

# LARGE CAP FOCUSED EQUITY

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### **ORGANIZATION**

- Smith Group was originally founded in 1995; now part of Cantor Fitzgerald starting July 2021
- \$2.1 billion in managed assets; Dallas-based
- · A firm wide commitment to culture and diversity
- 10 member investment team averaging 21 years of experience and 13 years of tenure with the firm

### **KEYS TO SUCCESS**

- Over 25 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 (%)

	4Q 2022	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	SINCE INCEPT
Smith Large Cap Focused (Gross)	10.0	-23.4	-23.4	11.6	10.9	14.1	10.8
S&P 500	7.6	-18.1	-18.1	7.7	9.4	12.6	9.0
Russell 1000 Growth	2.2	-29.1	-29.1	7.8	11.0	14.1	9.0
Smith Large Cap Focused (Net)	9.8	-23.9	-23.9	10.9	10.1	13.2	9.8
Peer Group Percentile Rank	50	76	<i>7</i> 6	5	18	8	16

Inception Date: Jan. 1, 1996; periods greater than 1 year have been annualized; Universe: eVestment Inc. U.S. Large Cap Equity

### Strategy Facts

Inception Date	Jan. 1, 1996
Strategy Assets	\$839 million
# of Holdings	35 — 45
Inv. Vehicles	Sep. Account Mutual Fund
Allocation	Equity: 99% Cash: 1%
Benchmarks	S&P 500 & Russell 1000 Growth

### Style Objective

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large			
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Small			

# Risk/Return Statistics

	v. S&P 500	v. R1000 Growth
Alpha	2.1	3.3
Beta	0.96	0.82
Info. Ratio	0.29	0.24
Tracking Error	6.1	7.7
Up/Down Mkt Capture	105/93	96/82

Timeframe: Jan. 1, 1996 - Dec. 31, 2022, Gross of fees; All statistics calculated using monthly returns, except Mkt Capture Ratios which use quarterly returns.

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# Russell: 1000 Growth (109/112) Smith: Lg Cap (105/93) S&P: 500 Russell: 1000 Value (93/93) 95 Russell: 1000 Value (93/93)

Source: eVestment; Calculated using quarterly returns

# Sector Allocation (%)

	Smith	S&P 500	Russell 1000 Growth
Comm. Services	4.9	7.3	6.7
Cons. Discretionary	13.4	9.8	14.2
Cons. Staples	5.1	7.2	6.1
Energy	3.5	5.2	1.7
Financials	13.9	11.7	3.3
Health Care	13.6	15.8	13.5
Industrials	13.9	8.7	8.2
Info. Technology	31.8	25.7	43.2

# Strategy Characteristics

	Smith	S&P 500	Russell 1000 Growth
P/E - 12M Fwd.	16.2x	17.4x	22.1x
EPS Growth - 12M Fwd.	6.3%	3.5%	6.3%
EPS Growth - 12M Trl.	16.0%	9.5%	10.2%
Dividend Yield	1.44%	1.97%	1.37%
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap (\$B)	\$257.0	\$416.5	\$625.7
Median Mkt. Cap. (\$B)	\$44.2	\$29.6	\$13.8
Holdings	40	500	511

# Top Ten Holdings (%)

Apple	4.1	Kla Corp	3.2
Microsoft	4.0	Parker-Hannifin	3.2
AutoZone	3.8	W.R. Berkley	3.0
Arch Capital Group	3.2	EMCOR Group	3.0
Cadence Design	3.2	Costco Wholesale	3.0

Performance and Firm Disclosures

# Last 10 Calendar Years Performance (%)

Period	Smith		S&P 500	Russell 1000 Growth
	Gross	Net		
2022	-23.4	-23.9	-18.1	-29.1
2021	40.9	40.1	28.7	27.6
2020	28.6	27.8	18.4	38.5
2019	25.3	24.6	31.5	36.4
2018	-3.8	-4.8	-4.4	-1.5
2017	31.6	30.3	21.8	30.2
2016	6.2	5.1	12.0	7.1
2015	3.6	2.6	1.4	5.7
2014	14.0	12.8	13.7	13.1
2013	35.6	34.3	32.4	33.5

Sector Allocations, Strategy Characteristics and Top Ten Holdings reflect a sample account which Smith Group believes is reflective of the portfolio composition of fully invested client portfolios.

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<sup>1:</sup> EPS Growth calculated as weighted median to reduce outlier influence

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