



# SMALL CAP

First Quarter 2019

## OBJECTIVE

The GLA Small Cap strategy seeks to provide total return in excess of the Russell 2000 Index over a full market cycle.

**Benchmark:** Russell 2000 Index

**Inception Date:** June 30, 2008

## PHILOSOPHY

### Active Approach

- Build a concentrated portfolio of well-managed businesses trading at a discount to our estimate of intrinsic value
- Utilize our experienced analyst team to internally generate all of our ideas and perform the fundamental analysis of each company
- Take a longer term view of the company with the mindset that we are buying the business, not trading the stock

### Manage Risk

- On an individual stock basis, reduce risk by buying companies with a “margin of safety” trading at a discount
- On a portfolio basis, mitigate risk by emphasizing the importance of position sizing, continually attempting to optimize the risk/return profile of the portfolio

## PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES

**Holdings:** Approximately 35-55 positions

**Sector Over/Underweights:** 0-2x the index sector weightings

**Position weights:** 5% maximum at purchase

**Cash position:** Typically 0% to 5%

**Average Annual turnover:** Typically 80% to 100%

## PROCESS

### Proprietary Research

- Review SEC Filings: 10-Q’s, 10-K’s, Proxies
- Evaluate industry structure and competitive dynamics
- Analyze and understand key value drivers
- Speak/meet with management teams
- ESG evaluation
- Talk to competitors/customers
- Conduct field research
- Evaluate incentive structure
- Analyze capital allocation decisions

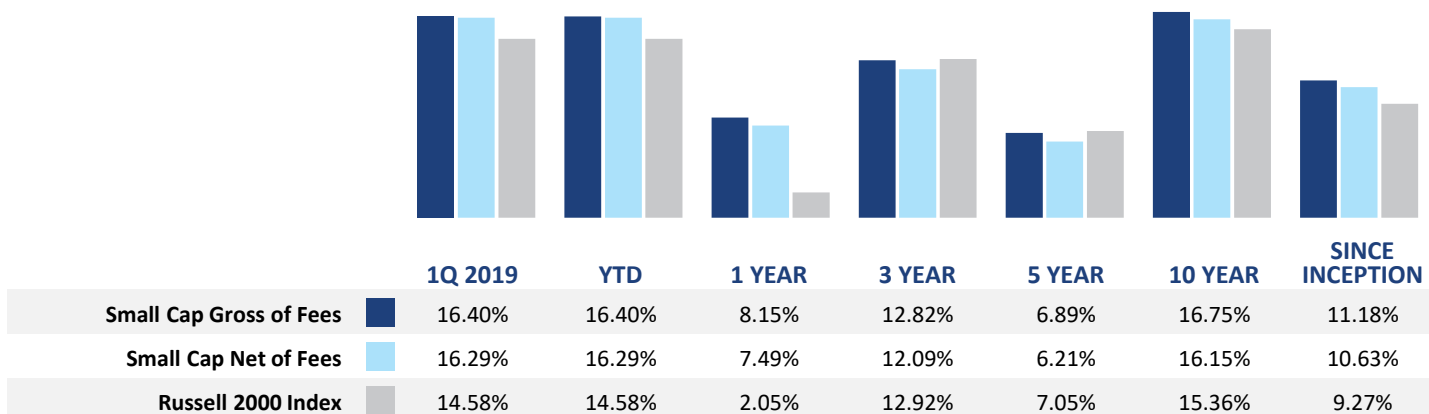
### Valuation

- Build detailed segment financial statements
- Run discounted cash flow model
- Establish probability adjusted expected return
- Support valuation with private market transactions, if available

### Position Sizing

- Key component of our alpha generation

## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE



**PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**

<b>Top 10 Holdings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Small Cap</b>
Gildan Activewear Inc	5.7%
Investors Bancorp Inc	3.8%
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd	3.7%
Acuity Brands Inc	3.7%
Hain Celestial Group Inc	3.4%
Pra Group Inc	3.4%
Armstrong World Industries Inc	3.4%
ViaSat Inc	3.3%
AGCO Corp	3.2%
MSC Industrial Direct Inc Cl A	3.1%

<b>Sector Weightings<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Small Cap</b>	<b>Russell 2000</b>
Communication Services	4.6%	1.6%
Consumer Discretionary	16.1%	13.7%
Consumer Staples	4.0%	2.6%
Energy	2.6%	3.2%
Financials	17.7%	21.4%
Health Care	4.9%	15.4%
Industrials	27.4%	14.8%
Materials	12.3%	14.9%
Real Estate	3.4%	3.9%
Technology	2.9%	4.3%
Utilities	0.0%	3.7%
Cash	4.1%	0.0%

**STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS<sup>3</sup>**

	<b>Small Cap</b>	<b>Russell 2000</b>
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$4.4B	\$2.4B
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth Rate	10.7%	13.6%
Return on Equity (ROE)	12.0%	5.8%
Price/Earnings Ratio	19.6x	17.5x
Price/Book Ratio	1.8	2.0
Dividend Yield	1.1%	1.4%
Beta	0.82	1.00
Number of Holdings	46	1,999

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