

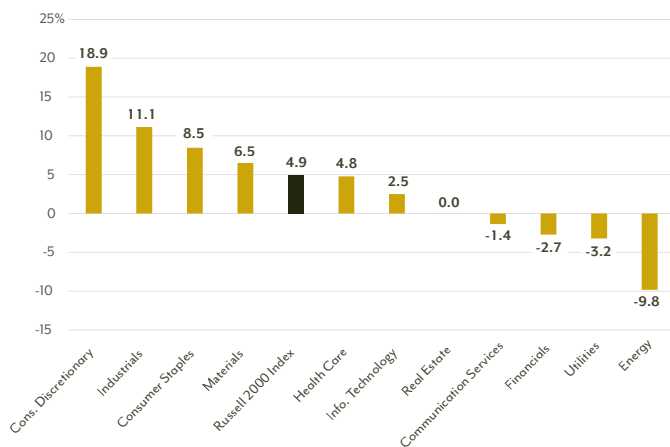
Market Commentary

After posting its second-best quarter ever in Q2, continued monetary stimulus, along with the prospect of additional fiscal stimulus and progress on COVID-19 treatments and vaccines, continued pushing the Russell 2000 Index higher in Q3. Despite dropping about 9% from a new all-time high in early September, the index still returned 4.9% in Q3, reducing year-to-date losses to -8.7%.

Retail sales bounced back to all-time highs in August, driving market-leading returns for the consumer discretionary sector. Cyclical sectors, including industrials and materials, also performed well as the economic recovery continued.

Financials continued lagging the broader market, falling 2.7% as low interest rates, a flat yield curve and an uncertain outlook for credit losses weighed on these businesses. After bouncing back in Q2 from a weak Q1, energy was again the worst performing sector, falling 9.8% in Q3. Although crude oil prices have stabilized around \$40 per barrel, inventories remain high and the rebound in demand seems to be stalling. The sector is now the smallest in the Russell 2000 Index, ending the quarter at just 2% of the index.

RUSSELL 2000 INDEX SECTOR RETURNS - 3Q20



Source: FactSet.



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The Russell 2000 Value Index trailed the Russell 2000 Growth Index by about 460 basis points during Q3. This brings the Russell 2000 Growth Index's year-to-date return to 3.9%, about 25 percentage points ahead of the value index's -21.5% decline. Large cap stocks outperformed mid caps which outpaced smaller stocks in Q3 and year-to-date, helped by strong performances among mega-cap technology stocks.

Market Outlook

The fiscal and monetary stimulus implemented this year has been unprecedented, and the Fed has made it clear it will continue doing what it takes to support the economy. This includes its intention to keep short-term interest rates near zero through 2023. Congress may approve additional fiscal stimulus, although disagreement over the size of such support is delaying approval.

Along with the recent real GDP decline, corporate earnings have been similarly affected, with S&P 500[®] earnings down approximately 50% in Q1 and an estimated 33% in Q2. Businesses with more variable cost structures have been able to protect margins and earnings better than those with greater fixed costs. We have been focused on assessing businesses' cost structures and how the associated operating leverage may impact near-term cash flows. In addition, we have been closely examining companies' balance sheets and liquidity situations to assess their ability to weather the downturn.

The November 2020 U.S. election may be an additional risk for corporate earnings. In a scenario where the Senate and presidency turn Democrat, it is likely that part of the 2017 corporate tax-rate cut will be reversed. This scenario may also result in additional regulations for businesses, which, while harder to detect, may also impact growth.

Though market volatility has declined significantly from Q1's record levels, it remains elevated. We expect markets to remain volatile until there is a sustained slowdown in COVID-19 cases or until a treatment or vaccine is deemed viable.

With the shape of the economic and earnings recoveries still highly uncertain, the magnitude and speed of the market rally is somewhat surprising. The market's forward price/earnings multiple went from below historical averages to above in a few short months. From current levels, equity market returns over the next five years are expected to be in the mid-single digit range.

We believe we can achieve better-than-market returns over the next five years through active portfolio management, and our primary focus is always on achieving value-added results for our existing clients.

