A	2.1
SI-BONE	2.1
BrightSpring Health Services	2.1
JFrog	2.0

Absolute Returns:

10-Year Monthly Rolling Return Periods

Number of 10-Year Average Annual Return Periods From 6/30/01 to 12/31/25

SCGR (Net) averaged a 9.2% return over all 175 10-year monthly rolling return periods.

RETURN RANGE (%)	PERIODS	% IN RANGE
> 10	68	39
> 5 and ≤ 10	97	55
> 0 and ≤ 5	10	6
≤ 0	0	0

Net Tracking Error

Three-Year	6.8%
Five-Year	6.9%
Ten-Year	6.2%

Portfolio Sector Breakdown

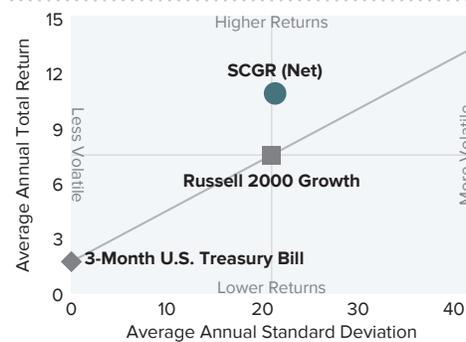
% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

	SCGR	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH
Health Care	23.1	25.8
Information Technology	21.3	21.2
Industrials	17.0	21.7
Financials	9.7	9.8
Consumer Discretionary	7.0	8.0
Materials	5.1	3.5
Consumer Staples	5.0	2.1
Energy	3.1	2.8
Communication Services	2.2	2.4
Utilities	0.9	0.5
Real Estate	—	2.2
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5.4	—

Long-Term Risk/Return Profile

Strategy's First Full Month (6/30/01) to 12/31/25 (%)

The Strategy had a higher return than the Russell 2000 Growth with higher volatility.

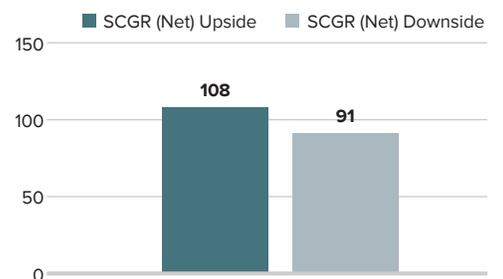


Calendar Year Total Returns (%)

YEAR	SCGR (GROSS)	SCGR (NET)	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH
2025	21.1	19.9	13.0
2024	23.7	22.4	15.2
2023	18.7	17.5	18.7
2022	-31.4	-32.0	-26.4
2021	9.4	8.3	2.8
2020	51.5	50.0	34.6
2019	25.5	24.3	28.5
2018	-8.9	-9.8	-9.3
2017	19.5	18.4	22.2
2016	11.0	9.9	11.3
2015	-0.4	-1.4	-1.4
2014	5.4	4.3	5.6
2013	34.5	33.1	43.3
2012	16.9	15.8	14.6
2011	-8.7	-9.6	-2.9

Upside/Downside Capture Ratio

Strategy's First Full Quarter (6/30/01) to 12/31/25 (%)



“We are looking for companies whose business is at an inflection point, growing faster than consensus estimates and have a long runway of growth. These companies generally have developed a better ‘mouse-trap’ and are leaders in their industries.”

