

# Royce Small-Cap Strategy



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Small-Cap  
Core  
Approach<sup>1</sup>

Russell 2000  
Benchmark

Total Strategy  
AUM<sup>2</sup>

\$1,969<sub>M</sub>

Longevity

51+  
Years of History

Average  
Market Cap<sup>3,4</sup>

\$3,591<sub>M</sub>

Active Share<sup>5</sup>

88%

Available  
Vehicles

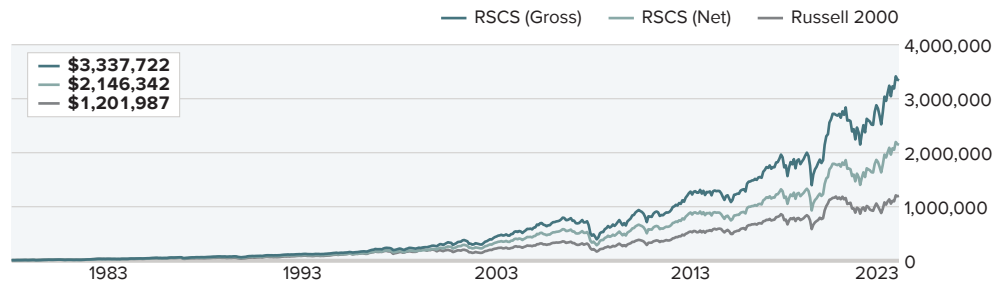
Separate Account  
Sub-Advisory  
Mutual Fund

## Why invest in Royce Small-Cap Strategy?

- The Strategy uses multiple investment approaches that have performed well in different market environments including High Quality, Emerging Quality, Traditional Value, and Quality Value.
- Looks for small-cap businesses that appear mispriced and underappreciated that also have a discernible margin of safety.
- Focuses on companies with above-average profitability and low leverage.

## Value of \$10,000

Invested on 12/31/78 (Russell 2000 Inception) as of 9/30/24 (\$)



## Performance

Average Annual Total Return through 9/30/24 (%)

	3Q2024*	YTD*	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	15-YR	20-YR	30-YR	50-YR
RSCS (Gross)	4.63	9.81	24.23	8.02	12.69	10.62	11.60	10.02	11.55	16.02
RSCS (Net)	4.43	9.19	23.28	7.20	11.84	9.78	10.76	9.17	10.61	14.76
Russell 2000	9.27	11.17	26.76	1.84	9.39	8.78	10.59	8.49	8.95	N/A

\*Not Annualized

## Important Performance and Expense Information

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

Our task is to scour the large and diverse universe of small-cap companies for businesses that look mispriced and underappreciated. They must also have a discernible margin of safety. We are looking for stocks trading at a discount to our estimate of their worth as businesses.

—Chuck Royce, Founder

## Portfolio Diagnostics

Number of Holdings	286
Non-U.S. Investments (% of Net Assets)	14.8%

## Portfolio Company Characteristics

Weighted Average P/E Ratio <sup>6,7</sup>	17.6x
Weighted Average P/B Ratio <sup>6,8</sup>	2.2x
Weighted Average ROIC <sup>9</sup>	15.8%
Asset/Equity <sup>10</sup>	2.1x
Capitalization Rate (EBIT/Enterprise Value) <sup>11</sup>	5.3x

All Portfolio Characteristics calculations exclude Cash (3.7% of RSCS as of 9/30/24), all non-equity securities, and investment companies. **1.** Royce classifies a client account as 'Core' because it anticipates the client account equity holdings will have a weighted average price-to-book ratio or weighted average normalized price-to-earnings ratio that is similar to, or somewhat higher than, its general asset class. **2.** Strategy assets for Small-Cap include Royce Small-Cap Fund. **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 (13% of Portfolio holdings as of 9/30/24). **8. The Price-to-Book Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's share price by its book value per share (1% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 9/30/24). **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 also excludes 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 9/30/24, 19% of Portfolio holdings were excluded. **10. The Asset/Equity Ratio** is calculated by dividing a company's total assets by stockholder's equity (1% of Portfolio holdings were excluded as of 9/30/24). This ratio is one measurement that can be used to evaluate a company's leverage on its balance sheet. **11. Capitalization Rate** is calculated by dividing company's past 12 months of operating income (earnings before interest and taxes) by its enterprise value (market cap, less cash and cash equivalents, plus total debt, minority interest, and preferred stock). The portfolio calculation eliminates outliers by applying the inter-quartile method of outlier removal. As of 9/30/24, 1% of Portfolio holdings were excluded.

