# Smith Group

# SMALL CAP DIVERSIFED GROWTH STRATEGY

#### SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

#### ORGANIZATION

- Founded in 1995
- Dallas-based
- \$3.3 billion in managed assets
- 100% Employee-owned
- A firm wide commitment to culture and diversity
- 11 investment professionals averaging 10 years tenure and 19 years investment industry experience

#### KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Over 20 years focused on the theory and practice of capturing unexpected earnings growth
- A portfolio construction process integrating the best of both disciplines: - Quantitative research to identify opportunities and risks swiftly
  - Fundamental analysis to verify sources of unexpected growth
- Delivering realized growth that is better than expected

#### **Investment Process**

The investment team uses quantitative and qualitative analysis to implement a repetitive, multi-step engineering approach to portfolio management designed to identify high quality, reasonably valued companies that Smith Group believes are poised to deliver an earnings growth rate in excess of investor expectations.

#### **BUY DISCIPLINE:**

Companies are closely monitored and factors considered in analysis include:

- High likelihood of growing earnings at a rate in excess of investor expectations
- Attractive and improving earnings quality
- Reasonable valuation

#### SELL DISCIPLINE:

The sell discipline is essential to controlling portfolio risk and includes:

- Decreased likelihood of earnings growth exceeding investor expectations
- Earnings quality deteriorates
- Extended valuation

# Investment Performance (%)

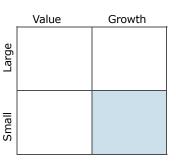
	3Q 2019	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPT
Small Cap Diversified Growth	-6.8	6.4	-14.2	7.1	6.2	8.3
Russell 2000 Growth	-4.2	15.3	-9.6	9.8	9.1	7.0
Excess Return	-2.6	-8.9	-4.6	-2.7	-2.9	+1.3
Russell 2000	-2.4	14.2	-8.9	8.2	8.2	7.6
Excess Return	-4.4	-7.8	-5.3	-1.1	-2.0	+0.7
Net of Fees	-7.0	5.6	-15.1	6.1	5.1	7.2

Inception Date: Jul. 1, 2001; periods greater than 1 year have been annualized

# **Strategy Facts**

Inception Date	July 1, 2001
Total Assets	\$30 million
# of Holdings	90 — 110
Allocation	Equity: 99% Cash: 1%
Inv. Vehicle	Sep. Account
Benchmarks	Russell 2000 and Russell 2000 Growth

# Style Objective



# **Risk/Return Statistics**

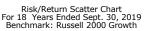
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Alpha	1.2	2.1
Beta	0.93	0.86
Info. Ratio	0.10	0.17
R-squared	0.89	0.86
Tracking Error	6.25	7.49

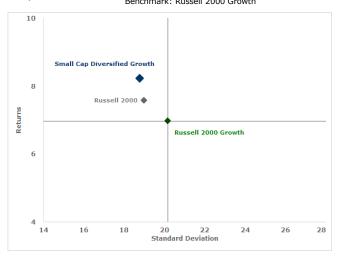
Timeframe: Jul. 1, 2001-Sept. 30, 2019, Gross of fees

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Source: eVestment

### Strategy Characteristics

# Sector Allocation (%)

	Smith	Russell 2000 Growth	Russell 2000
Cons. Discretionary	13.8	12.1	10.9
Cons. Staples	3.8	3.5	3.0
Energy	0.6	0.7	3.3
Financials	7.1	6.0	18.3
Health Care	28.6	27.8	16.3
Industrials	20.5	19.6	16.1
Info. Technology	20.1	18.3	13.4
Materials	1.1	3.0	3.8
Real Estate	2.9	4.9	8.3
Comm. Svcs.	1.5	2.5	2.4

# Last 10 Yrs. Calendar Performance (%)

	Smith	Russell 2000 Growth	Russell 2000	Period	Smith		Russell 2000 Growth	Russell 2000
P/E - 12M Fwd. (excl'g neg.)	15.3x	20.3x	15.8x		Gross	Net		
EPS Growth - 12M Fwd. <sup>1</sup>	7.4%	8.1%	6.2%	2018	-7.2	-8.2	-11.0	-9.3
EPS Growth - 12M Trl. <sup>1</sup>	28.0%	17.6%	13.5%	2017	17.6	16.5	22.2	14.7
Return on Equity	12.2%	7.1%	7.0%	2016	12.3	11.2	11.3	21.3
Wtd. Mkt. Cap. (\$mill)	\$2,669	\$2,459	\$2,224	2015	-2.6	-3.6	-1.4	-4.4
Holdings	103	1,161	2,002	2014	4.1	3.1	5.6	4.9
Top Ten Holdings				2013	47.0	45.6	43.3	38.8
Atkore Intl Group	Em	ncor Group		2012	15.1	14.0	14.6	16.3
Brinker Intl	Insight Enterprises			2012	13.1	14.0	14.0	10.5
Madaaaa Ulaldiyaa	Strategic Education		2011	0.7	-0.3	-2.9	-4.2	
Medpace Holdings			2010	28.1	26.9	29.1	26.9	
Diodes	Barrett Business Svcs		2009	19.7	18.6	34.5	27.2	
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			1: EPS Growth calculated as weighted median to reduce outlier influence					

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