—Chip Skinner

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YEAR END	TOTAL FIRM ASSETS (USD) (BILLIONS)	COMPOSITE ASSETS (USD) (MILLIONS)	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS	COMPOSITE RETURNS GROSS	COMPOSITE RETURNS NET	BENCHMARK RETURNS	COMPOSITE DISPERSION	COMPOSITE 3-YR STD DEV	BENCHMARK 3-YR STD DEV
2025	10.93	194.38	≤5	21.08%	19.94%	13.01%	N/A ¹	20.31%	20.04%
2024	11.93	187.54	≤5	23.67%	22.51%	15.15%	N/A ¹	26.08%	23.99%
2023	12.35	180.59	≤5	18.73%	17.61%	18.66%	N/A ¹	25.42%	21.79%
2022	11.28	175.29	≤5	-31.35%	-32.00%	-26.36%	N/A ¹	29.43%	26.20%
2021	16.05	299.69	≤5	9.40%	8.36%	2.83%	N/A ¹	24.52%	23.07%
2020	14.55	307.98	≤5	51.50%	50.07%	34.63%	N/A ¹	25.80%	25.10%
2019	13.72	260.19	≤5	25.50%	24.31%	28.48%	N/A ¹	15.71%	16.37%
2018	12.77	256.76	≤5	-8.87%	-9.74%	-9.31%	N/A ¹	16.48%	16.46%
2017	17.40	367.78	≤5	19.55%	18.42%	22.17%	N/A ¹	14.43%	14.59%
2016	17.65	415.71	≤5	11.01%	9.96%	11.32%	N/A ¹	17.03%	16.67%
2015	18.51	604.09	≤5	-0.38%	-1.32%	-1.38%	N/A ¹	14.50%	14.95%
2014	31.87	926.04	≤5	5.38%	4.39%	5.60%	N/A ¹	14.32%	13.82%
2013	39.70	1,247.76	≤5	34.47%	33.20%	43.30%	N/A ¹	17.74%	17.27%
2012	35.29	1,432.65	≤5	16.92%	15.81%	14.59%	N/A ¹	20.13%	20.72%
2011	35.29	1,999.30	≤5	-8.69%	-9.56%	-2.91%	N/A ¹	23.12%	24.31%
2010	39.46	3,218.29	≤5	21.42%	20.28%	29.09%	N/A ¹	26.64%	27.70%
2009	30.60	3,157.82	≤5	43.46%	42.10%	34.47%	N/A ¹	N/A ²	N/A ²
2008	20.28	2,001.51	≤5	-40.21%	-40.78%	-38.54%	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.

Royce Smaller-Companies Growth Composite: The Royce Smaller-Companies Growth Composite contains portfolios that invest primarily in equity securities of companies with stock market capitalizations up to \$7.5 billion that Royce believes have above-average growth prospects. Between May 1, 2003 and April 30, 2015, the composite was described as primarily investing in the equity securities of small- and mid-cap companies with stock market capitalizations up to \$5.0 billion that Royce believes have above-average growth prospects. Prior to May 1, 2003, the composite was described as primarily investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities issued by mid-, small- and micro-cap companies with stock market capitalizations up to \$4.0 billion that Royce believes are trading significantly below its estimate of their current worth, basing this assessment on factors such as balance sheet quality and cash flow levels. Royce also considers the extent to which such companies are trading below its estimate of their current worth and/or have the potential for higher internal rates of return or improved profit margins. The strategy may continue to hold or, in some cases, build positions in companies with market capitalizations of more than \$7.5 billion. Portfolios generally hold a limited number of stocks and invest primarily in U.S. equities but may invest up to 25% of their net assets (measured at the time of investment) in non-U.S. equities. The strategy may also invest in other investment companies that invest in equity securities. The strategy may sell securities to, among other things, secure gains, limit losses, redeploy assets into what Royce deems to be more promising opportunities, and/or manage cash levels in the strategy's portfolio. The Royce Smaller-Companies Growth composite is compared against the Russell 2500 Growth Index. The Royce Smaller-Companies Growth composite was created in March 2025 and inception on June 30, 2001.

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The currency used to express performance is USD. Gross-of-fee returns are reduced by trading costs. For segregated accounts within the composite, net-of-fee returns are reduced by trading costs and each portfolio's actual investment management fee. For pooled funds

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within the composite, net-of-fee returns are reduced by trading costs, all actual investment management fees and all pooled fund expenses. For fee-paying portfolios, net-of-fee returns are reduced by trading costs and each portfolio's actual investment management fee. A model fee of 0.95% is applied monthly to non-fee-paying accounts in the composite. Composite dispersion is measured by the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios included in the composite for the full year. The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

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