# SMALL CAP GROWTH PORTFOLIO

MANAGER Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management

<b>TOP 5 STOCK HOLDINGS</b> (For illustrative purposes only, subject to change.)			
	AS A % OF TOTAL PORTFOLIO		
AAON INC PAR \$0.004	11.22%		
AUTO TRADER GROUP PLC UNSPONSO	7.96%		
MORNING STAR INC COM	7.70%		
OLLIES BARGAIN OUTLT HLDGS INC	6.83%		
REVOLVE GROUP INC CL A	6.24%		

CALENDA	AR YEAR RETURNS		
YEAR	PURE GROSS**	NET	RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH INDEX
2024	0.03%	-1.69%	15.15%
2023	14.69%	12.72%	18.66%
2022	-28.80%	-30.02%	-26.36%
2021	2.95%	1.18%	2.83%
2020	51.23%	48.63%	34.63%
2019	41.08%	38.65%	28.48%
2018	19.16%	17.11%	-9.31%
2017	41.18%	38.75%	22.17%
2016	22.70%	20.59%	11.32%
2015	-3.90%	-5.55%	-1.38%
2014	10.69%	8.79%	5.60%
2013	28.87%	26.66%	43.30%
2012*	-1.77%	-3.46%	2.85%

\*Performance Period: 5/1/2012 - 12/31/2012 | \*\*Gross is supplemental

The performance quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Net of fee performance are calculated based on each individual client's fee structure. Net of fee performance is calculated using actual fees. Net returns are reduced by wrap fees and any transaction costs incurred. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. The performance is reported in U.S. dollars. Gross returns are shown as supplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of trading costs which are bundled with wrap fees. The Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The index is unmanaged, and does not reflect the deduction of expenses, which have been deducted from the Model's returns. The index's return assumes reinvestment of all distributions and dividends; you cannot invest directly in an index.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY**

The Small Cap Growth Portfolio seeks to achieve a return equal to or greater than the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index, consistent with Azzad's ethical screens. The portfolio was created on May 1, 2012. Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management ("KAR") is the manager of the Small Cap Growth Portfolio since its inception. KAR's investment philosophy focuses on the "high-quality" subset of the small-cap asset class. The manager believes that this emphasis on high-quality businesses, anchored by fundamental, bottom-up research, will achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns for its clients over a complete market cycle. KAR defines "high quality" as a business characteristic that represents a company's ability to control its market. This investment philosophy leads KAR to companies that it believes have low business risk as identified by certain financial characteristics, such as consistent and profitable growth, high returns on capital, strong free cash flow, and low organic need for external financing. KAR applies a business analyst approach to its research as it strives toward developing deep conviction in each of the portfolio holdings and, over time, an information advantage. KAR believes that owning a focused yet diversified portfolio of companies with low business risk, purchased at attractive valuations, and prudently managed as dictated by changes in fundamentals or valuation will lead to repeatable and successful investment results.

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### WHY SMALL CAP GROWTH STOCKS?

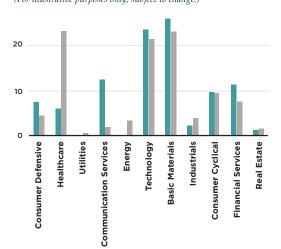
Small cap growth stocks are inherently riskier than their mid and large cap counterparts, but are appealing due to their potential for substantial capital appreciation. These stocks represent smaller companies that are expected to grow at an above-average rate compared to other firms. Their smaller size allows them to expand rapidly, often leading to significant increases in stock value. Historically, small cap growth stocks have delivered strong performance, driven by their capacity for innovation and market penetration.

Investing in small cap growth stocks can provide diversification benefits. These companies often operate in emerging or niche markets, offering exposure to sectors not dominated by large cap stocks. This diversification can enhance a portfolio's overall growth potential and reduce reliance on traditional large cap stocks.



\* Returns are not annualized. The performance is reported in US dollars. The performance quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Performance inception date is 5/1/2012. Benchmark returns from Morningstar.

SECTOR WEIGHTS (as a % of total portfolio) Small Cap Growth Portfolio Russell 2000 Growth Index (For illustrative purposes only, subject to change.)





## TODD BEILEY, CFA®, Portfolio Manager



Mr. Beiley is a portfolio manager and a senior research analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization financials and producer-durables sectors. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2002, he worked as an associate analyst in equity research at Prudential Securities and before that was an equity research associate at RNC Capital Management. He has approximately 18 years of equity

research experience. Mr. Beiley earned a B.S. in finance from Northern Arizona University and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. Mr. Beiley is a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder.

## JON CHRISTENSEN, CFA®, Portfolio Manager



Mr. Christensen is a portfolio manager and a senior research analyst with primary research responsibilities for the small and mid-capitalization health-care sector. Before joining Kayne Anderson Rudnick in 2001, Mr. Christensen was a portfolio manager and senior research analyst for Doheny Asset Management and has approximately 22 years of equity research experience. He earned a B.S. in mathematics/applied science

from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an M.B.A. from the California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Christensen is a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder.

# **HISTORY OF MANAGER**

Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management (KAR) was founded in 1984 by two successful entrepreneurs, Richard Kayne and John Anderson, to manage the funds of its principals and clients. John Anderson was a prominent Los Angeles attorney and businessman, member of the Forbes 400 and named benefactor of The Anderson School of Business at The University of California, Los Angeles. As of December 31, 2024, KAR's total assets under management was approximately \$41.2 billion. Clients include corporate and public pension plans, foundations, endowments, brokerage firms, and high-networth individuals. The firm, headquartered in Los Angeles, is wholly owned by Virtus Investment Partners (NASDAQ: VRTS). Registration as an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.



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Moreover, to the extent that a portfolio favors a growth style, the risk is that the values of growth securities may be more sensitive to changes in current or expected earnings than the values of other securities. To the extent a portfolio uses a value style, the risk is that the market will not recognize a security's intrinsic value for a long time, or that a stock judged to be undervalued may actually be appropriately priced.

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