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As of March 31, 2024

smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth

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## Bahl & Gaynor Overview

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Bahl & Gaynor views its employee ownership structure as an extremely effective retention tool for promoting team stability and investment process execution.







†Bahl & Gaynor regulatory assets under management were \$19.1B and SMA platform assets under advisement were \$31.0B as of 3/31/2024.

smig®- Small/Mid Cap Income Growth AUM was \$904.9M and AUA was \$485.6M. Source: Bahl & Gaynor. Bahl & Gaynor identifies assets under management as assets over which the firm has discretion (including high net worth and institutional accounts and certain platform assets). Assets under advisement include model-only platform assets over which the firm does not have discretion.

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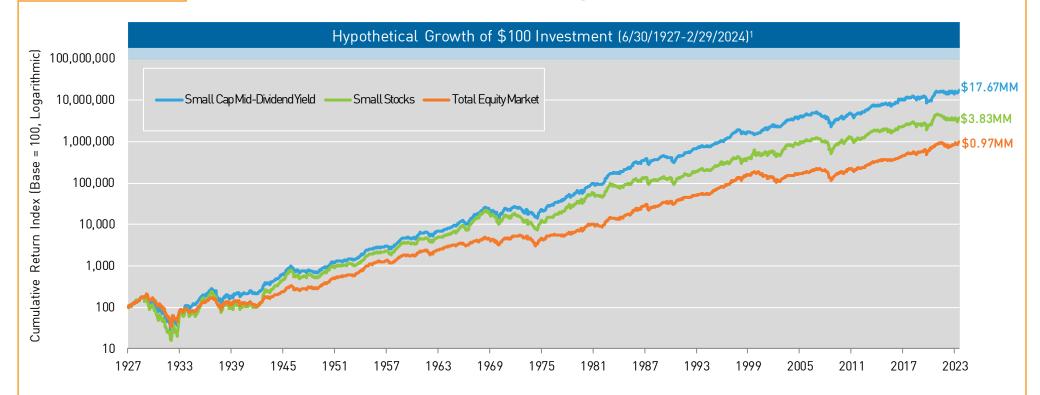
#### Investment Committee



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# The Small Cap Dividend Advantage

Historical total return advantage



# Small Cap Dividends: Total Return Advantage

Source: Ken French's Website - <a href="http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/index.html">http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/index.html</a>; Total Equity Market Index is representative of US public equity securities with a market capitalization in the bottom 30% (excluding REITs) of the NYSE and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stock that fit the market cap criteria; Small Cap Mid-Dividend Yield is representative of companies with a dividend yield in the middle 40% of dividend payers with a market capitalization in the bottom 50% of the NYSE (excluding REITs) and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stocks that meet these criterion, all three indexes are reconstituted annually in June. Monthly returns are calculated on a value-weighted basis. Information sourced from third party. Bahl & Gaynor does not represent the information is accurate or complete and it should not be relied on as such. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only.

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## The Small Cap Dividend Advantage

Value added to core large equity exposure

Risk Adjusted Returns & Characteristics Since 1927 [1]

|               | Small Mid Divs | Small Stocks | Total Equity Market |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Annual Return | 13.3%          | 11.6%        | 10.0%               |
| Volatility    | 21.3%          | 28.7%        | 18.5%               |
| Beta          | 1.03           | 1.34         | 1.00                |
| Sharpe Ratio  | 0.54           | 0.40         | 0.43                |
| Annual Alpha  | 3.3%           | 0.8%         | 0.0%                |
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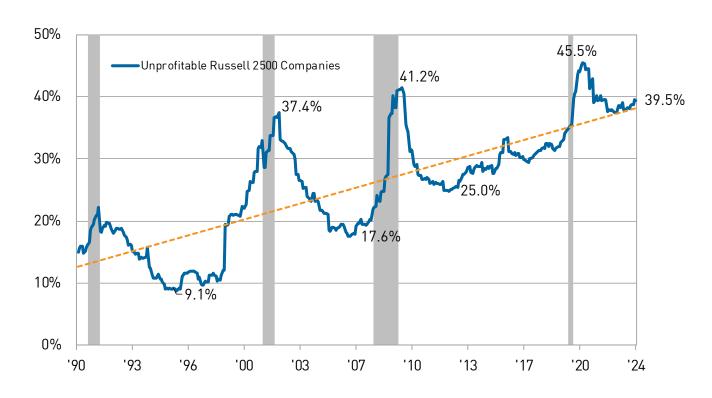
- ALPHA Risk Adjusted Return Advantage
- Lower Beta with Volatility Closer to Broader Equities
- Diversification Benefits to a Large Cap Equity Portfolio

Data from 6/30/1927 – 2/29/2024. Source: Ken French's Website - <a href="http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/index.html">http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/index.html</a>; Total Equity Market Index is representative of US public equity securities listed on the NYSE, AMEX or NASDAQ exchange; Small Stocks is representative of US public equity securities with a market capitalization in the bottom 30% (excluding REITs) of the NYSE and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stock that fit the market cap criteria; Small Cap Mid-Dividend Yield is representative of companies with a dividend yield in the middle 40% of dividend payers with a market capitalization in the bottom 50% of the NYSE (excluding REITs) and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stocks that meet these criterion, all three indexes are reconstituted annually in June. Monthly returns are calculated on a value-weighted basis. Information sourced from third party. Bahl & Gaynor does not represent the information is accurate or complete and it should not be relied on as such. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only.

