

# Boston Partners Small/Mid Cap Value



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## Separately Managed Account (SMA)

### MORNINGSTAR RATINGS



Medalist rating as of 5/31/2026.

### OBJECTIVE

Long-term growth of capital and to outperform its benchmark net of fees.

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

Bottom-up security selection that establishes a diversified portfolio of primarily U.S. small- and mid-sized-company stocks possessing attractive valuations, strong fundamentals, and positive business momentum.

### KEY STATS

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Category              | U.S. Small/Mid Cap Value |
| Benchmark             | Russell 2500 Value Index |
| SMA assets            | \$356 M                  |
| Total strategy assets | \$2.6 B                  |
| Total firm assets     | \$149.6 B                |
| Holdings              | 169                      |
| Inception             | 4/1/2007                 |

### RISK MEASURES (most recent five year period)

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Beta               | 0.91   |
| Alpha              | -0.88  |
| Standard deviation | 17.71% |
| Information ratio  | -0.44  |
| Upside capture     | 86.52% |
| Downside capture   | 94.08% |

### CHARACTERISTICS Portfolio Benchmark

|                      |          |         |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| Wtd. avg. market cap | \$11.6 B | \$9.2 B |
| Forward P/E          | 13.1x    | 15.1x   |
| OROA (5 YR)          | 35.1%    | 15.0%   |
| Free cash flow yield | 4.8%     | 2.0%    |

Data shown is for the representative account.

### SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%)

|                        | ◀ UNDER | OVER ▶ | PORTFOLIO | BENCHMARK |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Information technology |         |        | 10.7      | 20.7      |
| Energy                 |         |        | 2.8       | 7.2       |
| Consumer discretionary |         |        | 2.3       | 12.7      |
| Communication services |         |        | 1.2       | 3.8       |
| Health care            |         |        | 0.1       | 9.3       |
| Materials              | -1.2    |        |           | 4.8       |
| Consumer staples       | -1.3    |        |           | 2.9       |
| Financials             | -1.7    |        |           | 18.7      |
| Utilities              | -2.7    |        |           | 1.2       |
| Industrials            | -5.1    |        |           | 14.3      |
| Real estate            | -6.9    |        |           | 2.6       |

Cash and net other investments are excluded. Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%. GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector classification is used. All product characteristics and sector weightings are calculated using a representative account from the institutional version of this composite.

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)

|                             |     |                           |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| TD SYNEX Corporation        | 1.7 | FirstCash Holdings Inc.   | 1.4 |
| TechnipFMC plc              | 1.5 | Evercore Inc.             | 1.3 |
| Penguin Solutions Inc.      | 1.4 | StoneX Group Inc.         | 1.2 |
| Coca-Cola Consolidated Inc. | 1.4 | Murphy USA Inc.           | 1.1 |
| Magnite Inc.                | 1.4 | Ultra Clean Holdings Inc. | 1.1 |

Holdings represent 13.5% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

## A time-tested approach to investing

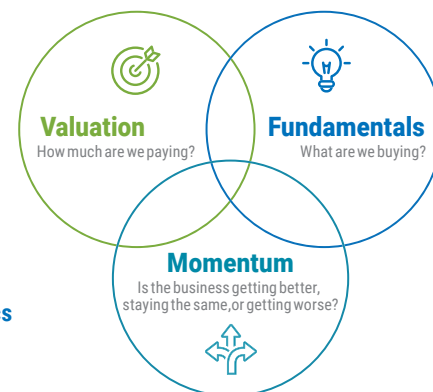
### We buy stocks that exhibit:

- Attractive value characteristics
- Strong business fundamentals
- Positive business momentum

### We sell stocks based on:

- Valuation: appreciation to price target
- Weakening business fundamentals
- Reversal of momentum

