

# Royce Small-Cap Opportunistic Value Strategy



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<b>Small-Cap Value Approach<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Russell 2000 Value Benchmark</b>
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<b>Total Strategy AUM<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$2,206<sub>M</sub></b>
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<b>Longevity</b>	<b>26+</b> Years of History
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<b>Average Market Cap<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>\$1,323<sub>M</sub></b>
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<b>Active Share<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>90%</b>
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<b>Available Vehicles</b>	<b>CIT Separate Account Sub-Advisory UCIT Mutual Fund</b>
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## Portfolio Diagnostics

Number of Holdings	226
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	7.7%

## Portfolio Company Characteristics

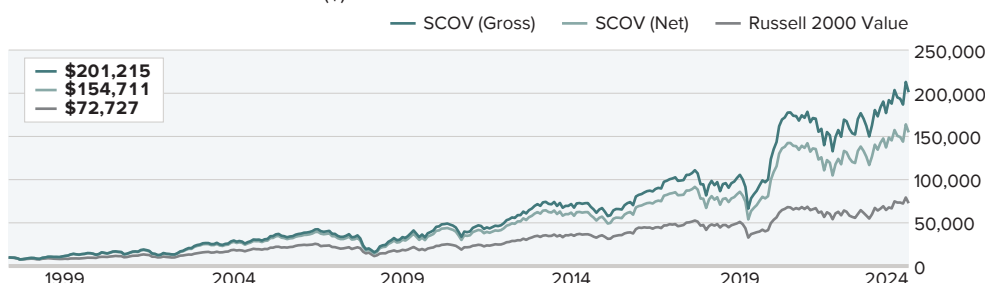
Weighted Average P/B Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	1.7x
Weighted Average P/S Ratio <sup>6,8</sup>	1.0x

## Why invest in the Royce Small-Cap Opportunistic Value Strategy?

- An opportunistic strategy that invests in a highly diversified portfolio of small-cap companies with low P/B and P/S ratios that are categorized into one of four themes: Turnarounds, Unrecognized Asset Values, Undervalued Growth, and Interrupted Earnings.
- Identifies potential catalysts for future earnings growth including new management, more favorable business cycle, product innovation, and/or margin improvement.
- Exploits most investors' extrapolation biases (that is, the idea that things going badly will continue to do so).

## Value of \$10,000

Invested on 4/30/98 as of 12/31/24 (\$)



## Performance

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

	4Q24*	YTD*	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	25-YR	SINCE INCEPT. (4/30/98)
SCOV (Gross)	3.88	11.43	11.43	4.06	13.76	10.86	12.69	10.06	12.05	11.91
SCOV (Net)	3.57	10.12	10.12	2.85	12.47	9.60	11.45	8.92	10.93	10.82
Russell 2000 Value	-1.06	8.05	8.05	1.94	7.29	7.14	9.46	7.01	8.98	7.72
Russell 2000	0.33	11.54	11.54	1.24	7.40	7.82	10.33	7.79	7.55	7.33

\*Not Annualized

## Important Performance Information

Performance for the Royce Small-Cap Opportunistic Value Strategy is represented by the Royce Small-Cap Opportunistic Value Composite performance (see GIPS Composite Report). The net-of-fees performance for the Royce Small-Cap Opportunistic Value 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 Small-Cap Opportunistic Value Strategy is represented by the Royce Small-Cap Opportunistic Value Composite net-of-fees performance (see GIPS Composite Report). Past performance does not guarantee future results.

## Top 10 Positions

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

Solaris Energy Infrastructure Cl. A	1.0
Chart Industries	1.0
Kyndryl Holdings	1.0
Lakeland Industries	0.9
Select Water Solutions Cl. A	0.9
Azenta	0.9
Knowles Corporation	0.8
CECO Environmental	0.8
FARO Technologies	0.8
Healthcare Services Group	0.8

## Portfolio Sector Breakdown

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

	SCOV	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE
Industrials	25.9	12.7
Information Technology	20.9	6.5
Consumer Discretionary	9.9	9.1
Energy	9.8	7.1
Health Care	9.6	8.8
Financials	8.8	29.2
Materials	5.3	4.9
Communication Services	5.1	3.3
Consumer Staples	1.2	2.3
Real Estate	0.4	11.0
Utilities	—	5.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.2	—

All Portfolio Characteristics calculations exclude Cash (3.2% of SCOV as of 12/31/24), all non-equity securities, and investment companies. **1.** Royce classifies a client account as 'Value' because it anticipates it will have a weighted average price-to-book ratio or weighted average normalized price-to-earnings ratio lower than its general asset class. **2.** Strategy assets for Small-Cap Opportunistic Value include Royce Institutional, LLC - Opportunity Portfolio, Royce Small-Cap Opportunity Fund, FTGF Royce US Small Cap Opportunity Fund, and Royce Small-Cap Opportunity Collective Trust 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. 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 12/31/24). **8. Price to Sales** is calculated by dividing the company's market cap by the revenue in the most recent year (5% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 12/31/24).

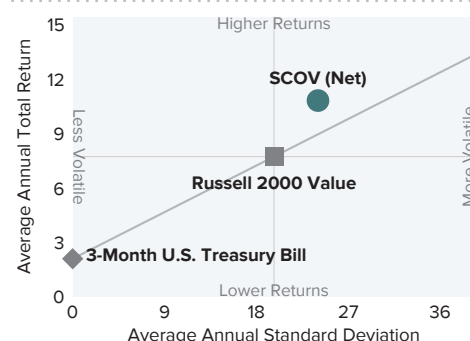
### Investment Themes as a Percentage of Assets as of 12/31/24

- **Unrecognized Asset Values – 27%** Companies selling below probable liquidating value, franchise value, tangible book value, or physical asset value relative to plant or liquid assets.
- **Turnarounds – 18%** Companies recovering from depressed operating margins due to management changes or industry- and/or sector-specific factors.
- **Undervalued Growth – 41%** Companies that we believe can provide potential growth rates of at least 12%, have strong balance sheets and whose stock prices are selling at valuations that are low relative to comparable securities.
- **Interrupted Earnings – 13%** Companies that we believe have the potential for either a 20 annual growth rate or preeminent market position, accompanied by a price-earnings multiple substantially less than the expected growth rate.

