

Royce Small-Cap Quality Value Strategy



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**Small-Cap
Value
Approach¹**

**Russell 2000
Value
Benchmark**

**Total Strategy
AUM²**

\$1,008^M

Longevity

31+
Years of History

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

\$2,368^M

Active Share⁵

97%

**Available
Vehicles**

**SMA
CIT
Separate Account
Sub-Advisory
Mutual Fund**

Portfolio Diagnostics

Number of Holdings	62
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	16.0%

Portfolio Company Characteristics

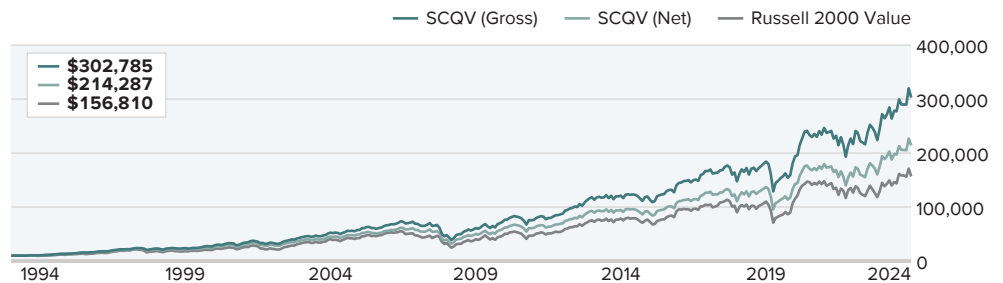
Weighted Average P/E Ratio ^{6,7}	13.9x
Weighted Average P/B Ratio ^{6,8}	1.8x
Weighted Average ROIC ⁹	15.3
Asset/Equity ¹⁰	2.9

Why invest in the Royce Small-Cap Quality Value Strategy?

- The Strategy seeks to invest in small-cap companies with an attractive combination of quality and value with the goal of delivering competitive upside performance and notable down market outperformance.
- Focuses on quality companies that pay regular dividends and/or return capital to shareholders. Companies typically fall into one of three investment themes: Compounder, Quality Value, or Special Situations.
- Hallmarks of quality include companies with attributes such as above-average profitability, strong free cash flow generation, lower than average leverage, and/or a consistent history of paying dividends.

Value of \$10,000

Invested on 12/31/93 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 INCEP. (12/31/93)
SCQV (Gross)	4.40	11.32	11.32	7.07	10.44	9.60	11.24	9.15	10.67	11.63
SCQV (Net)	4.15	10.26	10.26	6.02	9.36	8.52	10.16	8.07	9.53	10.39
Russell 2000 Val	-1.06	8.05	8.05	1.94	7.29	7.14	9.46	7.01	8.98	9.28
Russell 2000	0.33	11.54	11.54	1.24	7.40	7.82	10.33	7.79	7.55	8.66

*Not Annualized

Important Performance Information

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

All Portfolio Characteristics calculations exclude Cash (3.6% of SCQV 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 Quality Value include Royce Small-Cap Total Return Fund, Royce Small-Cap Total Return Collective Trust 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-Earnings Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's share price by its trailing 12-month earnings-per-share (EPS) and also excludes companies with zero or negative earnings (17% of Portfolio holdings as of 12/31/24). **8. The Price-to-Book Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's share price by its book value per share (3% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 12/31/24). **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 12/31/24, 48% 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 12/31/24). 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)

Academy Sports & Outdoors	3.6
Kyndryl Holdings	3.4
Advance Auto Parts	3.2
Assured Guaranty	3.0
Kulicke & Soffa Industries	2.9
Barrett Business Services	2.8
International General Insurance Holdings	2.8
Hackett Group (The)	2.7
Healthcare Services Group	2.5
Air Lease Cl. A	2.4

Absolute Returns:**10-Year Monthly Rolling Return Periods**Number of 10-Year Average Annual Return Periods
From 12/31/93 to 12/31/24SCQV (Net) averaged a 9.5% return over all
253 10-year monthly rolling return periods.