Small Cap Strategy Review

The Composite increased 6.01%, net of fees compared to a 4.93% increase in the Russell 2000 Index and a 2.56% increase in the Russell 2000 Value Index.

On an absolute basis, the consumer discretionary sector was the primary contributor to return, followed by the financials sector. The information technology, real estate and communication services sectors also provided meaningful return. The health care and consumer staples sectors were modest detractors from return.

The Composite's outperformance relative to the Russell 2000 Index was primarily driven by security selection in the financials, information technology and consumer discretionary sectors. Security selection in the real estate and communication services sectors also meaningfully contributed to relative return. Security selection in the health care sector was the largest detractor from relative return, although the portfolio's underweight position in the sector limited the impact on the portfolio. Security selection in the industrials, materials and consumer staples sectors also detracted from relative return.

Best Performers

- Casino operator **Red Rock Resorts, Inc. (CIA)**
- Mortgage servicing company **Mr. Cooper Group, Inc.**
- Consumer apparel manufacturer **Hanesbrands, Inc.**
- Self-storage owner and operator **CubeSmart**
- Ski resort operator **Vail Resorts, Inc.**

Worst Performers

- Tank barge operator **Kirby Corp.**
- Egg producer **Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.**
- Medical device manufacturer **Natus Medical, Inc.**
- Natural gas utilities company **South Jersey Industries, Inc.**
- Regional bank **Sterling Bancorp**

New Positions

- Oil and gas exploration and production company **Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.**

Eliminated Positions

- Oil and gas exploration and production company **Noble Energy, Inc.**

Diamond Hill Small Cap Strategy

As of September 30, 2020

PERIOD & ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (%)

Inception Date: December 31, 2000

	SINCE INCEPTION	10-YR	5-YR	3-YR	1-YR	YTD	3Q20
SMALL CAP COMPOSITE							
Gross of Fees	9.51	6.72	1.55	-4.43	-14.10	-20.66	6.21
Net of Fees	8.65	5.88	0.74	-5.19	-14.80	-21.15	6.01
BENCHMARKS							
Russell 2000 Index	7.36	9.85	8.00	1.77	0.39	-8.69	4.93
Russell 2000 Value Index	7.08	7.09	4.11	-5.13	-14.88	-21.54	2.56

CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
SMALL CAP COMPOSITE										
Gross of Fees	24.76	-5.90	14.32	41.64	5.97	-2.44	15.61	12.05	-14.03	22.92
Net of Fees	23.77	-6.63	13.43	40.55	5.17	-3.22	14.70	11.16	-14.73	21.96
BENCHMARKS										
Russell 2000 Index	26.85	-4.18	16.35	38.82	4.89	-4.41	21.31	14.65	-11.01	25.52
Russell 2000 Value Index	24.50	-5.50	18.05	34.52	4.22	-7.47	31.74	7.84	-12.86	22.39

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AS OF YEAR-END	DHCM	SMALL CAP COMPOSITE			3-YR ANNUALIZED STANDARD DEVIATION (GROSS OF FEES)		
		Assets Under Management	Number of Accounts	Assets Under Management	Dispersion (Gross of Fees)	Small Cap Composite	Russell 2000 Index
2019	\$23.4B	5 or fewer	\$752.9M	NA ¹	14.20%	15.71%	15.68%
2018	19.1B	5 or fewer	1.0B	NA ¹	12.11	15.79	15.76
2017	22.3B	5 or fewer	1.5B	NA ¹	9.44	13.91	13.97
2016	19.4B	5 or fewer	1.8B	NA ¹	10.65	15.76	15.50
2015	16.8B	5 or fewer	1.7B	NA ¹	10.58	13.96	13.46
2014	15.7B	6	1.5B	0.03%	10.62	13.12	12.79
2013	12.2B	7	1.4B	0.74	13.63	16.45	15.82
2012	9.4B	16	911.6M	0.20	15.71	20.20	19.89
2011	8.7B	16	910.2M	0.11	21.46	24.99	26.05
2010	8.6B	19	938.0M	0.24	NA ²	NA ²	NA ²

¹ NA = Not applicable

² Statistics are not presented because the 3-year annualized standard deviations are not required prior to 2011. This composite was created in October 2013.

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