

SMALL CAP VALUE

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%) ANNUALIZED

	QTR	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
H&W Small Cap Value (gross)	9.21	9.21	19.48	11.39	10.40	10.94	12.04
H&W Small Cap Value (net)	9.00	9.00	18.72	10.71	9.75	10.27	11.24
Russell 2000 Value Index	4.96	4.96	28.09	13.80	5.79	9.61	10.40

Commencement of SCV Composite: 10/1/85. Net performance results are presented after actual management fees (including performance-based fees if applicable) and all trading expenses but before custodial fees; the composite includes all Small Cap Value discretionary accounts. Additional disclosures provided in GIPS Report.

MARKET COMMENTARY

The Russell 2000 Index returned +0.9% in the first quarter of 2026. Geopolitical turmoil and AI-driven investment themes were the primary market drivers. Brent crude oil rose more than 100% to \$127/bbl¹ following U.S.-Israel strikes on Iran and the subsequent closure of the Strait of Hormuz. As a result, the energy sector outperformed by a wide margin, and the portfolio's overweight position provided an effective hedge. More than 20% of global crude oil supply flows through the Strait, much of it destined for Asia. Beyond oil, the disruption has created supply shocks across several key commodities, including natural gas, nitrogen-based fertilizer, helium, and aluminum. Despite these meaningful disruptions, the equity market reaction has been relatively muted—the Russell 2000 is down only about 5% since the initial strikes. The VIX Index, a gauge of expected S&P 500 volatility, peaked at 31 in late March, above its 25-year median (~18) but well below levels seen during prior shocks such as Trump-era tariffs (52), the Russia/Ukraine war (36), COVID (83), and the Global Financial Crisis (81). Given the inflationary nature of supply shocks, futures markets now anticipate no rate cuts for the remainder of the year. The Fed held rates steady at 3.75% (upper bound) at its mid-March meeting.

Small caps outperformed large caps in the quarter, with the Russell 2000 Index returning +0.9% compared to -4.2% for the Russell 1000 Index. Despite this outperformance, the small cap market's P/E ratio is just 85% of the large cap market—over the long term, the two have traded at parity on average. Small cap value stocks outperformed small cap growth in the quarter, with the Russell 2000 Value Index returning +5.0% versus -2.8% for the Russell 2000 Growth Index. Technology was the worst-performing sector and comprises 20% of the Russell 2000 Growth but just 8% of the Russell 2000 Value. Energy was the best-performing sector by a wide margin and represents a larger portion of the value index than the growth index (6% vs. 3%). Despite the outperformance, small value continues to trade at a larger-than-normal discount to small growth.

As noted, energy was the primary bright spot. While we did not anticipate the Iran conflict, our positioning reflected the view that select energy companies offered free cash flow yields more attractive than other major market segment. More broadly, we believe the global crude market faces a risk of structural undersupply in the coming years, supporting higher oil prices over time. Additionally, a significant portion of global supply originates from geopolitically unstable regions, and we believed this disruption risk had been underappreciated.

The Hotchkis & Wiley team remains disciplined and long-term focused. We observe nascent signs that the market is once again beginning to pay attention to fundamentals and valuation. We believe this trend is likely to continue, which would present a more conducive environment for our investment approach than we experienced last year.

ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS – 1Q26

The Small Cap Value portfolio outperformed the Russell 2000 Value Index in the first quarter of 2026 by a decent margin (gross and net of fees). Positive stock selection in materials was the largest positive contributor. The portfolio's overweight and positive stock selection in energy was also meaningfully positive. Positive stock selection in communication services and industrials also helped. Stock selection in technology and financials detracted from performance in the quarter.

¹Based on current crude prices, rather than prices for future delivery which are also frequently quoted. Based on the latter, Brent prices rose ~95% closing at ~\$118/bbl.

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Endnotes:

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Data source: H&W, Russell, Bloomberg

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GIPS Report:

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standard Small Cap Value management fee schedule is 80 basis points on the first \$100 million, 75 basis points on the next \$100 million and 70 basis points thereafter. Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of all portfolios (gross returns) that were included in the Composite for the entire year. A list of composite and broad distribution pooled fund descriptions and policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

Composite: The Composite includes all Small Cap Value discretionary accounts. The Small Cap Value strategy seeks capital appreciation primarily through investments in equity securities of small cap companies and may invest in foreign (non-U.S.) securities. The typical market cap range of the strategy is consistent with the market cap range of the Russell 2000® Index. Accounts with significant cash flows (≥ 10% of beginning of the month assets for the periods January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010, and ≥ 25% effective January 1, 2011) are excluded from the respective month's composite calculation and included in the subsequent month. (Composite creation & inception date: 10/1/1985)

Index: The Russell 2000® Value Index ("R2000V") measures the performance of those Russell 2000® companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The index assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, and assumes no management, custody, transaction or other expenses. The value disciplines used in managing the accounts in the Composite may prevent or limit investment in major stocks in the R2000V and returns may not be correlated to the index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period ended.

	% Total	% Total	% Total	No. of	Internal	Comp.	Total	3-Year Annualized		As of December 31, 2025 (%)					
	Return	Return						Return	Assets	Assets	Standard Deviation (%)	R2000	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
	Gross of	Net of	R2000V	Accts	(%)	(\$M)	(\$M)	Composite	R2000						
	Fees	Fees													
2025	2.5	1.8	12.6	9	0.1	1,927	36,906	2025	17.8	19.9	Composite - Gross		2.5	12.8	9.7
2024	6.1	5.5	8.1	8	0.2	2,202	33,144	2024	22.9	23.4	Composite - Net		1.8	12.1	9.1
2023	20.2	19.5	14.6	7	0.3	2,181	31,220	2023	22.5	21.8	R2000V		12.6	8.9	9.3
2022	3.8	3.2	-14.5	7	0.2	1,928	28,330	2022	31.7	27.3	Average annual total returns for periods greater than one year.				
2021	34.6	33.9	28.3	7	1.6	2,023	34,902	2021	29.5	25.0					
2020	1.1	0.5	4.6	7	0.8	1,676	31,687	2020	30.7	26.1					
2019	19.9	19.2	22.4	12	1.4	2,154	33,623	2019	18.2	15.7					
2018	-13.6	-14.1	-12.9	13	0.5	1,899	27,191	2018	18.1	15.8					
2017	8.7	8.0	7.8	13	0.4	2,263	32,037	2017	16.2	14.0					
2016	21.5	20.7	31.7	17	0.6	2,286	29,952	2016	17.0	15.5					