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## The Rise of Unprofitable Index Constituents

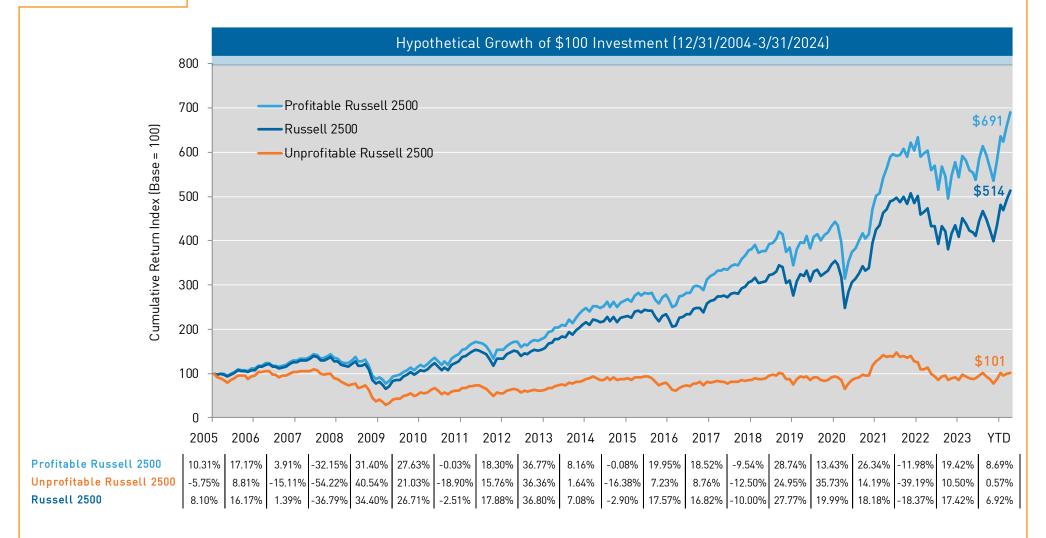
Percentage of the Russell 2500 Index that has not earned a profit



- **39.5%**<sup>1</sup> of companies in the Russell 2500 index are unprofitable versus the long-term average of 25.4%<sup>2</sup>.
- Recessions aside, profitless companies in the Russell 2500 index have been trending higher over the last several decades. Bahl & Gaynor remains invested in <u>high-quality</u>, <u>profitable</u> companies.
- Bahl & Gaynor seeks to invest in companies that generate, grow & govern a disciplined cash flow.

Source: All data from Strategas Research, Inc.© Copyright 2024 Strategas Research, Inc. Further distribution prohibited without prior permission. All Rights Reserved. All data based upon available company data. <sup>1</sup>As of most recent quarter end. <sup>2</sup>Long -term average period defined as 12/31/1989 - most recent quarter end. Unprofitable is defined as not earning a financial gain after accounting for business expenses over the previous four quarters. Expenses include the explicit costs of doing business, such as operating expenses, depreciation, interest and taxes, according to generally accepting accounting principles (GAAP). Information sourced from third party. Bahl & Gaynor does not represent the information is accurate or complete and it should not be relied on as such. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only.

# Small/Mid Cap Stock Performance: Profitable vs. Unprofitable as of March 31, 2024



The profitable Russell 2500 consists of only companies with positive earnings over the previous twelve-month period in the Russell 2500. All results are hypothetical, and the results are not based on an actual portfolio and the interpretation of the results should take into consideration of the limitation inherent in the results of the model. The profitable tranche is rebalanced quarterly based on trailing twelve-month (ITM) earnings in the Russell 2500. The profitable Russell 2500 return figures are calculated as a cap-weighted, float-adjusted index. Historical performance results for investment indices and/or categories have been provided for general comparison purposes only, and generally do not reflect the deduction of transaction and/or custodial fees, the deduction of an investment management fee, nor the impact of taxes, the incurrence of which would have the effect of decreasing historical performance results. Hypothetical returns may be dependent on the market and economic conditions that existed during the period. Future market or economic conditions can adversely affect the performance of the hypothetical analysis. It should not be assumed that your account holdings do or will correspond directly to any comparative indices. The index and other amounts shown above do not relate to the Bahl & Gaynor smig® strategy and are for illustrative purposes. Past performance does not guarantee future results, all results are hypothetical. only.

Source: FactSet and Bahl & Gaynor, 2024.

# smig® - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Overview

#### Goals

Bahl & Gaynor's smig<sup>®</sup> strategy seeks:

- 1 Income Growth
- 2 Downside Protection
- 3 Price Appreciation

#### Strategy

- Unique, fundamental small/mid cap equity strategy focused on high current and growing income to generate long-term purchasing power.
- Dividends provide tax-favored income for individuals.
  - 91.8% of dividend income was qualified<sup>1</sup> as of 3/31/2024.
- Current 2.4%<sup>2</sup> dividend yield could fund 48% of a typical 5% annual spending requirement.
- Long-term investment focus with annual turnover typically <30%.</li>
- Small/Mid Cap core mandate seeking competitive through-cycle risk-adjusted returns vs. Russell 2500 benchmark.
- Non closet indexing approach.
- No MLPs, preferred stocks, options, ETFs or convertible securities are owned in the strategy.

Principal risks of investing in this strategy include stock market risk, management risk, recent market events risk, and small and medium capitalization companies involves greater risk and the possibility of greater price volatility than investing in larger-capitalization and more established companies. All equity investments inherently have aspects of risk associated with them; past performance is no guarantee of future results. An issuer of a security may be unwilling or unable to pay income on a security. Common stocks do not assure dividend payments and are paid only when declared by an issuer's board of directors. The amount of any dividend may vary over time.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;A qualified dividend is taxed at the capital gains tax rate versus the ordinary income tax rate. This does not constitute tax advice. Please consult a tax advisor regarding the taxation of dividends.

2As of the most recent quarter end. Dividend yield includes cash holdings.



## Inherent Risk Mitigation

A risk aware investment philosophy that has historically produced competitive risk-adjusted returns relative to the benchmark

#### High & Consistently Growing Income in the Small/Mid Market Cap Range<sup>1</sup>

- Dividend yield of 2.4%<sup>2</sup> from 40+ stocks, all of which pay a dividend
- Average stock contributed 2.2% to income, while the largest income contribution was 5.1%
- 84% of holdings increased dividend in last 12 months<sup>3</sup>
- 29 of the 45 holdings have increased the dividend for at least 10 consecutive years<sup>3</sup>

#### Downside Protection & Diversification

- Over the last year, the strategy has exhibited a strong downside capture ratio of 0.72 versus the Russell 25004
- High conviction stocks are held at overweight positions; the top 10 holdings comprise 38.8% of the portfolio<sup>1</sup>

#### Long-Term Capital Appreciation through Risk-Adjusted Returns, Since Inception<sup>5</sup>

- Gross/net beta of 0.78 / 0.79 versus the benchmark (1st / 1st percentile rank versus small-mid core peers, "peers")
- Gross/net alpha of 2.84 / -0.25 versus the benchmark (11th / 77th percentile rank versus peers)
- Gross/net standard deviation of 15.4% / 15.6% versus the benchmark at 18.4% (1st / 1st percentile rank versus peers)
- Competitive risk adjusted returns with gross / net Sharpe ratio of 0.65 / 0.44 versus the Russell 2500 Sharpe ratio of 0.48 (5<sup>th</sup> / 85<sup>th</sup> percentile rank versus peers)

