

As of 12/31/2023



## Navigator SMID Cap Core U.S. Equity

### Navigate U.S. SMID Cap Stocks with a Disciplined, Research-Backed Approach to Security Selection

Investors seeking significant capital appreciation may benefit from a disciplined, bottom up stock selection process that actively seeks to identify opportunity and avoid undue risk. Navigator® U.S. SMID Cap Core is a long-only strategy focusing on what we view to be high quality, undervalued companies with improving business prospects.

#### Invest in Undervalued SMID Cap Companies in Pursuit of Long-Term Goals

**Goal: Generate consistent excess returns over a full market cycle.**

Investing in companies with sustainable and durable competitive advantages may help investors achieve their desired long-term investment goals. The strategy identifies companies that have low earning variability which we believe demonstrates that they are likely to survive recessions and are likely to thrive on the recoveries that follow.

#### Utilize a Disciplined, Research-Backed Process to Drive Returns

**Goal: Achieve growth by exploiting the three primary factors of equity returns.**

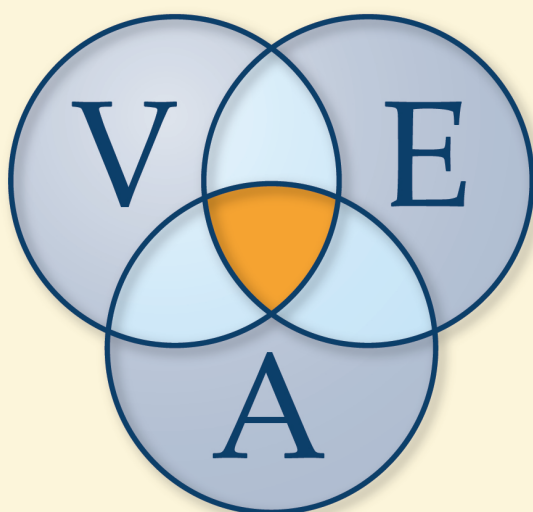
Our proprietary research has shown that three factors influence equity risk and returns: superior anti-fragility (durable competitive advantage), value and improving business prospects. The strategy applies the research in an effort to generate returns in excess of the benchmark.

#### Participate in Growth with Risk Management

**Goal: Deliver Long-Term Capital Appreciation.**

The strategy seeks to have lower overall portfolio risk, as measured by beta or volatility, compared to its benchmark. While portfolios are subject to economic and earnings risk, the manager seeks to invest in companies with a reputation for anti-fragility, reliability and the ability to operate profitably in good times and bad.

This strategy invests in a broad range of small and mid cap U.S. equities and seeks capital appreciation by focusing on owning a portfolio of what we view as undervalued, anti-fragile companies with accelerating business momentum.



#### Portfolio Philosophy

Based on our extensive research, equity returns are driven by three primary factors:

##### **Anti-Fragility** — *Durable Competitive Advantage*

- Does the company have the ability to thrive under changing conditions?

##### **Value** — *Companies Trading At a Discount*

- Is the company undervalued based on multiple value metrics?

##### **Earnings** — *Improving Business Prospects*

- Does the company exhibit accelerating business momentum?

#### **Objective**

Deliver consistent excess returns over broad benchmarks over market cycles.

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## Holdings

PHOTRONICS INC	3.50%
SNAP ON INC	3.03%
SPROUTS FMRS MKT INC	2.98%
ENSIGN GROUP INC	2.78%
MOLINA HEALTHCARE INC	2.65%
INTEGER HLDGS CORP	2.64%
EPLUS INC	2.60%
CBOE GLOBAL MARKETS INC	2.53%
AMPHASTAR PHARMACEUTICALS IN	2.51%
CORE N MAIN INC	2.49%

Top holdings (by portfolio weight) only shown above. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell a particular security. Please see attached disclosures. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

## Characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Market Capitalization	7690.09	6869.54	NA
Dividend Yield	1	1.48	-.48
Price/Earnings	16.19	15.43	.77
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	11.74	11.77	-.04
Price/Cash Flow	10.58	8.66	1.92
ROE	22.37	11.89	10.47
LT Debt to Capital	32.67	40.27	-7.59

