

# Small-Mid Cap Value II

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## Investment Objective(s)

- Long-term total return > Russell 2500 Value index plus 200 to 400 bps
- Target volatility < Russell 2500 Value

## Strategy Summary

River Road's Small-Mid Cap Value II (SMID II) Strategy focuses on companies between \$500 MM and \$10 B in market cap. The SMID II Strategy employs the same bottom-up, fundamentally driven investment process as the firm's Small Cap Value and Small-Mid Cap Value Strategies.

- Bottom-up, fundamentally driven stock selection
- Balanced diversification
- Structured sell discipline

## Portfolio Managers



**J. Justin Akin**  
19 years of experience;  
managed Portfolio since inception  
Centre College, BS



**R. Andrew Beck**  
23 years of experience;  
managed Portfolio since inception  
University of Louisville, BS  
Babson College, MBA



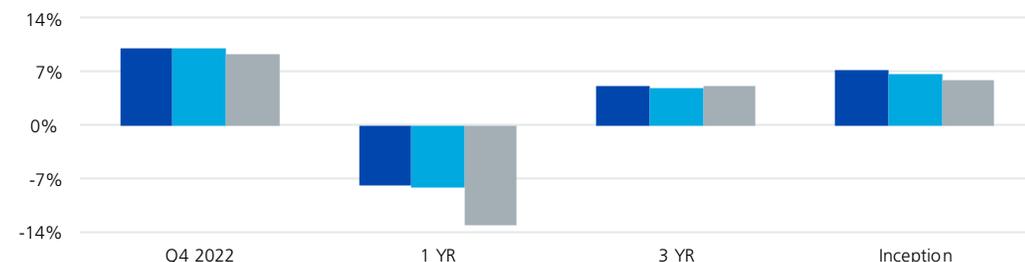
**James C. Shircliff, CFA**  
49 years of experience;  
managed Portfolio since inception  
University of Louisville, BS



**Todd D. Mayberry, CFA**  
11 years of experience;  
managed Portfolio since 2021  
University of Cincinnati, BBA

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## Trailing Returns



	Q4 2022	1 YR	3 YR	Inception
SMID II Composite - Gross	10.05%	-7.90%	5.22%	7.16%
SMID II Composite - Net	9.94%	-8.27%	4.80%	6.74%
Russell 2500 Value	9.21%	-13.08%	5.22%	5.78%
Out / Underperformance - Gross	+0.84%	+5.18%	0.00%	+1.38%
Out / Underperformance - Net	+0.73%	+4.81%	-0.42%	+0.96%

## Calendar Year Returns

	2022	2021	2020	2019 <sup>1</sup>
SMID II Composite - Gross	-7.90%	24.99%	1.18%	10.67%
SMID II Composite - Net	-8.27%	24.52%	0.77%	10.40%
Russell 2500 Value	-13.08%	27.78%	4.88%	5.54%
Out / Underperformance - Gross	+5.18%	-2.79%	-3.70%	+5.13%
Out / Underperformance - Net	+4.81%	-3.26%	-4.11%	+4.86%

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## Market Highlights

- A volatile yet positive quarter for stocks capped **one of the most challenging years on record for investors**.
- Large caps outperformed small caps for both Q4 and 2022, while **value dominated growth across all cap tiers**.
- Within the Russell 2500 Value, **Materials (+18.94%)** delivered the highest total return in Q4, while **Information Technology (+3.63%)** delivered the lowest. For 2022, **Energy (+51.92%)** had the highest total return, while **Communication Services (-29.09%)** had the lowest.
- It was a strong quarter and record year for active small cap value managers** with **88%** and **98%** beating, respectively; among active small-mid cap value managers, **53%** outperformed in both Q4 and 2022.