Data as of most recent quarter end. Sources: Bahl & Gaynor, FactSet, Informa – PSN., 2024. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only. Past performance does not guarantee future results. ¹Data is drawn from the Small/Mid Cap Income Growth model portfolio that is fully discretionary, unconstrained and subject to change. Individual Bahl & Gaynor clients may or may not hold these positions or have similar characteristics. ²Dividend yield includes cash holdings. ³ An issuer of a security may be unwilling or unable to pay income on a security. Common stocks do not assure dividend payments and are paid only when declared by an issuer's board of directors. The amount of any dividend may vary over time. ⁴ Historical downside capture is the sum of smig® returns on all Russell 2500 down days divided by the sum of Russell 2500 returns on all respective down days. Down days are defined as any trading day the Russell 2500 Index posts a negative total return. The above is intended only to illustrate how the strategy has behaved in relation to the Russell 2500 benchmark on down days and makes no representation about investment performance. ⁵ Inception date is 3/31/2013. Percentile ranking courtesy of Informa – PSN's Small-Mid Core Universe. PSN's Small-Mid Core Universe includes products that select Small Cap (\$500 million - \$2 billion) or Mid Cap (\$2billion - \$10 billion) as their primary market capitalization. These products market cap is from \$0 to 2,000M and the largest market cap is from \$2,000M. Products that select Large Cap lover \$10 billion) or 9 Micro Cap (less than \$500 million) or All Cap as primary market capitalization are not included. REITs and convertible products are excluded.



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#### Investment Process

The Bahl & Gaynor smig® strategy invests in high-quality companies that typically produce steady earnings and dividend growth.

#### Bottom-Up Quantitative Screen

- Market cap between \$200 million and the largest company in the Russell 2500 at purchase
- Historical earnings and dividend growth (e.g., two dividend increases in the last five years)
- Strong balance sheets and cash flow generation

#### Fundamental Sector Review

- Conducted by Investment Committee, with assigned sector responsibility
- Review current and potential holdings
- Quantitative and qualitative comparison of stocks versus peers, history and market

#### Fundamental Security Investigation

- Target dominant companies with clear competitive advantage and reasonable valuation
- Shareholder-friendly management with large insider ownership
- Emphasize companies with consistently growing revenue and earnings (R<sup>2</sup>)
- Seek to meet with senior management
- Reduces stock universe to a Focus List of 100-150 stocks

#### Investment Committee Review & Implementation

- Consensus decision-making process
- Portfolio typically contains 40-65 stocks and a non-tactical 1% - 3% cash position
- Portfolio typically managed to maximum 5% capital and 6% income contributions per stock
- At least 80% of net assets invested in small/mid cap companies<sup>1</sup>
- No minimum or maximum sector weights
- Harmonious balance between absolute yield and growth of income

#### Bahl & Gaynor will consider selling or trimming our smig® positions for any one of the following reasons:

#### **Dividend Policy**

- Dividend payment reduction
- Declining growth rate
- No increase for some time

#### **Fundamental**

- Valuation
- Oversized capital or income position
- Deteriorating balance sheet
- Market cap moves out of mid cap range

#### Cash Flow or Earnings

- Declining cash flow return on investment
- Declining free cash flow
- Declining earnings quality
- Accounting issues

#### Management

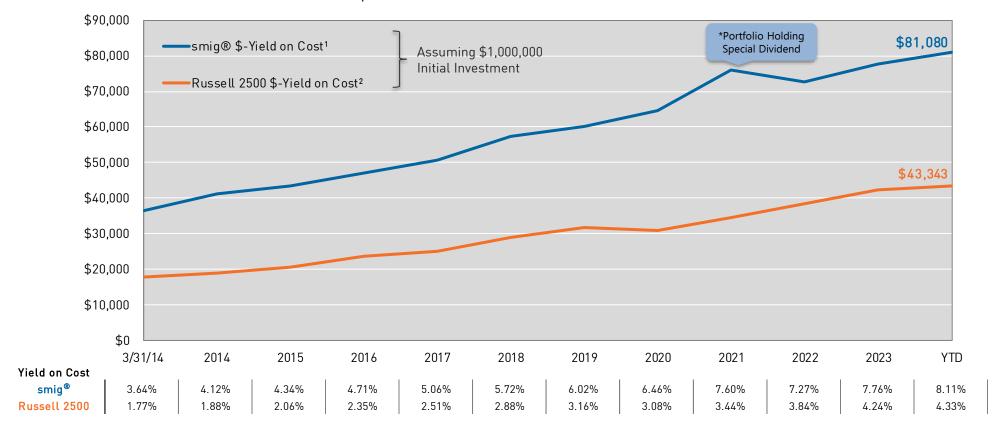
- Unexpected leadership change
- New ownership, acquisition or rising debt level
- Unusual insider trading

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The strategy defines a small- or mid- capitalization company as an issuer whose market capitalization at the time of purchase is between \$200 million and the market capitalization of the largest company in the Russell 2500 Index.

## Income History

#### Yield on cost is an important consideration

- Yield on cost is the annual dividend rate of a security divided by the average cost basis of the investment. It can only grow through owning stocks that increase the dividends they pay over time.
- The smig<sup>®</sup> strategy generated \$81,080 in income during the trailing twelve months ended 3/31/2024 based on a \$1MM initial investment at inception, 3/31/2013.



<sup>\*</sup>The year-over-year yield on cost decline in 2022 is due to the occurrence of a large special dividend in 2021. These figures are for illustrative purposes only. Individual Bahl & Gaynor clients may realize different income growth rates due to variable client investing needs. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The income growth rate for the Bahl & Gaynor smig® strategy is calculated as of the most recent quarter-end using the trailing twelve months of income earned in a model portfolio, with income reinvestment, compared to the income earned in the first twelve months following strategy inception, 3/31/2013. <sup>1</sup>Yield on cost is calculated on a gross of fee basis and does not incorporate the impact of advisory and other fees which will be experienced by investors. The smig® yield on cost is calculated as of the most recent quarter-end using a model account by dividing the trailing twelve months of income earned by the initial capital at inception and includes income reinvestment. <sup>2</sup>Russell 2500 yield on cost is calculated using the same methodology.

