

# QUANTITATIVE U.S. SMALL CAP EQUITY

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Small Capitalization stocks (as represented by the Russell 2000 Index) rose +9.3% during the quarter.
- The Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Small Cap Equity strategy slightly underperformed the Russell 2000 Index by -0.1% net of fees for the quarter.
- The strategy had stock selection outperformance in 5 of 11 sectors versus the Index. The most positive relative contributions were in the Health Care and Information Technology sectors. The most negative relative contributions were in the Consumer Discretionary and Materials sectors.

The Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Small Cap Equity Composite had a total return for Third Quarter 2024 of +9.2% (net of fees). On a relative basis, the Quantitative U.S. Small Cap Equity Composite slightly underperformed versus the Russell 2000 Index with a spread of about -0.1%.

For the Third Quarter 2024, S&P 500 and Russell 2000 Indexes had total returns of +5.9% and +9.3%, respectively. The performance in equities was supported by better-than-expected economic growth and favorable inflation data as CPI and PCE reached their lowest levels since 2021. In September, the Federal funds rate was lowered by 50 basis points. The 10-Year Treasury yield decreased by about -0.6% to 3.8% while stock market volatility as measured by the CBOE VIX increased from about 12.4 to 16.7. For Second Quarter 2024 results, about 62% of Russell 2000 companies reported positive earnings surprises. In the Third Quarter, the Russell 2000 Index outperformed the Russell 1000 Index (+6.1%) by about +3.2%. In the Quarter, the best performing sectors in the Russell 2000 Index were Communication Services (+18.6%) and Real Estate (+17.9%). The worst performing sectors were Energy (-8.1%) and Information Technology (+4.3%).

For the Quarter, the strategy had mixed contributions from multi-factor stock selection models, including biases towards lower valuations. The strategy had stock selection outperformance in 5 of 11 sectors versus the Index. The most positive relative contributions were in the Health Care and Information Technology sectors. The most

negative relative contributions were in the Consumer Discretionary and Materials sectors. Industry group biases had minor impacts on performance.

The latest U.S. real GDP estimate for Second Quarter was +3.0% versus +1.6% for the First Quarter. The quarter reflected gains in personal consumption expenditures (+2.8%), fixed investment (+2.3%), gross government spending (+3.1%), and exports (+1.0%). Imports (+6.1%) was a detractor. For 2024, many economists project real GDP growth of about 2.5% and CPI of about 3.0%. We expect positive corporate profit growth of 4% to 7% supported by high employment, declining inflation, and prudent Fed monetary policy. However, geopolitical risks can have significant global economic and financial impacts. Currently, our leading industry group indicators target overweightings in Health Care, Consumer Discretionary, Energy and Real Estate, and underweightings in Industrials, Communication Services, Financials and Consumer Staples. We believe this strategy is well positioned with its multifactor approach favoring stocks with more attractive valuations, high cash flows, strong fundamentals, positive earnings/revenue estimate trends and favorable technicals.

## QUANTITATIVE U.S. SMALL CAP EQUITY Composite Performance (%)

As of 9/30/2024	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (11/30/17)
Glenmede (Gross)	9.5	15.5	33.7	10.8	15.5	n/a	11.0
Glenmede (Net)	9.2	14.7	32.4	9.7	14.4	n/a	10.0
Russell 2000 Index	9.3	11.2	26.8	1.8	9.4	n/a	7.0

\*Annualized

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The Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Small Cap Equity Composite objective is to provide maximum long-term return with reasonable risk to principal, by investing in domestic stocks of the Russell 2000 universe. The Russell 2000 Index is an unmanaged, market value weighted index, which measures performance of the 2,000 companies that are between the 1,000th and 3,000th largest in the market. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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