



# Artisan U.S. Small-Cap Growth Strategy

## QUARTERLY Fact Sheet

As of 31 March 2021

For Institutional Investors – Not for Onward Distribution

### Investment Process Highlights

The investment team seeks to invest in companies with franchise characteristics that are benefiting from an accelerating profit cycle and are trading at a discount to private market value.

#### Security Selection

- Identify companies with franchise characteristics and defensible competitive positions
- Invest in emerging profit cycles
- Purchase stocks at a discount to private market value
- Assess key environmental, social and governance issues that could impact future stock returns

#### Capital Allocation—Garden, Crop, Harvest® Investing

- Build position size according to conviction
- Garden<sup>SM</sup>—Smaller position sizes in companies that are early on in the profit cycle
- Crop<sup>SM</sup>—Larger position sizes in companies where profit cycle is being realized
- Harvest<sup>SM</sup>—Reduced or sold positions as stock approaches full valuation or profit cycle begins to decelerate

#### Broad Knowledge

- Invest opportunistically across entire global economy
- Find growth wherever growth occurs

Sector Diversification (% of total portfolio equities)	Strategy	R2G <sup>1</sup>	Index
Communication Services	5.4	2.1	
Consumer Discretionary	12.1	14.9	
Consumer Staples	1.9	3.1	
Energy	0.0	0.2	
Financials	2.0	3.9	
Health Care	32.1	33.3	
Industrials	9.2	14.8	
Information Technology	37.4	20.2	
Materials	0.0	2.6	
Real Estate	0.0	3.5	
Utilities	0.0	1.5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS/Russell. Cash and cash equivalents represented 1.0% of the total portfolio. <sup>1</sup>Russell 2000® Growth Index.

### Investment Results (% USD)

As of 31 March 2021	Average Annual Total Returns						
	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Composite — Gross	-4.73	-4.73	82.14	28.30	27.19	18.08	12.70
Composite — Net	-4.97	-4.97	80.41	27.05	25.95	16.92	11.60
Russell 2000® Growth Index	4.88	4.88	90.20	17.15	18.60	13.01	9.01
Russell 2000® Index	12.70	12.70	94.85	14.75	16.34	11.67	10.05

  

Annual Returns (% USD) 12 months ended 31 March	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Composite — Gross	24.96	26.12	18.39	-1.99	82.14

  

Calendar Year Returns (% USD)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Composite — Gross	8.22	19.33	44.71	0.36	1.61	6.90	28.38	3.54	41.90	62.99
Composite — Net	7.15	18.16	43.31	-0.64	0.60	5.84	27.13	2.51	40.52	61.43
Russell 2000® Growth Index	-2.91	14.59	43.30	5.60	-1.38	11.32	22.17	-9.31	28.48	34.63
Russell 2000® Index	-4.18	16.35	38.82	4.89	-4.41	21.31	14.65	-11.01	25.52	19.96

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance shown. Composite performance has been presented in both gross and net of investment management fees.

**Investment Risks:** Investments will rise and fall with market fluctuations and investor capital is at risk. Investors investing in strategies denominated in non-local currency should be aware of the risk of currency exchange fluctuations that may cause a loss of principal. These risks, among others, are further described on the next page, which should be read in conjunction with this material.

### Portfolio Details

Composite Inception	1 April 1995
Total AUM (USD Millions)	\$6,402

### Portfolio Statistics

	Strategy	R2G <sup>1</sup>
Median Market Cap (USD Billions)	\$5.4	\$1.3
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (USD Billions)	\$7.9	\$4.2
Weighted Harmonic Avg. P/E (FY1)	55.1X	25.1X
Weighted Harmonic Avg. P/E (FY2)	40.2X	22.7X
Weighted Avg. LT EPS Growth Rate (3-5 Yr)	20.7%	18.4%
Weighted Avg. LT Debt/Capital	25.3%	30.4%
Active Share	93.1%	—
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>2</sup>	40.8%	—
Number of Securities	66	1,147

Source: Artisan Partners/FactSet/Russell. <sup>1</sup>Russell 2000® Growth Index. <sup>2</sup>For the 12 months ended 31 Dec 2020.

### Top 10 Holdings (% of total portfolio)

Halozyne Therapeutics Inc (Health Care)	5.2
HubSpot Inc (Information Technology)	4.9
Chegg Inc (Consumer Discretionary)	4.8
Blackline Inc (Information Technology)	3.9
Veracyte Inc (Health Care)	3.8
Zynga Inc (Communication Services)	3.7
NeoGenomics Inc (Health Care)	3.7
Q2 Holdings Inc (Information Technology)	3.4
Lattice Semiconductor Corp (Information Technology)	3.0
LivePerson Inc (Information Technology)	2.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/GICS.

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## Team Leadership

Portfolio Managers	Years of Investment Experience
Craig A. Cepukenas, CFA (Lead)	32
James D. Hamel, CFA	24
Matthew H. Kamm, CFA	21
Jason L. White, CFA	21

## Market Cap Distribution (% of total portfolio equities)

\$ USD in billions	Strategy	R2G <sup>1</sup>
5.6+	59.1	22.9
4.2–5.6	16.7	18.6
2.9–4.2	15.7	22.3
1.7–2.9	2.0	18.4
0.0–1.7	6.5	17.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Artisan Partners/Russell. <sup>1</sup>Russell 2000® Growth Index.

## Portfolio Construction

- Maximum position size up to 5%<sup>1</sup>
- Market capitalizations less than \$8 billion or the largest company in the Russell 2000® Index, whichever is greater<sup>2</sup>
- Typically less than 5% cash

Based on a model portfolio. <sup>1</sup>Limitations apply at the time of purchase. <sup>2</sup>Market capitalization determined on a rolling one-year basis.

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