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# SMID Cap Value Equity

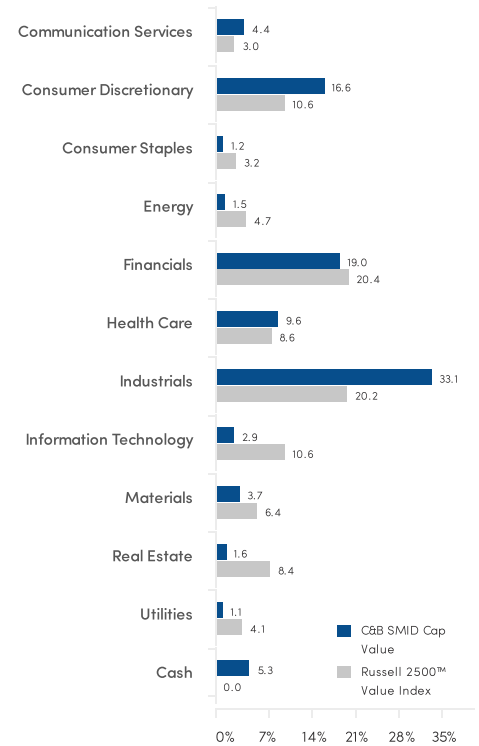
## Investment Overview & Process

### Strategy Overview:

- 40 to 50 companies in our fully invested, concentrated portfolio
- \$1.2 to \$18.6 billion market capitalization range at initial purchase\*\*
- 21 year track record
- \$416 million SMID Cap Value assets under management as of 12/31/2025
- \$1.5 billion AUM capacity, assuming no net inflows into other strategies

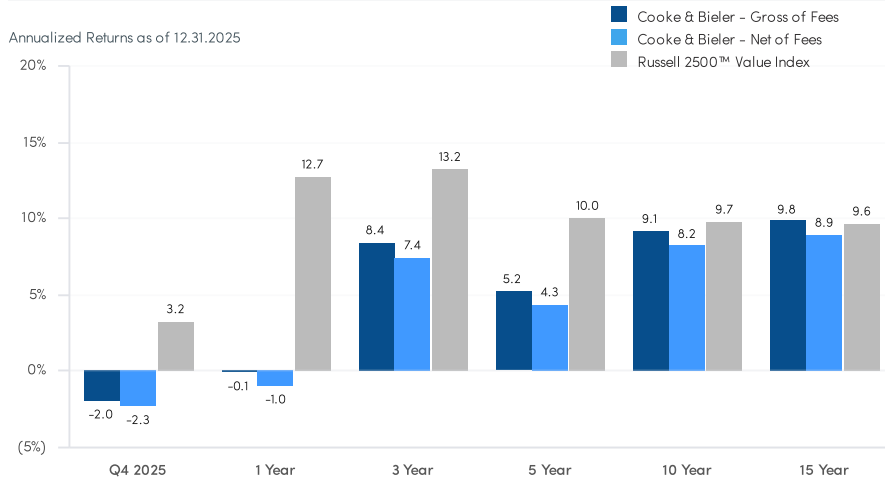
- GUIDES**
- Philosophy**
- Fundamentals drive stock prices
  - Capital preservation improves returns
  - Culture shapes investment decisions
- SHAPES**
- Process**
- Thorough, proprietary research by career analysts
  - Focus on valuation and risk controls
  - Team environment – group discussion/analyst decision
- GENERATES**
- Portfolio**
- Concentrated and diversified
  - Long-term/low turnover
  - Fully invested/limit on cash
- Performance**
- Consistent pattern of results
  - Objective: Outperform the benchmark over the longer term

## Sector Weights



Source: FactSet and Russell®

## SMID Cap Value Equity Composite Performance



Source: FactSet and Russell®

Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investing involves risk, including loss of principal. Effective at the market opening on March 24, 2025, Russell US Style Indexes have applied the RIC 22.5/45 capping methodology if index weights breached the thresholds as of the quarterly review pricing dates.

