

# U.S. Small Cap Growth Profile

## OVERVIEW

TimesSquare Capital Management, LLC (TimesSquare) offers a U.S. small cap growth strategy primarily for institutional investors, managed by a tightly knit team of experienced professionals with a time-tested, successful strategy for identifying quality growth companies.

## PHILOSOPHY

TimesSquare believes that its proprietary fundamental small cap research skills, which place a particular emphasis on the assessment of management quality and an in-depth understanding of sustainable growth business models, enable it to build a diversified portfolio of small cap growth stocks that will generate competitive returns.

## OBJECTIVE

To outperform the Russell 2000® Growth Index in a risk-controlled manner.

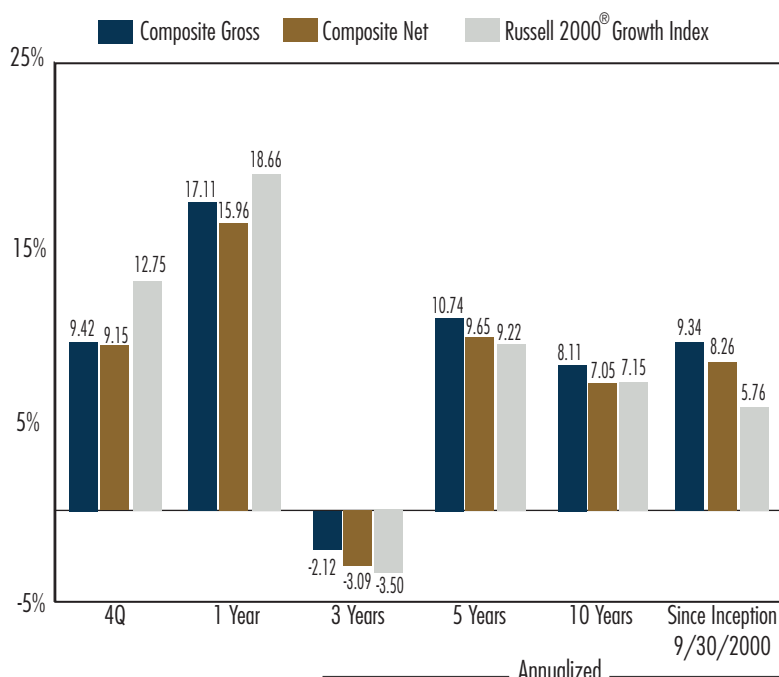
## STRATEGY

The team uses a unique bottom up, fundamental research-intensive approach to identify small cap growth stocks which we believe have the greatest potential to achieve 25%-50% price appreciation over a long-term horizon. TimesSquare invests in companies with market capitalizations between \$44 million and \$5 billion at time of purchase. Investment ideas are primarily internally generated and confirmed through traditional financial analysis, company visits, and management assessments.

## ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

As of 12/31/23, TimesSquare managed \$2 billion in U.S. small cap growth assets.

## PERFORMANCE As of 12/31/23



### Purchase Criteria for Quality Growth Companies

Primary and Supporting Requirements:

- **Quality management**
  - Alignment of interests with shareholders
  - Experience and integrity
  - Meaningful proportion of net worth tied to company
- **Distinct, sustainable competitive advantage**
  - Proprietary products and services
  - Demonstrated franchise value
  - High barriers to entry
  - Relatively few competitors
- **Strong, consistent growth**
  - Both top line and bottom line
  - Strong probability of retaining or widening margins
  - High proportion of recurring revenues
  - Sales to many customers in multiple markets

### Valuation Criteria

- Current p/e at a discount to absolute earnings growth
- Attractive p/e relative to industry group

### Risk Management Through Portfolio Construction

- Average of 100 stocks in a diversified portfolio
- Maximum 5% per issue; maximum 2x the index weight for major industries
- Strict sell discipline - loss of confidence in management, deterioration in fundamentals, operating objectives not met, reason for purchase no longer exists, overvaluation, displacement by better idea

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Data for Russell Index is sourced from FactSet.

## U.S. SMALL CAP GROWTH STRATEGY

Calendar Year Performance				Sector Allocation (As of 12/31/23)		
	Composite Gross	Composite Net	Russell 2000® Growth		Representative Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	Russell 2000® Growth
2023	17.11%	15.96%	18.66%	Communication Services	3.7%	2.2%
2022	-25.38	-26.09	-26.36	Consumer Discretionary	8.2	11.4
2021	7.32	6.26	2.83	Consumer Staples	3.0	4.5
2020	36.69	35.37	34.63	Energy	4.2	4.5
2019	29.97	28.71	28.48	Financials	8.4	6.3
2018	-2.99	-3.96	-9.31	Health Care	17.3	22.4
2017	22.09	20.90	22.17	Industrials	26.9	20.0
2016	10.14	9.06	11.31	Information Technology	25.6	21.4
2015	1.49	0.52	-1.38	Materials	1.0	4.1
2014	-1.07	-2.05	5.60	Real Estate	1.6	1.7
2013	49.03	47.59	43.30	Utilities	0.0	1.5

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<sup>1</sup> The representative portfolio is an account that reflects the current management style for this strategy. Performance is not a consideration in the selection of the representative portfolio. The characteristics of the representative portfolio may differ from those of other managed accounts and from those of a start-up portfolio. The characteristics relate to the portfolio as of a particular point in time and should not be regarded as predictive.

## TIMESQUARE U.S. SMALL CAP GROWTH TEAM

Investment Focus		Years of Experience
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Variations in performance can be attributed to a number of factors, including, but not limited to, cash flows, timing of purchases and sales of portfolio securities, and investment restrictions imposed by account holders. There can be no assurance that the future performance of an individual account will be the same as the performance of any other account, including those represented in the historical record we present.

The performance figures shown reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings, and the deduction of brokerage commissions and other transaction costs.

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