

THB Small Cap Core Strategy



THB Asset Management | 3Q 2020

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Portfolio Objective

THB Small Cap Core seeks long term capital appreciation over full market cycles by using a disciplined, bottom up approach. We invest primarily in companies within the Russell 2000 Index that we believe are trading below their intrinsic value and have superior operating metrics. We utilize a proprietary Quality Assessment and Risk Grading during the research and portfolio construction processes. The product will typically hold 60-80 securities and have a high active share.

Our Firm

Founded in 1982, we are an employee-owned boutique firm that specializes in Micro, Small, Mid Cap, and International niche equity strategies. Our accomplished team of eight investment professionals constantly strives to find the best investment ideas to produce outstanding results. With a robust research team and a deep bench, we pride ourselves on our entrepreneurial culture and our commitment to innovation and improvement.

Fund Details

Benchmark	Russell 2000
Inception	January 1992
Strategy Size	\$55 million

Risk Factors*	THB	Index
Alpha	2.3%	—
Beta	0.93	—
Tracking Error	7.61	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.55	0.47
Info Ratio	0.30	—
Std Deviation	19.4%	19.1%

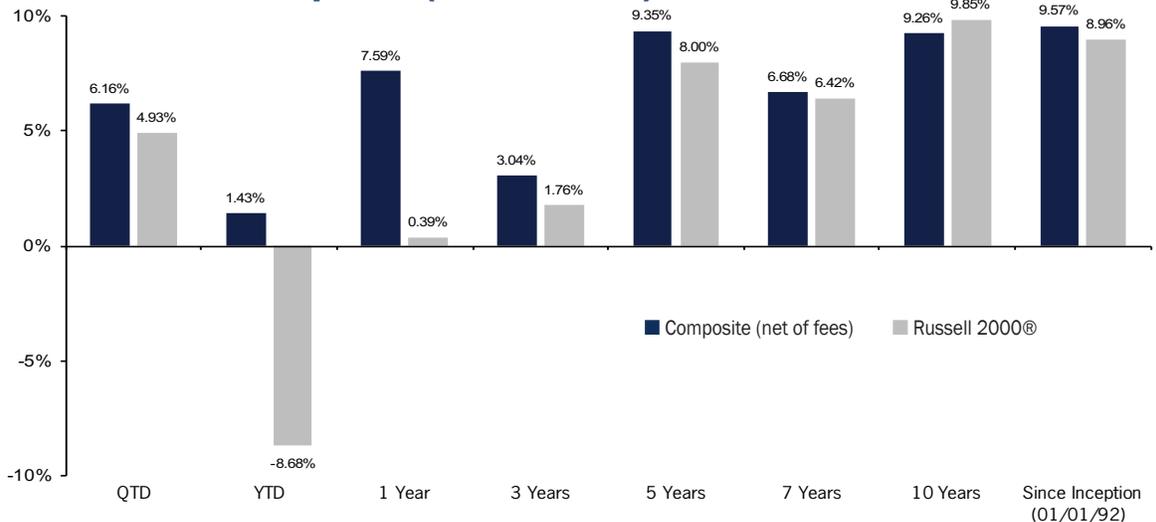
Market Commentary

The Russell Smallcap® Index (Index) returned + 4.9% in 3Q 2020.

Consumer Discretionary (+18.9%) was the best performing sector in 3Q, followed by Industrials (+10.9%) and Consumer Staples (+8.5%). Energy (-9.8%) was the worst performing sector, followed by Utilities (-3.2%) and Financials (-2.8%).

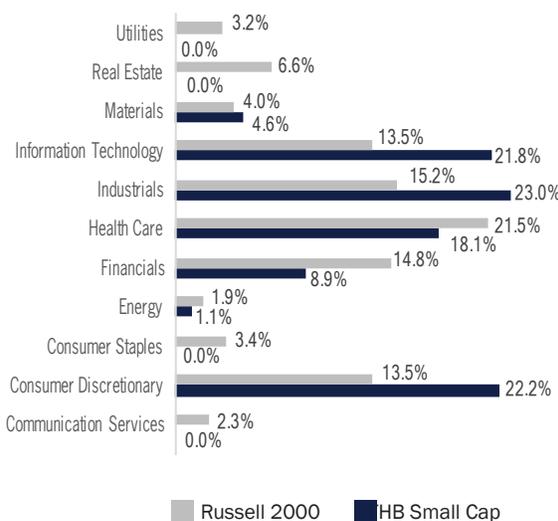
Economic data has continued to improve this quarter and by most measures we are experiencing a V Shaped recovery. Of course, there will be companies and industries which do not participate in the recovery. While unfortunate, there have always been companies and sectors which fall behind during historical economic expansions. Structural advantages, secular changes and rapid decision making allows a certain cohort of companies to outperform their peers. This is a natural part of the Darwinian nature of capitalism and over longer periods of time, is beneficial to the economy as a whole. The COVID-19 experience has also created a subset of companies which will perform relatively better than others and we remain focused on finding those companies and adding them to our strategy.

