

## SMALL CAP EQUITY QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Small Capitalization stocks (as represented by the Russell 2000 Index) fell -9.5% during the quarter.
- The Glenmede Small Cap Equity strategy underperformed the Russell 2000 by -1.1% net of fees.
- From a sector perspective, Financials and Real Estate were areas of weakness, while Industrials was a bright spot for the strategy.

The small cap market, as defined by the Russell 2000 Index, returned -9.5% for the first quarter of 2025. The benchmark's best performing sectors during the quarter were the Utilities and Consumer Staples sectors. Investors sought out the relative defensiveness of the Utilities and Consumer Staples sectors in the midst of a volatile quarter. After ranking as the benchmark's best sector last quarter, the Information Technology sector was the worst performer in the benchmark during Q1. Investors seem to have become concerned that AI and peripheral technologies may prove to be less transformative than originally expected.

The portfolio returned -10.3 % (10.6% net) for the first quarter, which was an underperformance of -1.1% on a net of fee basis relative to the Russell 2000 Index. From a sector perspective, Financials and Real Estate were areas of weakness, while Industrials was a bright spot for the strategy.

The portfolio's Financials sector detracted -0.7% on an attribution basis for the quarter, driven by poor stock selection. Our holdings within the Capital Markets industry group declined as investors grew concerned that the supportive environment for M&A would not materialize as expected. Additionally, our underweight to the insurance industry was a drag within the sector as this group proved to be a relative outperformer.

The portfolio's Real Estate sector was down -0.6% relative to the benchmark on an attribution basis. The more defensive industry groups were rewarded during the quarter at the expense of more cyclically focused groups

held in the portfolio. The portfolio's Industrials sector added 0.4% relative to the benchmark on an attribution basis driven by strong stock selection. A portfolio holding became an acquisition target and our higher quality businesses held up better than the benchmark's positions which led to our outperformance.

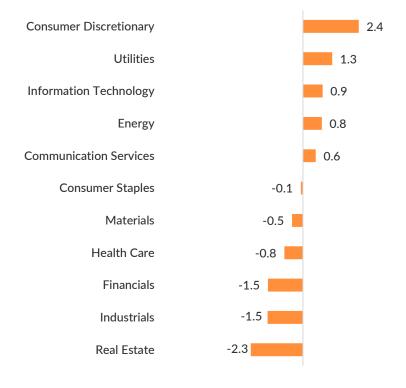
During the first quarter, macroeconomic considerations such as tariffs and potential Federal Reserve actions on interest rates dictated positioning. A short-term focus on the latest headlines led to phrenetic swings in positioning between potential recession and reaccelerating economic growth. While these policy actions may increase the volatility of the markets, our view is that the economy is on a sounder footing than consensus believes and that a return to a zero interest rate policy is unlikely. An investment environment in which interest rates stabilize at a higher level may lead to an increased focus on corporate capital allocation. Our strategy's focus on investing in higher-quality companies trading at attractive valuations with company specific catalysts should be rewarded.

## GLENMEDE'S SMALL CAP SECTOR WEIGHT POSITIONING

AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

We believe the US economy will experience uneven growth in the coming quarters **DRIVERS:** Corporate spending and organic consumer demand **RISKS:** Credit Risk, Federal Reserve policy mistake, and geopolitical events

Glenmede Small Cap Equity vs. Russell 2000 Index Sector group difference (%)



Source: FactSet Data as of 3/31/2025

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## SMALL CAP EQUITY Composite Performance (%)

As of 3/31/2025	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	10 YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION* (3/31/91)
Glenmede (Gross)	-10.3	-10.3	-6.5	1.5	19.6	7.9	10.8
Glenmede (Net)	-10.6	-10.6	-7.4	0.5	18.4	6.8	9.9
Russell 2000 Index	-9.5	-9.5	-4.0	0.5	13.3	6.3	9.0

<sup>\*</sup>Annualized

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