

Neuberger Berman Small Mid Cap Portfolio

Portfolio Highlights

Key Features

- Process centered around rigorous bottom-up financial and fundamental analysis and extensive direct contact with company management
- Seeks to invest in high quality businesses with above-average, sustainable growth prospects selling at below average to average valuations
- We define high quality as companies with:
 - The ability to generate significant free cash flow
 - Produce above average profitability (Return on Assets), supported by strong barriers to entry
 - Maintain generally strong balance sheets
- We focus on what we believe are less volatile, more predictable, less economically-sensitive businesses
- Broad diversification in an attempt to manage risk
- Disciplined sell process
- Large and experienced investment team

Management Team

Robert W. D'Alelio
Senior Portfolio Manager

Brett S. Reiner
Portfolio Manager

Gregory G. Spiegel
Portfolio Manager

Investment Performance (%)

	QTD	YTD	Annualized Returns (Period Ended 09/30/2024)			
			1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Total Portfolio Return (Gross of Fees)	7.17	11.34	21.75	4.80	10.94	11.64
Total Portfolio Return (Net of Maximum Representative Fee - 300 bps annually)	6.38	8.90	18.20	1.75	7.71	8.39
Russell 2500® Index	8.75	11.30	26.17	3.47	10.43	9.50

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. See GIPS® composite report disclosures for details on fees and net calculations. Fee schedule: maximum fee 300 bps annually; 75 bps quarterly.

Portfolio Characteristics

	Small-Mid Cap	Russell 2500 Index
Weighted Average Cap (\$mn)	12,299	7,446
P/E FY1 (x)	25.63	22.08
ROE (%)	21.20	18.23

Sector Weightings (%)

	Small-Mid Cap	Russell 2500 Index
Communication Services	1.83	3.05
Consumer Discretionary	7.58	12.64
Consumer Staples	1.48	3.33
Energy	5.48	4.85
Financials	9.80	16.78
Health Care	8.92	12.84
Industrials	31.18	18.95
Information Technology	23.34	11.76
Materials	6.27	6.02
Real Estate	1.72	7.23
Utilities	0.97	2.55
Cash	1.43	0.00

Top Ten Holdings (%)

Fair Isaac Corporation	3.70
Eagle Materials Inc.	3.55
Kirby Corporation	3.50
ITT, Inc.	3.16
Watsco, Inc.	3.00
Ryan Specialty Holdings, Inc. Class A	2.92
Tetra Tech, Inc.	2.84
RBC Bearings Incorporated	2.83
AptarGroup, Inc.	2.72
Valmont Industries, Inc.	2.69
Total	30.90

Source: FactSet and Neuberger Berman.

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Investment Performance Disclosure Statement: Neuberger Berman Small-Mid Cap

	Composite		Benchmark	Composite					3 Year Standard Deviation	
	Total Return (% Gross of Fees)	Total Return (% Net of Fees)	Russell 2500 Index (%)	No. of Accounts	Market Value (\$, m)	Total Firm Assets* (\$, bn)	% of Firm Assets	Internal Dispersion	Composite (%)	Russell 2500 Index (%)
YTD Sep-2024	11.34	8.90	11.30	293	110.4	--	--	--	19.51	20.88
2023	16.95	13.55	17.42	292	104.5	360.6	0.03	0.33	19.11	20.15
2022	-19.51	-21.86	-18.37	262	89.8	317.0	0.03	0.37	21.35	25.16
2021	20.89	17.37	18.18	287	138.3	460.5	0.03	0.31	17.34	22.48
2020	24.73	21.10	19.99	133	95.9	405.4	0.02	0.84	19.11	24.21
2019	30.99	27.18	27.77	80	70.8	355.8	0.02	0.52	13.74	14.58
2018	-2.33	-5.18	-10.00	78	57.6	304.1	0.02	0.39	13.20	14.10
2017	17.52	14.09	16.81	88	74.5	295.2	0.03	0.51	11.66	12.13
2016	19.73	16.24	17.59	97	78.2	255.2	0.03	0.39	12.53	13.67
2015	1.09	-1.85	-2.90	96	64.6	240.4	0.03	0.58	12.14	12.42
2014	0.42	-2.50	7.07	105	79.0	250.0	0.03	0.23	10.67	11.67

* The redefining of the firm in December 2022 by excluding NB Alternatives Advisers LLC resulted in \$102.8 billion of assets being removed from the GIPS total firm assets as of December 2023.

