



## FORT WASHINGTON SMALL COMPANY EQUITY – 4Q2024

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 4/1/13  
Total Assets: \$1.4 billion  
Style: Core  
Benchmark: Russell 2000

### VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

- ▶ Separate Account
- ▶ Collective Investment Trust
- ▶ Mutual Fund

### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- ▶ Dedicated management team with extensive small cap experience
- ▶ We believe earnings growth is the long-term driver of equity returns and only invest in profitable companies.
- ▶ Earnings growth with quality fundamental characteristics are critical to risk management and reduced downside volatility.

### STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Returned 11.2% annualized since inception outperforming the Russell 2000 by 2.2% annualized
- ▶ Outperformed the Russell 2000 Index and eVestment Small Cap Core peer group in over 90% of rolling three-year periods since inception
- ▶ 84% down market capture since inception combined with 90% up market capture demonstrates consistency over market cycles

### ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON

- ▶ Founded in 1990; \$86.4 billion in current total assets under management<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

### INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

**Jason V. Ronovech, CFA**  
Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager  
24 Years Experience

**Sri Gullapalli, CFA**  
Vice President, Senior Equity Research Manager  
19 Years Experience

**John T. Stewart**  
Assistant Vice President, Senior Equity Research Manager  
15 Years Experience

**Lenny A. Valvano, CFA**  
Equity Research Manager  
9 Years Experience

#### Trailing Total Returns (as of December 31, 2024)

Period	Return (Gross)	Return (Net)	Russell 2000 Return	Peer Percentile Rank (Net) <sup>2</sup>
4Q2024	0.52%	0.44%	0.33%	46
YTD	14.51%	14.13%	11.54%	28
1 Year	14.51%	14.13%	11.54%	28
3 Years	5.05%	4.69%	1.24%	21
5 Years	11.46%	11.08%	7.40%	21
10 Years	10.79%	10.42%	7.82%	13
Since Inception	11.56%	11.18%	8.99%	18

#### Portfolio Characteristics (as of December 31, 2024)

	Small Company Equity	Russell 2000
Number of holdings	72	1,966
Price/Prospective Earnings	21X	30X
Long-Term Earnings Growth	18%	24%
Weighted Average Market Capitalization	\$6.1B	\$3.6B
% Non-Earners	0%	26%
Net Margin	10%	5%
Active Share	94%	-

#### Custom GICS Sector Groups (as of December 31, 2024)

Custom Sector	Portfolio Weight	Russell 2000 Weight
Industrials	29.7%	29.8%
Technology	22.5%	16.7%
Health Care	16.7%	16.3%
Financials	15.6%	24.5%
Consumer	14.6%	12.6%
Cash	0.9%	-

<sup>1</sup>Includes assets under management as of 12/31/2024 by Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. of \$81.3 billion and \$5.1 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group, a division. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

<sup>2</sup>Source: Fort Washington and Nasdaq eVestment. Inception date: 04/01/2013. Peer rankings are relative to the eVestment US Small Cap Core Universe (Peer Group). Peer group ranks as of 12/31/2024 were calculated on 01/16/2025 with 77.5% of firms reporting and may be subject to change.

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## Top Ten Holdings (as of December 31, 2024)

Name	Sector	% of Portfolio
WNS Holdings (WNS)	Industrials	2.5%
CarGurus (CARG)	Communication Services	2.5%
Globus Medical (GMED)	Health Care	2.4%
KBR Inc (KBR)	Industrials	2.2%
Stride Inc (LRN)	Consumer Discretionary	2.1%
ExlService Holdings (EXLS)	Industrials	2.0%
Encompass Health Corp (EHC)	Health Care	1.9%
Progyny Inc (PGNY)	Health Care	1.7%
LiveRamp Holdings (RAMP)	Information Technology	1.7%
Tower Semiconductor (TSEM)	Information Technology	1.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>20.7%</b>

Source: Fort Washington. The data is rounded for informational purposes. Totals reflect actual value and may not match the sum based on rounded values. Holdings subject to change at any time without notice. The securities identified do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended. It should not be assumed investments in securities identified were or will be profitable. This is not a recommendation with respect to the purchase or sale of any securities disclosed. This supplemental information complements the Small Company Equity GIPS Report.

## SMALL COMPANY EQUITY COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	4Q2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Small Company Equity (Gross)	0.52%	14.51%	17.20%	-13.62%	24.68%	19.01%	22.59%	-7.44%	18.75%	20.71%	-0.41%
Small Company Equity (Net)	0.44%	14.13%	16.81%	-13.92%	24.27%	18.61%	22.19%	-7.73%	18.34%	20.29%	-0.76%
Russell 2000 Index	0.33%	11.54%	16.93%	-20.44%	14.82%	19.96%	25.52%	-11.01%	14.65%	21.31%	-4.41%
Small Company Equity 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	--	19.57%	17.98%	25.10%	23.47%	25.44%	15.30%	15.79%	13.91%	15.76%	--
Russell 2000 Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	--	23.30%	21.11%	26.02%	23.35%	25.27%	15.71%	14.99%	13.90%	15.86%	--
Dispersion <sup>2</sup>	0.02%	0.10%	0.23%	0.06%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of Accounts	13	13	9	8	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ millions)	\$1,409.5	\$1,409.5	\$1,206.4	\$1,006.3	\$1,104.0	\$939.0	\$1,072.5	\$1,114.9	\$1,295.3	\$1,147.8	\$907.5
Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)	\$81,286	\$81,286	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	N/A	N/A

Composite inception date is 04/01/2013 and the creation date is 01/01/2018. <sup>1</sup>The 3-Year annualized ex-post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. 2014-2015 figures are not presented because 36 monthly returns are not available. <sup>2</sup>Dispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The benchmark for this composite is the Russell 2000 Index. The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the bottom two-thirds of the overall market capitalization of the 3,000 largest publicly traded companies in the U.S. The index accounts for both capital gains and dividend income. 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