**In our experience, portfolios with all three characteristics tend to outperform over time.**



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## Performance commentary

- U.S. equities climbed sharply higher in the second quarter, setting new records along the way. Investor enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence (AI) remained a key market driver, supported by strong capital investment and the progress leading AI-model developers made toward their future IPOs. Stocks also benefited from broadly favorable corporate earnings results and easing tensions in the Middle East. The Federal Reserve left policy rates unchanged at its April and June meetings—the latter under a new Fed Chair—while signaling the possibility of rate hikes later in the year. Treasury yields remained elevated during the quarter, and market leadership reflected the pro-growth environment, with growth stocks outperforming value and small caps benefiting from improving domestic growth expectations.
- The Boston Partners Small/Mid Cap Value strategy generated a double-digit return during the quarter but trailed its benchmark, the Russell 2500 Value Index\*. Stock selection in the Industrials and Information Technology sectors held back relative returns—despite our large overweight to the strong-performing Technology sector. While our overweight to Information Technology was a positive, not owning certain Technology-related names—Sandisk Corporation and TTM Technologies, for example—led to the sector’s underperformance versus that of the benchmark. Our underweight to Utilities and stock selection in Communication Services generally aided returns versus the index.
- Individual detractors included Huron Consulting Group and Pegasystems. Shares of Huron Consulting Group declined primarily due to industry-wide AI disruption fears. Despite posting solid results, management did not raise forward guidance, which the market perceived negatively in the context of the potential impact from AI. Pegasystems makes AI-powered enterprise software that automates complex corporate workflows and customer service processes. Shares fell ~30% after Q1 2026 revenue dropped nearly 10% and missed estimates by 8%, as customers shifting to cloud subscriptions reduced upfront license sales.
- Standout individual contributors included Flex Ltd. and Penguin Solutions. Flex has experienced very strong demand for its cloud and power infrastructure segments due to the AI build-out. The company announced its intention to spin off this business, highlighting the attractive valuation of the entire company. Shares of Penguin Solutions rose after the company beat consensus estimates and raised full-year guidance. The company has experienced surging demand for its proprietary Memory AI servers and ClusterWare AI operating systems that help hyperscalers and cloud providers optimize large-scale AI inference and training workloads.
- For the year to date through June, the Small/Mid Cap Value strategy delivered a double-digit return but trailed its benchmark. As in the quarter, our holdings in Information Technology and Industrials were the leading detractors from relative returns year to date. Our underweights to Real Estate and Utilities provided the biggest boost to returns versus the benchmark.
- At the end of June, our largest overweight exposure was to the Information Technology sector, with new positions, including ePlus Inc. and Extreme Networks. We also added to our holdings in TD Synnex Corporation, Penguin Solutions, and Ultra Clean Holdings. Our biggest underweights were to Real Estate and Industrials. Exited positions included ABM Industries, LegalZoom, and Essential Properties Realty.
- A growing economy, resilient labor market, and stable inflation backdrop provide meaningful support for equities. However, the optimism embedded in consensus forecasts—and the market’s increasing reliance on a handful of large technology companies to drive earnings growth—warrants a degree of caution. While we remain constructive on the long-term outlook, we continue to focus on managing downside risk and identifying attractively valued opportunities that may emerge during the market pullbacks that inevitably occur.

\* Net-of-fee returns are calculated using a hypothetical maximum wrap fee of 3%. See back page for details.

### FIVE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS

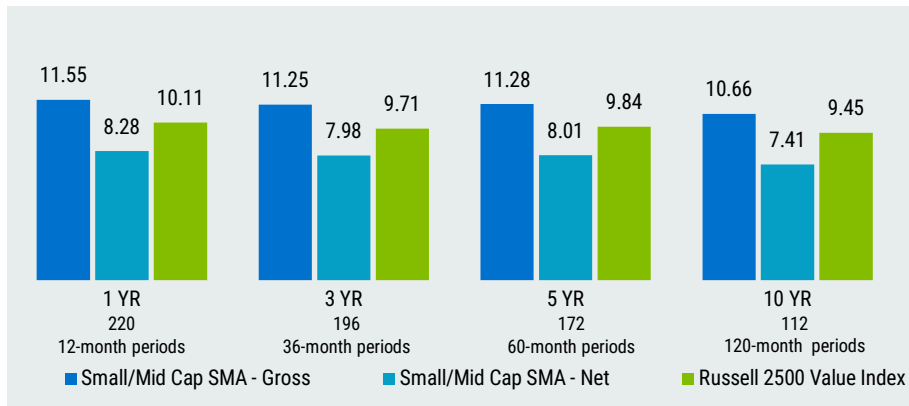
| Security name              | Sector                 | Total return (%) | Contribution to return (%) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Flex Ltd.                  | Information technology | 124.89           | 1.47                       |
| Penguin Solutions Inc.     | Information technology | 331.87           | 1.26                       |
| TD SYNnex Corporation      | Information technology | 58.83            | 0.76                       |
| Ultra Clean Holdings, Inc. | Information technology | 129.32           | 0.69                       |
| Magnite, Inc.              | Communication services | 59.76            | 0.58                       |