Source: Bloomberg and Bahl & Gaynor, 2024.

smig® - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Dividend Analysis¹

A harmonic balance between yield and growth

| Company Name                            | 1- Year Dividend<br>Growth | 5- Year Average<br>Dividend Growth <sup>1</sup> | Dividend Yield | Income<br>Percentage | 10+ Years of Dividend Increases |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Agree Realty Corp                       | 2.9%                       | 6.0%  | 5.2%           | 4.6%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Alliant Energy Corp                     | 6.1%                       | 6.2%  | 3.8%           | 2.8%                 | 1                               |
| Amdocs Ltd                              | 10.1%                      | 10.9%   | 2.1%           | 3.2%                 | /                               |
| American Financial Group Inc Ohio       | 12.7%                      | 12.2%   | 2.1%           | 1.9%                 |                                 |
| Atmos Energy Corp                       | 8.8%                       | 8.9%  | 2.7%           | 2.0%                 | · √                             |
| Avery Dennison Corp                     | 8.0%                       | 9.3%  | 1.5%           | 1.6%                 |                                 |
| Avient Corporation Com                  | 4.0%                       | 5.7%  | 2.4%           | 1.4%                 | /                               |
| Avnet Inc                               | 6.9%                       | 9.2%  | 2.5%           | 2.1%                 |                                 |
| Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp CI     | 8.5%                       | 17.3%   | 1.4%           | 2.9%                 | · √                             |
| Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc      | 10.3%                      | 10.5%   | 1.6%           | 2.8%                 |                                 |
| CBOE Global Mkts Inc                    | 10.0%                      | 12.2%   | 1.2%           | 0.7%                 | · √                             |
| CMS Energy Corp                         | 5.6%                       | 6.1%  | 3.4%           | 1.2%                 |                                 |
| Conagra Brands Inc                      | 6.1%                       | 10.5%   | 4.7%           | 2.8%                 | ·                               |
| CSG Systems Intl Inc                    | 7.1%                       | 6.2%  | 2.3%           | 1.7%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Equity Lifestyle Properties Inc         | 6.7%                       | 9.3%  | 3.0%           | 1.3%                 |                                 |
| Evercore Inc Class A                    | 5.6%                       | 8.7%  | 1.6%           | 1.9%                 |                                 |
| First Financial Bancorp OH              | 0.0%                       | 0.9%  | 4.1%           | 2.2%                 | <b>V</b>                        |
| First Interstate Banc Sys Inc CI A      | 0.0%                       | 8.7%  | 6.9%           | 2.5%                 |                                 |
| Hartford Financial Services Group       | 10.6%                      | 9.4%  | 1.8%           | 2.5%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Home Bancshares Inc                     | 0.0%                       | 8.4%  | 2.9%           | 2.3%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Hubbell Inc                             | 8.9%                       | 7.7%  | 1.2%           | 2.3%                 | \<br>\<br>\                     |
| Huntington Bancshares Inc               | 0.0%                       | 2.1%  | 4.4%           | 1.1%                 | V                               |
| Insperity Inc                           | 9.6%                       | 13.7%   | 2.1%           | 0.9%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Inter Parfums Inc                       | 20.0%                      | 22.2%   | 2.1%           | 2.8%                 | V                               |
| Interpublic Group Cos Inc               | 6.5%                       | 7.0%  | 4.0%           | 0.6%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Lancaster Colony Corp                   | 5.9%                       | 6.7%  | 1.7%           | 1.7%                 | <b>√</b> ✓                      |
|   |                            |   | 1.7%           |                      | V                               |
| Meritage Homes Corp                     | 177.8%                     | N/A   |                | 0.4%                 |                                 |
| NetApp Inc Nexstar Media Group Inc CI A | 0.0%<br>25.2%              | 4.6%  | 1.9%           | 1.9%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| •                                       |                            | 30.3%   | 3.9%           | 2.5%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| NiSource Inc                            | 6.0%                       | 5.8%  | 3.8%           | 4.6%                 |                                 |
| Packaging Corp America                  | 0.0%                       | 9.6%  | 2.6%           | 3.5%                 |                                 |
| Penske Automotive Group Inc             | 42.6%<br>1.1%              | 18.0%   | 2.1%           | 0.9%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Perrigo Co PLC                          |                            | 7.8%  | 3.4%           | 4.0%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Plains Group Hlgs LP A                  | 18.7%                      | 1.1%  | 7.0%           | 5.1%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Quest Diagnostics Inc                   | 5.6%                       | 7.2%  | 2.3%           | 2.8%                 |                                 |
| RPM Intl Inc                            | 9.5%                       | 5.6%  | 1.5%           | 1.2%                 | √<br>√                          |
| Snap On Inc                             | 14.8%                      | 14.4%   | 2.5%           | 4.1%                 | √<br>√                          |
| Sonoco Prods Co                         | 4.1%                       | 4.5%  | 3.5%           | 1.3%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Targa Resources Corp                    | 42.9%                      | - 11.3%   | 1.8%           | 2.4%                 | ,                               |
| Terreno Realty Corp                     | 12.5%                      | 13.4%   | 2.7%           | 2.3%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| Texas Roadhouse Inc                     | 10.9%                      | 15.3%   | 1.6%           | 0.9%                 |                                 |
| US Physical Therapy Inc                 | 2.3%                       | 10.3%   | 1.6%           | 0.4%                 |                                 |
| Victory Cap Holdings Inc Cl A           | 4.7%                       | N/A   | 3.2%           | 4.2%                 | ,                               |
| Watsco Inc                              | 0.0%                       | 8.9%  | 2.3%           | 3.4%                 | <b>√</b>                        |
| World Kinect Corporation                | 21.4%                      | 23.2%   | 2.6%           | 0.4%                 |                                 |
| Average (\$ Weighted)                   | 11.0%                      | 9.0%  | 2.4%           |                      |                                 |
| Russell 2500                            | 0.7%                       | 6.0%  | 1.4%           |                      |                                 |

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Dividend increases from portfolio companies in 1Q24

20.4%

Average dividend increase in 1Q24

40

Portfolio dividend increases 2023

Dividend Increase in 1Q 2024

Largest Income Percentage

Small/Mid Cap Income Growth model portfolio is fully discretionary, unconstrained and is subject to change. Actual portfolios may differ for various reasons. The holdings shown should not be considered a recommendation or solicitation to buy or sell any particular security and may not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for any particular advisory client. You should not assume that an investment in any of the securities was or will be profitable.

