



U.S. Small Cap Strategy

Investment Strategy

The Sapphire Star Small Cap strategy invests in domestically listed small capitalization stocks and ADRs that exhibit strong, sustainable, and improving fundamentals. The strategy also focuses on investing in those securities with asymmetrically favorable risk/reward profiles, while they are still inefficiently priced by the market relative to their upside potential.

By combining quantitative fundamental analysis with a robust risk/reward assessment the strategy is uniquely calibrated to consistently identify investments capable of providing superior long-term risk-adjusted returns.

Investment Team

Our team of investment professionals bring over two decades of quantitative equity research and portfolio management experience, as well as a rigorous, repeatable and time-tested investment process, which has been developed and refined over many years and multiple business cycles.

Portfolio Holdings

# of holdings	47
Average Market Cap	\$ 4.82 Billion

AUM (\$MM) as of 9/30/2021

Total Strategy Assets (M)	\$90 M
Total Firm Assets (M)	\$200 M

Performance Statistics (Gross)

	Sm. Cap Trailing 3 Year	R2000 G Trailing 3 Year	Sm. Cap Trailing 5 Year	R2000 G Trailing 5 Year
Alpha	.30%	0.00%	.15%	0.00%
Beta	.91	1.00	.91	1.00
Standard Deviation	24.5%	25.31%	20.20%	20.78%
Sharpe Ratio	0.54	.41	.72	.68

Annualized Performance (%)

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Sapphire Star Small Cap (Gross)	20.11	51.88	14.48	15.79	18.30
Sapphire Star Small Cap (Net)	18.52	49.62	13.25	14.54	16.93
Russell 2000 Growth - Total Return	2.73	33.12	11.62	15.31	15.80
Russell 2000—Total Return	12.41	47.67	10.54	13.45	14.63

Calendar Performance (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Small Cap (Gross)	24.06	22.87	-5.72	16.39	9.31	8.97	20.67	41.83	18.04	-0.45	25.02
Small Cap (Net)	23.29	21.67	-6.84	15.30	7.95	7.66	19.05	40.15	16.55	-1.69	23.18
Russell 2000 Growth - TR	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60	43.30	14.59	-2.91	29.09

Portfolio Manager

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Over the preceding two decades, Michael has researched, constructed, and managed a variety of systematic equity and equity derivative strategies, ranging across the market capitalization spectrum, first while with Navellier & Associates, as Senior Portfolio Manager,

Sector Exposures

Finance

Electronic Technology

Health Technology

Retail Trade

Consumer Services

Consumer Durables

Health Services

Transportation

Producer Manufacturing

Non Energy Minerals

Top Ten Stock Positions

Intellia Therapeutics, Inc..

Tech Target, Inc.

Repligen Corp.

Wingstop, Inc.

LPL Financial Holdings Inc.

Novanta Inc.

Morningstar, Inc .

Lithia Motors, Inc. Class A

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc .

NV5 Global Inc