**Top 10 Positions**

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

Top 200 holdings represented 93% of the Strategy's equity investments as of 9/30/24.

Arcosa	1.9
First Citizens BancShares Cl. A	1.7
Air Lease Cl. A	1.5
Element Solutions	1.4
Haemonetics Corporation	1.4
Enovis Corporation	1.2
Onto Innovation	1.2
Assured Guaranty	1.2
TransMedics Group	1.1
SEI Investments	1.1

**Portfolio Sector Breakdown**

% of Net Assets (Subject to Change)

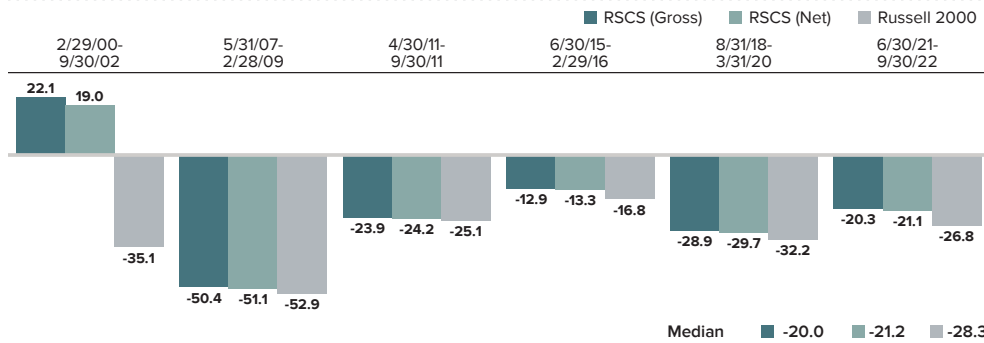
	RSCS	RUSSELL 2000
Industrials	27.1	17.0
Information Technology	18.8	12.8
Financials	18.0	18.1
Consumer Discretionary	8.6	10.0
Health Care	8.4	17.5
Materials	7.2	4.5
Communication Services	2.5	2.7
Real Estate	2.5	6.4
Energy	1.8	5.3
Consumer Staples	1.4	2.8
Utilities	—	2.8
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3.7	—

**Calendar Year Total Returns (%)**

YEAR	RSCS (GROSS)	RSCS (NET)	RUSSELL 2000
2023	27.8	26.9	16.9
2022	-16.3	-16.9	-20.4
2021	23.2	22.2	14.8
2020	15.2	14.3	20.0
2019	27.8	26.8	25.5
2018	-8.8	-9.5	-11.0
2017	17.3	16.4	14.6
2016	27.6	26.7	21.3
2015	-10.6	-11.3	-4.4
2014	0.2	-0.5	4.9
2013	36.5	35.5	38.8
2012	15.6	14.7	16.3
2011	-3.3	-4.0	-4.2
2010	25.0	24.0	26.9
2009	37.5	36.5	27.2

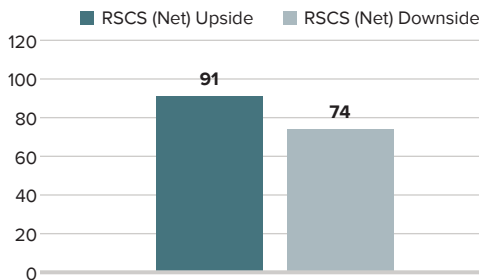
**Down Market Performance Comparison (%)**

The Strategy outperformed the Russell 2000 during all six downturns of 15% or more from the index's prior historical high over the last 25 years.