RETURN RANGE (%)	PERIODS	% IN RANGE
> 10	85	34
> 5 and ≤ 10	166	66
> 0 and ≤ 5	2	1
≤ 0	0	0

Tracking Error

Three-Year	5.9%
Five-Year	6.6%
Ten-Year	5.4%

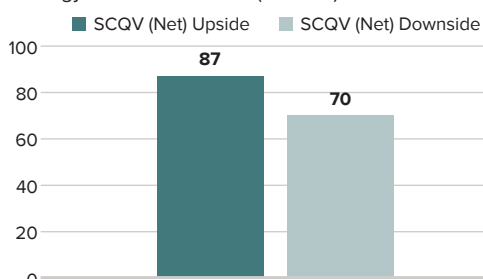
Portfolio Sector Breakdown

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

	SCQV	RUSSELL 2000 VAL
Financials	36.1	29.2
Industrials	18.3	12.7
Information Technology	14.6	6.5
Consumer Discretionary	9.8	9.1
Communication Services	5.9	3.3
Materials	5.6	4.9
Energy	4.2	7.1
Real Estate	1.1	11.0
Health Care	0.8	8.8
Utilities	—	5.1
Consumer Staples	—	2.3
Bonds & Preferreds	0.0	—
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.6	—

Upside/Downside Capture Ratio

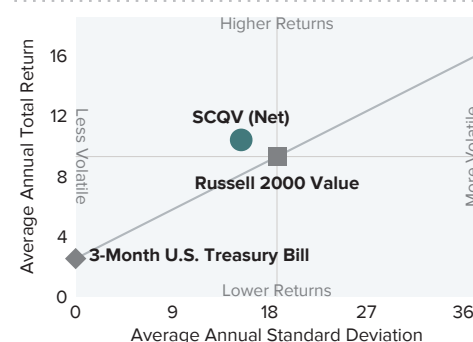
Strategy's First Full Quarter (12/31/93) to 12/31/24

**Calendar Year Total Returns (%)**

YEAR	SCQV (GROSS)	SCQV (NET)	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE
2024	11.3	10.3	8.1
2023	25.6	24.3	14.6
2022	-12.2	-13.1	-14.5
2021	27.3	26.1	28.3
2020	5.1	4.1	4.6
2019	24.9	23.7	22.4
2018	-11.4	-12.3	-12.9
2017	15.0	13.9	7.8
2016	27.4	26.1	31.7
2015	-6.1	-7.0	-7.5
2014	2.5	1.5	4.2
2013	34.3	33.0	34.5
2012	15.7	14.6	18.1
2011	-0.6	-1.5	-5.5
2010	24.9	23.7	24.5

Long-Term Risk/Return Profile

Strategy's First Full Month (12/31/93) to 12/31/24 (%)

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

“We seek to buy high-quality businesses trading at a discount to our estimate of their intrinsic value. Our rigorous and repeatable process marries the risk aversion of a credit investor with the growth orientation of a long-term business owner.”

—Miles Lewis

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ROYCE SMALL-CAP QUALITY 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	1,029.53	≤5	25.58%	24.34%	14.65%	N/A ¹	20.43%	21.75%
2022	11.28	943.29	≤5	-12.19%	-13.06%	-14.48%	N/A ¹	23.63%	27.27%
2021	15.74	1,522.98	≤5	27.31%	26.06%	28.27%	N/A ¹	21.59%	25.00%
2020	14.55	1,387.94	≤5	5.13%	4.10%	4.63%	N/A ¹	22.08%	26.12%
2019	13.72	1,603.64	≤5	24.94%	23.71%	22.39%	N/A ¹	13.86%	15.68%
2018	12.77	1,612.54	≤5	-11.41%	-12.29%	-12.86%	N/A ¹	13.36%	15.76%
2017	17.40	2,480.30	≤5	15.01%	13.89%	7.84%	N/A ¹	12.25%	13.97%
2016	17.65	2,840.54	≤5	27.36%	26.11%	31.74%	N/A ¹	13.08%	15.50%
2015	18.51	2,856.04	≤5	-6.12%	-7.03%	-7.47%	N/A ¹	12.00%	13.46%
2014	31.87	4,658.76	≤5	2.49%	1.51%	4.22%	N/A ¹	10.72%	12.79%
2013	39.70	5,694.88	≤5	34.27%	32.99%	34.52%	N/A ¹	13.24%	15.82%
2012	35.29	4,432.67	≤5	15.69%	14.57%	18.05%	N/A ¹	15.51%	19.89%
2011	35.29	4,452.79	≤5	-0.57%	-1.52%	-5.50%	N/A ¹	20.01%	26.05%
2010	39.46	4,795.97	≤5	24.88%	23.68%	24.50%	N/A ¹	22.93%	28.37%
2009	30.60	4,021.23	≤5	27.71%	26.46%	20.58%	N/A ¹	N/A ²	N/A ²
2008	20.28	3,360.34	≤5	-30.40%	-31.06%	-28.92%	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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