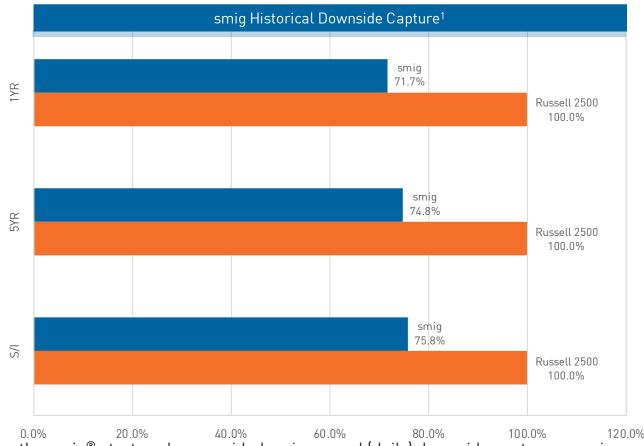
<sup>1</sup>Dividend increases are based on declaration date.

Small/Mid Cap Income Growth model portfolio 5-Year Dividend Growth is calculated as the compound annualized growth rate (CAGR) of the current dividend rate as of the most recent declaration date versus the same dividend rate 5 years prior. Figures based on Small/Mid Cap Income Growth strategy holdings as of the most recent quarter end. Russell 2500 5-Year Dividend Growth is calculated as the CAGR of the income earned in the most recent quarter versus the same quarter 5 years prior. This exhibit should not be construed to imply future results.

The 10+ Years of dividend increases represent consecutive years of dividend increases. The 1-year dividend growth, 5-year average dividend growth and 10+ years of dividend increases statistics are included for informational purposes and represent past performances. The portfolio did not necessarily hold all these securities for the 1-, 5- or 10-year periods and therefore, the portfolio has not necessarily experienced all these dividend increases even though these securities had those dividend increases over that period. Dividend yield excludes cash holdings

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, and company annual reports, 2024.

# smig<sup>®</sup> - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Downside Capture vs. Russell 2500 *Downside protection has been compelling over time*

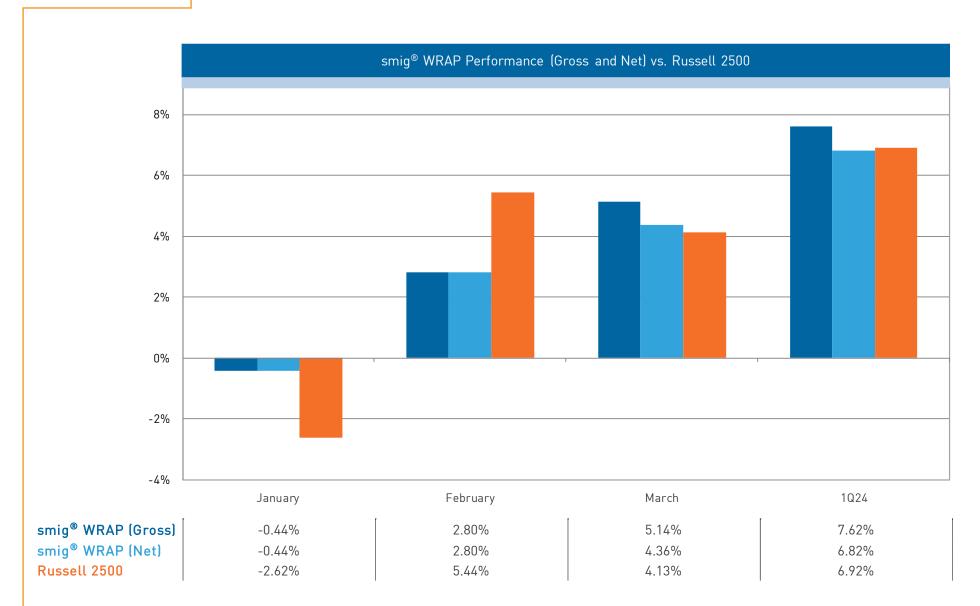


- Over the last year, the smig® strategy has provided an improved (daily) downside capture experience (71.7%) amid recent market volatility.
- Since Inception (monthly) downside capture ratio of 77.2% gross-of-fees (82.9% net-of-fees) ranks in the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile gross-of-fees and net-of-fees of the PSN small-mid core peer universe<sup>2</sup>.

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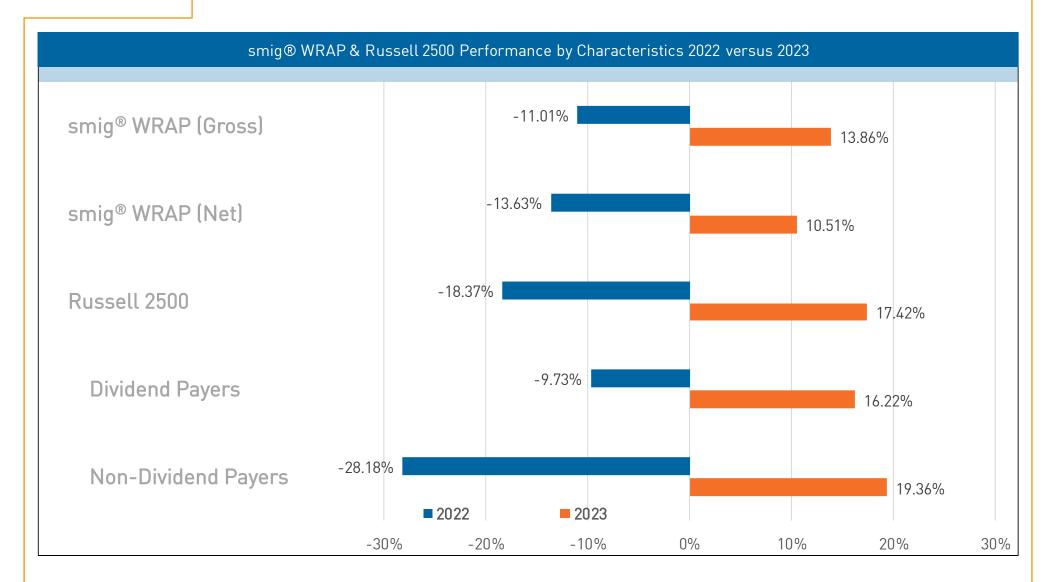
# smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite Performance as of March 31, 2024



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Source: FactSet, 2024.