### FIVE LARGEST DETRACTORS

| Security name                         | Sector                 | Total return (%) | Contribution to return (%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Pegasystems Inc.                      | Information technology | -29.53           | -0.20                      |
| Huron Consulting Group Inc.           | Industrials            | -29.28           | -0.17                      |
| Grand Canyon Education Inc.           | Consumer Discretionary | -15.83           | -0.15                      |
| EPAM Systems, Inc.                    | Information technology | -23.01           | -0.15                      |
| Permian Resources Corporation Class A | Energy                 | -12.91           | -0.14                      |

## AVERAGE OF MONTHLY ROLLING RETURNS (%)

Since inception 4/1/2007



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The inception date and creation date of the Small/Mid Cap Value SMA Wrap composite is April 1, 2007. The Small/Mid Cap Value SMA strategy is composed of securities primarily in the same market capitalization range, at time of purchase, as the Russell 2500™ Value Index. The composite includes designated retail separately managed, fully discretionary, fee-paying accounts under management with a similar investment mandate.

### Benchmark

The **Russell 2500 Value Index** tracks the performance of those small- and mid-cap U.S. equities in the Russell 2500 Index with value style characteristics.

### Calculation Methodology

Monthly composite returns are calculated using weights equal to beginning values adjusted for time weighted cash flows. Quarterly and yearly returns are derived from linking monthly returns. Returns are expressed in U.S. Dollars. Additional information regarding policies for calculating and reporting returns and preparing compliant reports is available upon request.

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (%)

|                                       | Q2    | YTD   | 1 YR  | 3 YR  | 5 YR  | 10 YR | Since inception |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Small/Mid Cap Value SMA Gross of Fees | 16.28 | 15.32 | 20.42 | 16.55 | 9.77  | 12.07 | 9.49            |
| Small/Mid Cap Value SMA Net of Fees   | 15.45 | 13.64 | 16.91 | 13.14 | 6.54  | 8.78  | 6.27            |
| Russell 2500 Value Index              | 18.50 | 24.16 | 38.54 | 19.41 | 10.28 | 11.28 | 8.44            |

The SMA Composite data provided is inclusive of all Sponsors. Individual Sponsor performance and fees may vary and therefore individual Sponsor portfolio returns and characteristics may be different than those shown. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE AND DISPERSION

|      | Total returns (%) |                 |           | 3 YR standard dev. (%) |           | SMA           |                |                    | Firm assets (\$M) |
|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|      | SMA gross of fees | SMA net of fees | Benchmark | Composite              | Benchmark | # of accounts | Dispersion (%) | Total assets (\$M) |                   |
| 2025 | 7.23              | 4.07            | 12.73     | 16.73                  | 17.70     | 4             | n/a            | 2                  | 126,968           |
| 2024 | 15.90             | 12.50           | 10.98     | 20.20                  | 21.63     | 9             | 0.59           | 10                 | 104,655           |
| 2023 | 18.35             | 14.89           | 15.98     | 19.38                  | 20.70     | 4             | n/a            | 6                  | 94,056            |
| 2022 | -8.77             | -11.49          | -13.08    | 28.04                  | 26.46     | 4             | n/a            | 1                  | 88,117            |
| 2021 | 28.84             | 25.11           | 27.78     | 26.74                  | 24.15     | 7             | 0.36           | 8                  | 96,320            |
| 2020 | 5.57              | 2.44            | 4.88      | 27.76                  | 25.05     | 2             | n/a            | 3                  | 77,120            |
| 2019 | 31.95             | 28.13           | 23.56     | 15.64                  | 14.23     | 4             | n/a            | 1                  | 89,368            |
| 2018 | -17.63            | -20.11          | -12.36    | 14.47                  | 13.58     | 4             | n/a            | 1                  | 81,550            |
| 2017 | 14.22             | 10.88           | 10.36     | 12.60                  | 11.81     | 5             | 0.15           | 2                  | 99,241            |
| 2016 | 24.42             | 20.80           | 25.20     | 13.87                  | 13.18     | 8             | 0.27           | 3                  | 87,222            |

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## Composite dispersion

The measurement of composite dispersion is calculated by the weighted average standard deviation of the annual account gross-of-fee returns within the composite. Dispersion in composites with less than five accounts included for the entire year is not considered meaningful and is denoted with N/A. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. This calculation has been adopted effective with the period ended December 31, 2011.

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