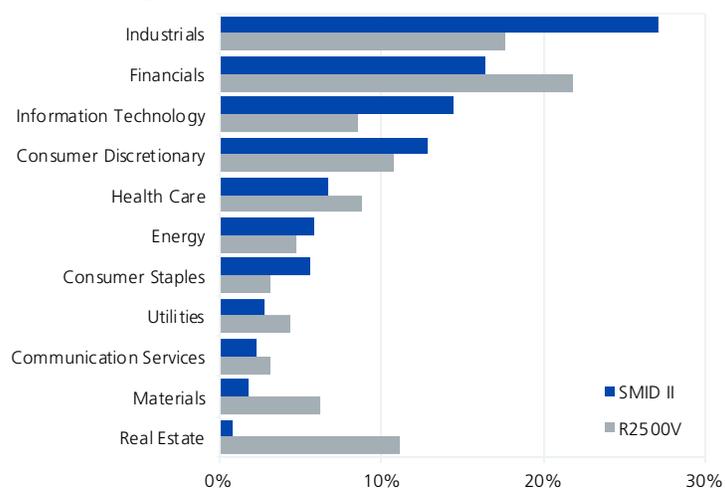
## Portfolio Highlights

- For Q4, the River Road Small-Mid Cap Value II (SMID II) Composite returned **+10.05%** (**+9.94%** net) versus **+9.21%** for the Russell 2500 Value benchmark. For 2022, the Composite returned **-7.90%** (**-8.27%** net) versus **-13.08%** for the benchmark.
- The sector with the highest contribution to relative return (total effect) in Q4 was **Information Technology**; for 2022, it was **Consumer Staples**.
- The holding with the highest contribution to active return in Q4 was **Atkore Inc. (ATKR)**; for 2022, the top contributor was **White Mountains Insurance Group Ltd. (WTM)**.
- The sector with the lowest contribution to relative return (total effect) in Q4 was **Consumer Discretionary**; for 2022, it was **Information Technology**.
- The holding with the lowest contribution to active return in Q4 was **Armstrong World Industries Inc. (AWI)**; for 2022, the bottom contributor was **Avaya Holdings Corp. (AVYA)**.

## Outlook

- Whether a recession is avoided or not, **we believe the best relative opportunity among stocks in 2023 remains high quality, smaller cap value.**

## Sector Weights



## Portfolio Contribution

Top Contributors	Avg Wgt	PCAR
ATKR Atkore Inc.	2.56%	+0.77%
GNW Genworth Financial Inc. (CI A)	1.79%	+0.61%
UNVR Univar Solutions Inc.	1.67%	+0.45%
PR Permian Resources Corp. (CI A)	1.75%	+0.40%
CXW CoreCivic Inc.	2.06%	+0.39%

## Bottom Contributors

AWI Armstrong World Industries Inc.	2.25%	-0.58%
BJ BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc.	2.74%	-0.54%
AAP Advance Auto Parts Inc.	3.02%	-0.46%
YELP Yelp Inc.	1.36%	-0.46%
CNNE Cannae Holdings Inc.	2.74%	-0.26%

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## Characteristics &amp; Risk Statistics

	SMID II	R2500V
Number of Holdings	63	1,818
EV / EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	7.3	9.0
Price / Earnings <sup>2</sup>	10.6	12.1
Price / Book	1.65	1.74
Price / Cash Flow	8.9	11.4
ROE (5 YR Avg)	13.7	8.4
EPS Growth (5 YR)	19.7	11.9
Cash Flow Growth (5 YR)	1.8	1.3
LT Growth Estimate <sup>3</sup>	10.5	9.5
Annualized Standard Deviation <sup>4</sup>	24.58	26.46
Jensen Alpha <sup>4</sup>	0.40	
Beta <sup>4</sup>	0.91	
Cash	3.7%	
Dollar Turnover (3 YR Avg) <sup>5</sup>	36.8%	

## Top 10 Portfolio Holdings

Symbol	Company	% Port
ATSG	Air Transport Services Group Inc.	4.32%
WTM	White Mountains Insurance Group Ltd.	4.03%
LKQ	LKQ Corp.	4.01%
UNF	UniFirst Corp.	3.25%
PINC	Premier Inc. (CI A)	3.06%
SNX	TD SYNEX Corp.	3.01%
ATKR	Atkore Inc.	2.80%
AAP	Advance Auto Parts Inc.	2.75%
CNNE	Cannae Holdings Inc.	2.59%
BJ	BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc.	2.37%