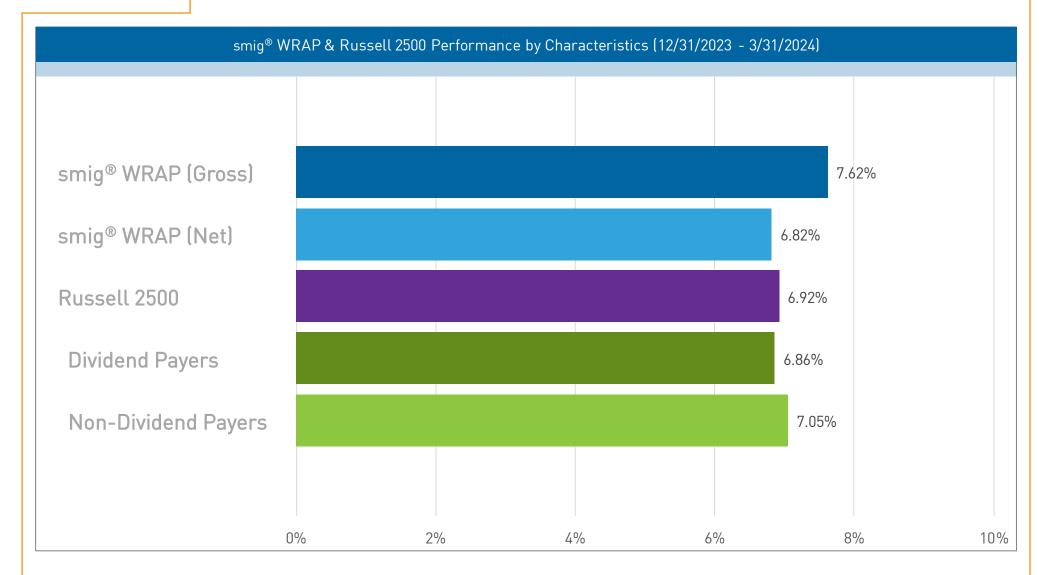
# 2022 vs. 2023 smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite Performance *A clear market bifurcation*



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Source: FactSet, 2024.

# 1Q24 smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite Performance as of March 31, 2024

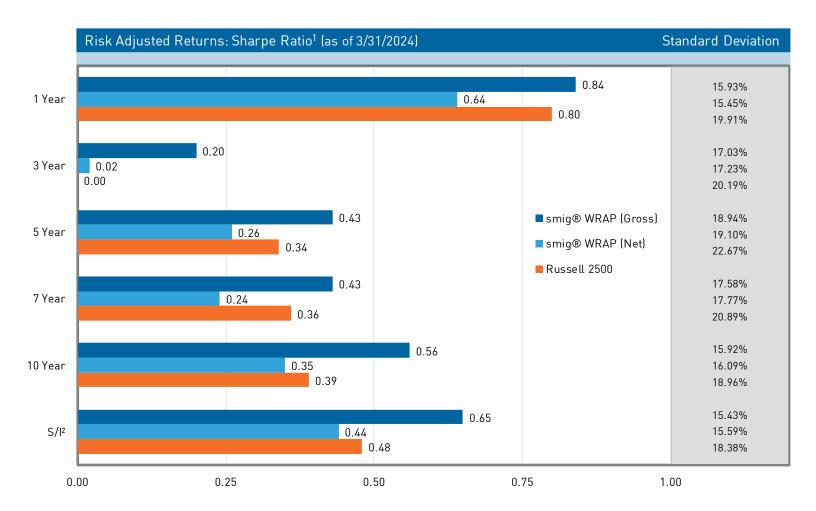


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#### Risk-Adjusted Return Results

Active, differentiated risk adjusted return profile vs. index

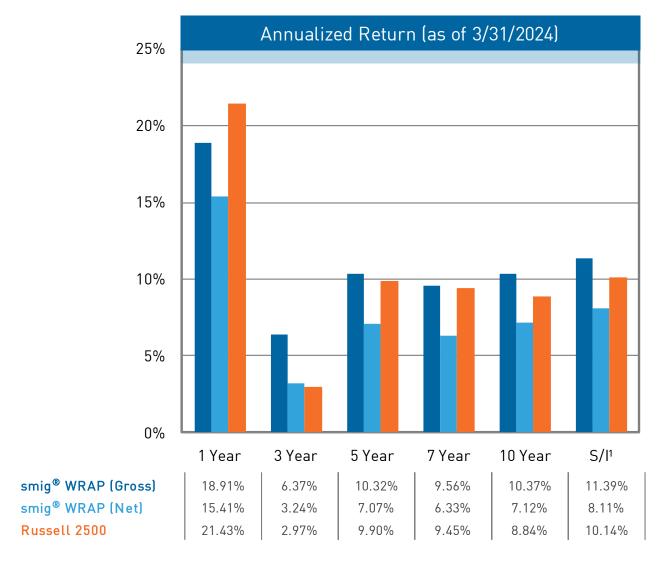


Bahl & Gaynor smig® strategy continued to deliver a differentiated strategy risk (standard deviation) profile meaningfully lower than the Russell 2500 over many historical time periods.

Sharpe Ratio is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It is the return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. Inception date 3/31/2013. All periods greater than one year are annualized. Past performance does not quarantee future results. Other methods may produce different results and the results for individual accounts and for different periods may vary depending on market conditions and the composition of the account. Care should be used when comparing these results to those published by other investment advisers, other investment vehicles and unmanaged indices due to possible differences in calculation methods. No alteration of the composite as presented here has occurred because of changes in personnel or other reasons at any time. The return figures are calculated as a cap-weighted, float-adjusted index.

17 Source: Informa - PSN and FactSet. 2024.

#### smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite Performance Long-term focus has provided competitive through-cycle returns relative to benchmark



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# smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Risk/Reward Analysis

#### Percentile rankings have indicated a strong risk/reward profile



- Income growth is primary objective.
- Downside protection is secondary and price appreciation is tertiary.