**Upside/Downside Capture Ratio**

Russell 2000 Inception (12/31/78) to 9/30/24 (%)



**Absolute Returns: 10-Year Monthly Rolling Return Periods**

Number of 10-Year Average Annual Return Periods From 11/30/72 to 9/30/24

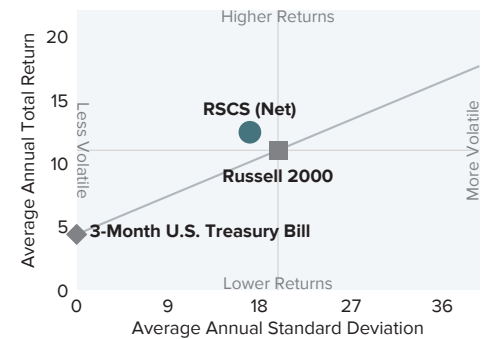
RSCS (Net) averaged a 12.9% return over all 504 10-year monthly rolling return periods.

RETURN RANGE (%)	PERIODS	% IN RANGE
> 10	360	71
> 5 and ≤ 10	141	28
> 0 and ≤ 5	3	1
≤ 0	0	0

**Long-Term Risk/Return Profile**

Russell 2000 Inception (12/31/78) to 9/30/24 (%)

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



**Tracking Error**

Three-Year	5.7%
Five-Year	5.8%
Ten-Year	5.0%

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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	1,866.98	≤5	27.85%	26.88%	16.93%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	19.81%	21.11%
2022	11.28	1,566.68	≤5	-16.28%	-16.92%	-20.44%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	24.50%	26.02%
2021	16.05	2,148.82	≤5	23.17%	22.24%	14.82%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	22.54%	23.35%
2020	14.55	1,915.92	≤5	15.17%	14.30%	19.96%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	24.17%	25.27%
2019	13.72	1,949.33	≤5	27.76%	26.79%	25.52%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	15.80%	15.71%
2018	12.77	1,579.08	≤5	-8.83%	-9.52%	-11.01%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	14.75%	15.79%
2017	17.40	2,110.31	≤5	17.31%	16.43%	14.65%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	13.59%	13.91%
2016	17.65	2,439.83	≤5	27.64%	26.67%	21.31%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	14.80%	15.76%
2015	18.51	2,965.81	≤5	-10.61%	-11.28%	-4.41%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	13.67%	13.96%
2014	31.87	5,729.32	≤5	0.21%	-0.55%	4.89%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	12.46%	13.12%
2013	39.70	7,286.86	≤5	36.50%	35.47%	38.82%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	16.16%	16.45%
2012	35.29	5,891.13	≤5	15.60%	14.73%	16.35%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	19.02%	20.20%
2011	35.29	5,607.88	≤5	-3.30%	-4.03%	-4.18%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	23.88%	24.99%
2010	39.46	6,047.34	≤5	24.98%	24.04%	26.86%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	26.76%	27.69%
2009	30.60	4,934.41	≤5	37.54%	36.51%	27.17%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>
2008	20.28	3,051.14	≤5	-34.20%	-34.70%	-33.79%	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.

**Royce Small-Cap Composite:** The Royce Small-Cap Composite contains portfolios that invest primarily in micro-cap and small-cap stocks. Micro- and small-cap companies are those that have a market capitalization not greater than that of the largest company in the Russell 2000® Index at the time of its most recent reconstitution. The portfolios are highly diversified, investing in a large number (typically more than 200) of small-cap stocks and invest primarily in U.S. equities but may invest up to 25% in non-U.S. equities. The strategy uses multiple investment disciplines in an effort to provide exposure to approaches that have historically performed well in different market environments. These disciplines include “High Quality,” which looks for companies that have high returns on invested capital and that Royce believes have significant competitive advantages; “Emerging Quality,” which seeks companies that are newer in their lifecycle but that Royce believes can become High Quality in the future; “Traditional Value,” which looks for companies trading at prices below Royce’s estimate of their current worth; and “Quality Value,” which seeks companies with attractive profit margins, strong free cash flows, and lower leverage that also trade at what Royce believes are attractive valuations. The Royce Small-Cap composite is compared against the Russell 2000 Index. The Royce Small-Cap Composite was created in April 2024 and inception in November 1972.

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