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## Quality Characteristics

	C&B SMID Cap Value <sup>+</sup>	Russell 2500 <sup>TM</sup> Value Index
ROC 5 Year Avg	11.8%	6.9%
Cash Interest Coverage	5.9x	5.0x
Debt/EBITDA	2.8x	3.2x
Forecasted P/E (Wtd. Harm. Avg.)	14.5x	21.1x
P/Normalized Earnings (Wtd. Harm. Avg.)	10.7x	-

\* Median

Source: FactSet and Russell®



## Portfolio Attributes

	C&B SMID Cap Value <sup>†</sup>	Russell 2500 <sup>™</sup> Value Index
# Holdings	51*	1,881
Market Cap (\$B) Range	0.5 – 27.1	0.0 – 37.0
Market Cap (\$B) (Wtd. Avg.)	9.1	9.5
Annual Turnover	37%	–

Source: FactSet and Russell®

\*The portfolio held 51 securities at quarter end due to a partial spin-off on 12/31/25 of FG from existing holding FNF. The portfolio's typical holding range is 40–50 securities.

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>††</sup>

Gildan Activewear	4.3%
RenaissanceRe	3.3%
Fidelity National Financial	3.1%
White Mountains Insurance	3.1%
MKS Inc.	2.9%
RB Global	2.8%
Energpac Tool Group	2.6%
MSA Safety	2.5%
Warner Music Group	2.3%
Woodward	2.3%

## SMID Cap Value Equity Composite

Year	Total Return Gross of Fees (%)	Total Return Net of Fees (%)	Russell 2500 <sup>™</sup> Value Index (%)	Russell 2500 <sup>™</sup> Value Index 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Composite Dispersion (%)	Market Value (\$Millions)	Total Firm Assets (\$Millions)	# of Portfolios
2016	27.32	26.44	25.20	13.17	13.67	N/M	19.1	5,303.4	<5
2017	15.01	13.99	10.36	11.81	12.58	N/M	21.2	5,912.3	<5
2018	-13.27	-14.05	-12.36	13.58	14.61	N/M	19.1	5,084.6	<5
2019	40.30	39.08	23.56	14.23	16.75	N/M	28.8	9,757.1	<5
2020	4.27	3.34	4.88	25.05	27.73	N/M	35.6	9,540.8	<5
2021	21.73	20.66	27.78	24.15	26.60	N/M	482.6	11,942.6	7
2022	-16.86	-17.62	-13.08	26.46	27.01	0.30	388.8	10,678.1	11
2023	27.29	26.17	15.98	20.70	19.02	0.19	487.2	11,834.8	11
2024	0.15	-0.75	10.98	21.63	19.67	0.25	561.2	11,366.4	12
2025	-0.09	-0.99	12.73	17.70	16.77	0.10	\$415.6	\$10,559.2	7

The SMID Cap Value Equity Composite has been examined for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2024. The examination report is available upon request.

The Cooke & Bieler SMID Cap Value Equity Composite (Composite) has an inception date of January 1, 2004 and includes all fully discretionary, fee paying, SMID cap value equity portfolios managed for more than one month. The Composite was created in March 2004. For investment purposes, we generally define SMID cap equity securities as those of companies whose market capitalization is within the Russell 2500<sup>™</sup> Index at initial time of purchase. Securities are selected using the firm's fundamental, bottom-up approach. Portfolios are concentrated, typically holding approximately 40–50 securities.

The standard fee agreement is 0.90 of 1% per annum on the first \$20 million, 0.80 of 1% per annum on the next \$20 million, 0.75 of 1% per annum on the next \$20 million, 0.70 of 1% per annum on the remaining balance, however fees are negotiable. Effective 1/1/2017 net of fee returns are calculated monthly by deducting one twelfth of the annual model fee rate of 0.90% across all accounts in the composite. Prior to 1/1/2017, net of fee returns reflect the deduction of actual management fees. As of 12/31/25, approximately 3% of composite assets are custodied with brokers that do not charge trading commissions. Accounts custodied elsewhere will incur trading expenses, which may reduce returns.

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Supplemental information to the C&B SMID Cap Value Equity Composite. The Sector Weights, Quality Characteristics, Portfolio Attributes, and Top 10 Holdings were obtained from an institutional representative account that complements the compliant C&B SMID Cap Value Equity Composite.

† The data shown represents the aggregate characteristics of all securities held in the institutional representative SMID Cap Value account. There is no guarantee that holding securities with relatively high or low portfolio characteristics will cause the portfolio to outperform its benchmark.

†† Holdings are as of 12/31/25 and are subject to change and may no longer be held in client portfolios. The holdings of any particular account may vary based on investment restrictions applicable to the account. The securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for client accounts. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable.

\*\*The market cap range will be recalculated annually when Russell reconstitutes the Index.

AUM Capacity for SMID Cap, Mid Cap, and Concentrated Value assumes no net inflows into other strategies other than previously reserved capacity for existing clients.