At the time of this update there were 35 peers for consideration in the rankings. Past performance does not guarantee future results, 1 Since Inception 3/31/2013. Percentile rankings courtesy of Informa – PSN's Small-Mid Core Universe. PSN's Small-Mid Core Universe includes products that select Small Cap (\$500 million – \$2 billion) or Mid Cap (\$2 billion – \$10 billion) as their primary market capitalization. These products must also have the Small Cap and Mid Cap as either important or very important in their style ranking, and their weighted average market cap must be between \$1,500M and \$5,500M where the smallest market cap is from \$0 to \$2,000M and the largest market cap is from \$2,000M to \$25,000M. Products that select Large Cap (over \$10 billion) or Micro Cap (Less than \$500 million) or All Cap as primary market capitalization are not included. REIT and convertible products are excluded. A glossary of investment terms is available on the Disclosure page at the end of this presentation.

Source: Informa - PSN. 2024.



# smig® - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Model Portfolio

as of March 31, 2024

| smig <sup>®</sup> Sector Allocation History |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | Russell 2500 |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Sector <sup>1</sup>                         | 4Q'14 | 4Q'15 | 4Q'16 | 4Q'17 | 4Q'18 | 4Q'19 | 4Q'20 | 4Q'21 | 4Q'22 | 4Q'23 | 1Q'24        | 1Q'24 |
| Communication Services                      | 2.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 1.6%  | 4.1%  | 3.2%  | 1.4%  | 1.5%  | 2.2%  | 2.1%  | 1.9%         | 1.9%  |
| Consumer Discretionary                      | 16.1% | 12.0% | 15.0% | 12.9% | 10.0% | 13.9% | 14.0% | 15.4% | 7.8%  | 3.8%  | 3.5%         | 13.5% |
| Consumer Staples                            | 5.1%  | 8.5%  | 6.6%  | 6.8%  | 2.0%  | 1.9%  | 5.8%  | 4.1%  | 8.6%  | 7.1%  | 7.0%         | 3.2%  |
| Energy                                      | 6.4%  | 2.5%  | 4.4%  | 4.7%  | 2.5%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.8%  | 2.5%  | 5.4%         | 4.4%  |
| Financials                                  | 16.9% | 19.7% | 23.2% | 19.1% | 18.7% | 20.6% | 18.8% | 14.3% | 17.1% | 17.3% | 18.1%        | 16.8% |
| Health Care                                 | 7.0%  | 7.3%  | 8.5%  | 7.5%  | 8.5%  | 8.1%  | 7.5%  | 8.1%  | 8.1%  | 6.9%  | 6.4%         | 11.7% |
| Industrials                                 | 9.1%  | 12.2% | 11.6% | 16.9% | 17.1% | 15.2% | 6.5%  | 9.9%  | 16.8% | 27.0% | 24.7%        | 20.3% |
| Information Technology                      | 13.9% | 14.5% | 13.2% | 14.6% | 16.3% | 14.4% | 18.1% | 21.6% | 16.3% | 8.8%  | 8.2%         | 14.5% |
| Materials                                   | 13.5% | 12.3% | 8.6%  | 8.7%  | 9.7%  | 9.8%  | 15.0% | 12.3% | 7.1%  | 9.3%  | 10.3%        | 5.6%  |
| Real Estate                                 | 3.8%  | 3.5%  | 2.9%  | 2.8%  | 4.6%  | 7.0%  | 7.7%  | 6.8%  | 6.6%  | 6.0%  | 5.4%         | 5.5%  |
| Utilities                                   | 4.0%  | 4.9%  | 3.1%  | 2.5%  | 4.1%  | 4.0%  | 4.0%  | 4.5%  | 6.2%  | 7.4%  | 7.4%         | 2.7%  |
| Money Market                                | 2.3%  | 2.4%  | 2.7%  | 2.0%  | 2.4%  | 2.0%  | 1.6%  | 1.6%  | 2.3%  | 1.7%  | 1.7%         | -     |

| Top 10 Portfolio Holdings |                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Holding                   | % of Portfolio | Dividend Yield |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) | 5.13%          | 1.4%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hubbell (HUBB)            | 4.80%          | 1.2%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Broadridge Financial (BR) | 4.34%          | 1.6%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Snap-on (SNA)             | 3.99%          | 2.5%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amdocs (DOX)              | 3.71%          | 2.1%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watsco (WSO)              | 3.61%          | 2.3%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Victory Capital (VCTR)    | 3.39%          | 3.2%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hartford Financial (HIG)  | 3.31%          | 1.8%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Targa Resources (TRGP)    | 3.28%          | 1.8%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Packaging Corp (PKG)      | <u>3.25%</u>   | 2.6%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| % of Portfolio Value:     | 38.82%         |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Portfolio Characteristics                |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Characteristic                           | smig®    | Russell 2500 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Equity Holdings                | 45       | 2,442        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E Ratio (trailing 12 months ex. neg.)  | 20.4x    | 17.4x        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/E Ratio (trailing 12 months inc. neg.) | 20.4x    | 32.8x        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forward P/E (ex. neg. earnings)          | 16.5x    | 16.7x        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forward P/E (inc. neg. earnings)         | 16.5x    | 21.5x        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/B Ratio                                | 2.8x     | 2.3x         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P/CF Ratio (inc. neg. cash flows)        | 11.0x    | 10.2x        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted Average Market Cap              | \$13.1 B | \$8.3 B      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend Yield                           | 2.4%     | 1.4%         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Data is drawn from the Small/Mid Cap Income Growth model portfolio that is fully discretionary, unconstrained and subject to change. Individual Bahl & Gaynor clients may or may not hold these positions or have similar characteristics. Standard & Poor's (S&P) Quality Ranking: S&P determines "quality" via a company's 10-year history of earnings growth and dividend growth. Those with a quality rating of B+ (or better) are considered "average" (or better). Dividend yield includes cash holdings. \(^1\)Sector weights are as of period end.

Source: FactSet, 2024.