Performance Snapshot (Net of Fees)



1. Periods end 9/30/2020 and are net of fees and presented in USD. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Periods greater than 1 year are annualized. Returns represented include reinvestment of dividends and other income.

Sector Weightings



Sector weightings subject to change.

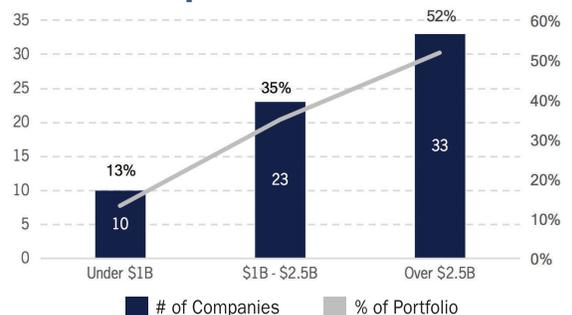
Active Management, High Active Share

Active Share vs Russell 2000 Index

Active share is the percentage of the fund's portfolio that differs from the benchmark index. High active share indicates a high degree of active management.

93.3%

Market Cap Distribution



Our Commitment

THB is committed to building long term partnerships with our clients by providing investment products that seek to help achieve their long term goals.

Our entrepreneurial culture and boutique structure allow us to embrace the unique needs and preferences of our clients.

Our sole focus is to provide excellent stewardship of our clients' capital over full market cycles.

We are passionate about, and committed to, our thoughtful and disciplined process of investing in micro, small, and mid cap companies.

We will constantly measure and seek to mitigate risk while not straying from our stated investment mandates.

All of our clients will have full transparency and will be handled with the highest levels of integrity.

THB Asset Management claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). More information on calculation methodology and a list showing every holding's contribution to overall performance during that period, and a list of composite descriptions and/or presentation that complies with the GIPS standards available upon request.

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Portfolio Commentary

The THB Small Cap Composite returned +6.2% in USD (net of fees) in 3Q, outperforming the Index by 123 bps.

The portfolio saw positive contribution from overallocation to Consumer Discretionary (+1.1%), underallocation to Financials (+0.5%), and stock selection in Materials. Negative contribution came mainly from Stock selection in Industrials (-0.9%), Consumer Discretionary (-0.8%), and Information Technology (-0.2%).

THB's top five performing stocks (from a contribution standpoint) were Meritage Homes Corporation (Consumer Discretionary, +1.1%), Installed Building Products, Inc. (Consumer Discretionary, +0.9%), BMC Stock Holdings, Inc. (Information Technology, +0.8%), Emergent BioSolutions Inc. (Health Care, +0.6%), and Toll Brothers, Inc. (Consumer Discretionary, +0.5%).

The bottom five performing stocks (from a contribution standpoint) were Kirby Corporation (Industrials, -0.7%), Rogers Corporation (Information Technology, -0.3%), First Busey Corporation (Financials, -0.3%), Steve Madden, Ltd. (Consumer Discretionary, -0.3%) and Integer Holdings Corporation (Health Care, -0.3%).

COVID-19 has elements of prior business recessions/recoveries, combined with unique elements all creating changes which are happening much faster than any prior cycles. The velocity of change is creating enormous opportunities within the share markets. Prior cycle playbooks have largely been rendered useless by the unique nature of CV19 and how it is reshaping our economy.

We have mentioned this before, and it remains even more applicable today. Macro events of differing forms will continue to blow through our economy, different political parties will run government and various natural disasters will cause concern, but the backdrop of ingenuity and creativity of the women and men running American businesses will remain constant. This steady backdrop provides amazing investment opportunities which we will continue to discover and add to your portfolio.

During the quarter, two holdings announced new share repurchase authorizations and seven companies announced acquisitions. BMC Stock Holdings was acquired by Builders Firstsource at a 17% premium on day of acquisition and 170% higher than the March 23 low.

Portfolio and Benchmark Characteristics

Characteristics	THB Small Cap	Russell 2000
Holdings	66	2,019
Market Cap (\$mil)	2,783	2,431
Dividend Yield	0.7%	1.7%
LT Debt/Capital	31.0%	40.1%
P/E Forward	18.0x	16.8x
EV/Sales	1.6x	1.7x

Our portfolio companies have returned a healthy amount of capital back to shareholders via repurchases and dividends, illustrating their current financial strength and the variety of options available to them in seeking to enhance shareholder wealth.

Corporate Activity

(As of September 30, 2020)

THB Small Cap Portfolio Trailing 12 months (\$ in millions, except # of companies)	
Companies with Share Repurchases	50
Companies that Paid Dividends	29
Value of Share Repurchases	3,805
Value of Dividends Paid	1,070
Total Capital Returned to Shareholders	4,875
Number of Acquisitions	53
Value of Acquisitions	6,500

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