### Long-Term Risk/Return Profile

Strategy's First Full Month (4/30/98) to 12/31/24 (%)

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

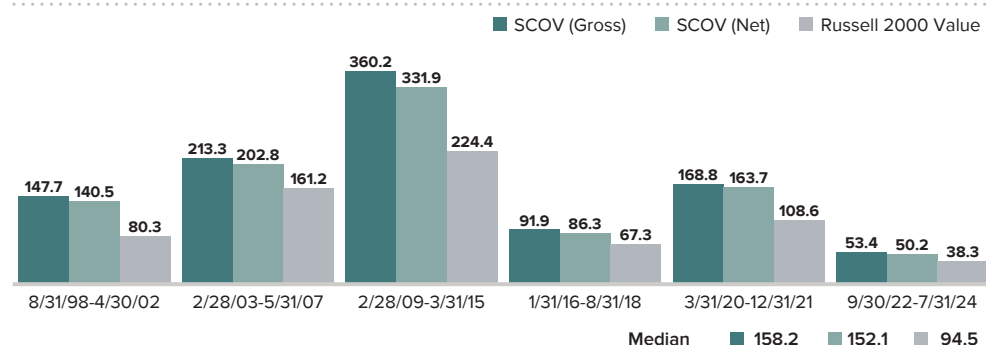


### Calendar Year Total Returns (%)

YEAR	SCOV (GROSS)	SCOV (NET)	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE
2024	11.4	10.1	8.1
2023	20.7	19.3	14.6
2022	-16.2	-17.2	-14.5
2021	32.0	30.6	28.3
2020	28.0	26.7	4.6
2019	29.3	27.9	22.4
2018	-19.4	-20.4	-12.9
2017	23.0	21.6	7.8
2016	31.1	29.7	31.7
2015	-12.5	-13.4	-7.5
2014	0.2	-0.9	4.2
2013	44.7	43.2	34.5
2012	23.8	22.5	18.1
2011	-11.9	-12.8	-5.5
2010	35.4	34.0	24.5

### Up Market<sup>1</sup> Performance Comparison (%)

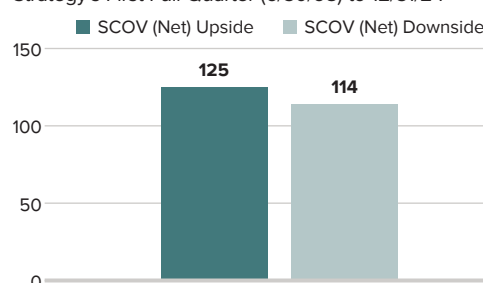
The Strategy outperformed the Russell 2000 Value during all six trough-to-peak periods since the Strategy's inception (4/30/98).



<sup>1</sup> Royce generally defines a trough as the lowest point of a decline of at least 15% from a market peak.

### Upside/Downside Capture Ratio

Strategy's First Full Quarter (6/30/98) to 12/31/24



### Tracking Error

Three-Year	7.3%
Five-Year	7.4%
Ten-Year	6.5%

"We look for companies with what we think are attractively cheap valuations where we've also identified a catalyst for growth, such as an earnings rebound or recovery."

—Brendan Hartman

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## ROYCE SMALL-CAP OPPORTUNISTIC VALUE 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	2,052.77	≤5	20.69%	19.29%	14.65%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	23.59%	21.75%
2022	11.28	1,937.44	≤5	-16.20%	-17.17%	-14.48%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	31.42%	27.27%
2021	16.05	2,862.58	≤5	32.04%	30.56%	28.27%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	29.55%	25.00%
2020	14.55	2,768.39	≤5	28.03%	26.66%	4.63%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	31.21%	26.12%
2019	13.72	2,014.83	≤5	29.33%	27.90%	22.39%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	18.93%	15.68%
2018	12.77	2,162.38	≤5	-19.43%	-20.36%	-12.86%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	17.82%	15.76%
2017	17.40	3,215.62	≤5	23.03%	21.62%	7.84%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	16.36%	13.97%
2016	17.65	2,704.93	≤5	31.12%	29.67%	31.74%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	17.73%	15.50%
2015	18.51	2,396.05	≤5	-12.47%	-13.44%	-7.47%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	15.31%	13.46%
2014	31.87	3,712.00	≤5	0.19%	-0.94%	4.22%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	14.38%	12.79%
2013	39.70	4,076.38	≤5	44.70%	43.16%	34.52%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	19.72%	15.82%
2012	35.29	2,519.10	≤5	23.81%	22.54%	18.05%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	24.81%	19.89%
2011	35.29	2,217.96	≤5	-11.89%	-12.78%	-5.50%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	32.51%	26.05%
2010	39.46	3,050.25	≤5	35.35%	34.01%	24.50%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	36.15%	28.37%
2009	30.60	2,218.41	≤5	64.09%	62.51%	20.58%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>
2008	20.28	1,425.25	≤5	-45.14%	-45.66%	-28.92%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>

NA<sup>1</sup> - Composite dispersion is not presented for periods with five or fewer portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

NA<sup>2</sup> - The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented for periods before 36 consecutive months of data is available.

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