# smig® WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite Performance

| smig <sup>®</sup> WRAP - Small/Mid Cap Income Growth versus Russell 2500 |                    |                  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Annual & Quarterly Performance   | smig® WRAP (Gross) | smig® WRAP (Net) | Russell 2500     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2024  | 7.62%              | 6.82%            | 6.92%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2023   | 13.86%             | 10.51%           | 17.42%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2023  | 11.22%             | 10.39%           | 13.35%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2023  | -4.51%             | -5.23%           | -4.78%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2023  | 4.04%              | 3.26%            | 5.22%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2023  | 3.05%              | 2.29%            | 3.39%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2022   | -11.01%            | -13.63%          | -18.37%          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2022  | 9.41%              | 8.60%            | 7.43%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2022  | -4.19%             | -4.90%           | -2.82%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2022  | -6.93%             | -7.62%           | -16.98%          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2022  | -8.80%             | -9.48%           | -5.82%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2021   | 23.53%             | 19.89%           | 18.18%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2021  | 9.41%              | 8.60%            | 3.82%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2021  | -1.03%             | -1.77%           | -2.68%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2021  | 1.93%              | 1.17%            | 5.44%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2021  | 11.92%             | 11.09%           | 10.93%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2020   | 5.94%              | 2.82%            | 19.99%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2020  | 17.72%             | 16.84%           | 27.41%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2020  | 4.21%              | 3.43%            | 5.88%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 18.02%             | 17.14%           | 26.56%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2020<br>1Q 2020   | -26.82%            | -27.37%          | -29.72%          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |                    |                  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2019   | 24.66%             | 20.99%           | 27.77%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2019  | 3.90%              | 3.13%            | 8.54%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2019  | 2.19%              | 1.43%            | -1.28%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2019  | 7.85%              | 7.05%            | 2.96%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2019<br>2018  | 8.86%              | 8.05%            | 15.82%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -5.31%             | -8.10%           | -10.00%          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2018  | -14.07%<br>5.38%   | -14.71%<br>4.60% | -18.49%<br>4.70% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2018  |                    |                  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2018  | 5.23%              | 4.45%            | 5.71%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2018  | -0.63%             | -1.37%           | -0.24%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2017   | 15.59%             | 12.17%           | 16.82%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2017  | 6.24%              | 5.45%            | 5.24%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2017  | 2.73%              | 1.97%            | 4.74%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2017  | 3.07%              | 2.30%            | 2.13%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2017  | 2.74%              | 1.97%            | 3.76%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016   | 26.34%             | 22.63%           | 17.57%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2016  | 8.40%              | 7.59%            | 6.12%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2016  | 3.85%              | 3.08%            | 6.56%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2016  | 5.59%              | 4.80%            | 3.57%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2016  | 6.29%              | 5.50%            | 0.39%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2015   | -1.33%             | -4.23%           | -2.90%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2015  | 2.96%              | 2.19%            | 3.28%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2015  | -5.93%             | -6.63%           | -10.30%          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2015  | -0.98%             | -1.72%           | -0.34%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2015  | 2.88%              | 2.12%            | 5.16%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2014   | 12.78%             | 9.45%            | 7.08%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2014  | 8.28%              | 7.47%            | 6.77%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2014  | -4.49%             | -5.20%           | -5.34%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2014  | 6.92%              | 6.12%            | 3.56%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1Q 2014  | 1.99%              | 1.24%            | 2.31%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20131  | 19.66%             | 17.01%           | 21.23%           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4Q 2013  | 9.09%              | 8.28%            | 8.67%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3Q 2013  | 6.37%              | 5.58%            | 9.07%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2Q 2013  | 3.12%              | 2.36%            | 2.28%            |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Please review the GIPS Report on the following page. ¹Represents performance from the inception date, 3/31/2013 to most recent quarter end.



#### smig® WRAP-Small/Mid Cap Income Growth WRAP Platform Composite

March 31, 2013 (inception date) - December 31, 2022

|                   |                                | "Pure"              | Benchmark                         |                       |                          | 3 Year Ex-Post S | tandard Deviation | Total                   |                              |                          |                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Year              | Net <sup>‡</sup><br>Return (%) | Gross<br>Return (%) | <u>Return (%)</u><br>Russell 2500 | Number of<br>Accounts | Composite Dispersion (%) | Composite (%)    | Russell 2500 (%)  | Composite Assets (\$MM) | Non-fee Paying<br>Assets (%) | Total Firm Assets (\$MM) | Total AUA<br>(\$MM)² |
| 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 17.01                          | 19.65               | 21.23                             | <b>≤</b> 5            | N/A                      | N/A              | N/A               | 0.5                     | 100.0                        | 6,462.4                  | 4,616.5              |
| 2014              | 9.45                           | 12.78               | 7.08                              | 12                    | N/A                      | N/A              | N/A               | 21.0                    | 2.8                          | 7,545.8                  | 5,699.9              |
| 2015              | -4.23                          | -1.33               | -2.90                             | 15                    | 0.36                     | N/A              | N/A               | 33.5                    | 1.7                          | 7,966.6                  | 6,050.1              |
| 2016              | 22.63                          | 26.34               | 17.57                             | 22                    | 0.53                     | 11.4             | 13.7              | 53.3                    | 2.7                          | 8,792.4                  | 8,425.1              |
| 2017              | 12.17                          | 15.59               | 16.82                             | 28                    | 0.49                     | 9.9              | 12.1              | 75.4                    | 10.6                         | 10,778.1                 | 11,541.5             |
| 2018              | -8.10                          | -5.31               | -10.00                            | <b>≤</b> 5            | N/A                      | 12.0             | 14.1              | 57.8                    | 0.0                          | 10,688.5                 | 12,901.4             |
| 2019              | 20.99                          | 24.66               | 27.77                             | <b>≤</b> 5            | N/A                      | 12.7             | 14.6              | 136.6                   | 0.0                          | 15,358.8                 | 22,144.9             |
| 2020              | 2.82                           | 5.94                | 19.99                             | <b>≤</b> 5            | N/A                      | 20.4             | 24.2              | 142.6                   | 0.0                          | 16,244.6                 | 25,716.4             |
| 2021              | 19.89                          | 23.53               | 18.18                             | <b>≤</b> 5            | N/A                      | 19.4             | 22.5              | 202.8                   | 0.0                          | 18,705.1                 | 32,123.7             |
| 2022              | -13.63                         | -11.01              | -18.37                            | <b>≤</b> 5            | N/A                      | 22.0             | 25.2              | 214.5                   | 0.0                          | 16,936.7                 | 29,420.5             |

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‡Net returns from April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 were calculated by reducing the gross of fee return of the smig – Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite by the maximum applicable SMA fee for this strategy of 3.00% annually, pro-rated on a guarterly basis. The smig – Small/Mid Cap Income Growth Composite had 0% of accounts on a wrap sponsor platform prior to December 31, 2017.

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