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In December 2022, the firm decided to exclude NB Alternatives Advisers LLC from the GIPS Firm Definition.

Policies

Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

Composite Description

The Managed Account Group ("MAG") Small Mid Cap Composite (the "Composite"), formerly known as the Small Cap Composite, includes Neuberger Berman's calculations with respect to all wrap fee or similar client accounts of third-party financial intermediaries (each, a "Financial Intermediary") that are managed on a discretionary basis by Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC ("NBIA") in the MAG Small Mid Cap investment style ("MAG Portfolio"). The Composite is not specific to any Financial Intermediary or client account. Specific client account performance is reflected in the official books and records maintained by the Financial Intermediary or other custodian selected by the Financial Intermediary or the client. The MAG Portfolio is available only through Financial Intermediaries that have engaged NBIA to manage client accounts on a discretionary basis or to provide non-discretionary investment recommendations in the form of a model portfolio. The MAG Portfolio seeks participation in the equity market through investments in a diversified portfolio of small and mid capitalization equities. The Composite was created in February 2000 and performance inception date is January 1994. From January 1994 through December 2000, the performance track record includes the performance of the Small Cap Institutional Composite. Effective November 2020, the benchmark changed from the Russell 2000 Index to the Russell 2500 Index. A complete list of Neuberger Berman's composites is available upon request.

Primary Benchmark Description

The benchmark is the Russell 2500 Index (the "Index"). The Index is comprised of the smallest 2500 securities in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 2500 Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small to mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

Reporting Currency

Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. Dollars. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

Fees

Pure "gross" returns, are presented as supplemental information, and do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs. Fees, or expenses, are presented for comparison purposes only. The Separately Managed Account ("SMA") fee charged by each Financial Intermediary typically includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody and other administrative fees. Net returns are calculated by subtracting a model highest SMA fee charged by each Financial Intermediary (300 bps on an annual basis, or 75 bps quarterly) from the "pure" gross composite return.

Presented risk measures are calculated using gross-of-fee composite returns.

To the extent that a composite contains fund(s) whereby performance is calculated based on changes in monthly NAV's, net returns reflect miscellaneous fund expenses (admin, legal, etc.) in addition to investment management fees for the portion of composite containing these vehicles.

Fee Schedule

The standard fee schedule in effect is as follows: 3.00% on total assets.

Internal Dispersion

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the Composite for the entire year. Internal dispersion is not calculated if the Composite does not contain at least 6 portfolios for the entire year.

Annualized Standard Deviation

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

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The firm's list of composite descriptions, limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and broad distribution pooled fund descriptions are available upon request.

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Small and mid capitalization stocks are more vulnerable to financial risks and other risks than stocks of larger companies. They also trade less frequently and in lower volume than larger company stocks, so their market prices tend to be more volatile.

Weighted average market capitalization: Market capitalization is the price of the security multiplied by the number of shares. The weighted average market capitalization is the sum of the market caps divided by the percentage weight of the holdings.

Price-to-earnings ratio (P/E): The price-to-earnings ratio is calculated by dividing the price of the security by the earnings per share. The higher the PE ratio the more the investor is willing to pay for earnings. A higher PE ratio would imply that earnings will grow higher in the future.

Return on equity (ROE): It is a percent yield that indicates a company's profitability accruing to equity holders. ROE reveals how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested. Return on equity is determined by dividing net income by total common equity.

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