## Performance (as of 12/31/2023)

	Portfolio (Gross)*	Portfolio (Net of 3.0%)**	Benchmark
MTD	8.02	7.77	10.72
3 Months	9.79	8.99	13.35
YTD	18.50	15.04	17.42
1 Year	18.50	15.04	17.42
3 Year	9.29	6.08	4.24
5 Year	11.83	8.55	11.67
7 Year	8.37	5.18	8.98
10 Year	8.99	5.78	8.36
Since Inception (As of 4/1/2013)	10.70	7.44	9.70
Cumulative Return	198.21	116.40	170.56

## Risk Measures

Standard Deviation	18.84	18.84	18.55
Beta	0.97	0.97	1.00
Alpha	1.30	-1.69	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.42	0.53
R Squared	90.85	90.85	100.00

## Calendar Year Performance

2023	18.50	15.04	17.42
2022	-18.02	-20.49	-18.37
2021	34.37	30.49	18.18
2020	7.66	4.47	19.99
2019	24.47	20.85	27.77
2018	-17.33	-19.82	-10.00
2017	21.42	17.89	16.81
2016	13.50	10.17	17.59
2015	4.44	1.35	-2.90
2014	13.59	10.26	7.07

\*Gross returns do not include the deduction of transaction costs, and are shown as supplemental information.

\*\*The net 3.00% performance is shown because 3.00% is the generally assumed highest model wrap fee.

The benchmark is the Russell 2500. The risk statistics are calculated against it.

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## GIPS® Composite Report (as of 12/31/2022)

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Calculation Methodology: Composite returns assume reinvestment of income and other earnings, are gross of withholding taxes, if any, and are reported in U.S. dollars. Net returns presented reflect the deduction of a model investment advisory fee of 3% which is the highest wrap fee charged by any sponsor. Trade date accounting is used. Leverage is not used in the composite. The composites are comprised of all fully discretionary accounts managed in the strategy for one full month, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Closed accounts are included through the completion of the last full month of eligibility. A copy of the complete list and description of Clark Capital's composites, list of broad distribution pooled funds, verification and performance examination reports, and policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

### Navigator SMID Cap Core U.S. Equity Composite

Composite Inception and Creation Date: 4/1/2013

	Note A: Pure Gross Total Return	Net of 3.0%	Russell 2500	Internal Dispersion	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (in Millions)	Wrap Fee	Total Firm Assets (in Millions)
1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022	-18.02%	-20.49%	-18.37%	0.32%	219	\$43.155	100%	\$21,935.0
1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021	34.37%	30.49%	18.18%	0.44%	191	\$48.377	100%	\$22,847.4
1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020	7.66%	4.47%	19.99%	0.99%	225	\$46.706	100%	\$17,305.2
1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019	24.47%	20.85%	27.77%	0.31%	253	\$47.746	100%	\$14,519.0
1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018	-17.33%	-19.82%	-10.00%	0.23%	277	\$38.171	100%	\$10,563.7
1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017	21.42%	17.89%	16.81%	0.45%	214	\$36.740	100%	\$7,088.8
1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016	13.50%	10.18%	17.59%	0.18%	139	\$26.210	100%	\$4,159.8
1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015	4.44%	1.35%	-2.90%	0.14%	56	\$10.054	100%	\$2,308.7
1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014	13.59%	10.26%	7.07%	0.39%	14	\$4.989	100%	\$2,082.3
4/1/2013 to 12/31/2013	26.13%	23.39%	21.22%	*	8	\$3.454	100%	\$1,966.6
Annualized Since Inception	9.93%	6.69%	8.94%	*Internal dispersion is not presented for periods of less than a full year, or for annual periods that include less than 5 accounts for the full year.				
Cumulative Since Inception	151.64%	88.10%	130.42%	Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year. Prior to 2020, dispersion was calculated using the equal-weighted average deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year.				

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**Note A:** Pure gross-of-fees performance returns are presented as supplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs, fees, or expenses. Therefore, returns will be reduced by advisory and other expenses.

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## 3-Year Annualized Ex-post Standard Deviation

Year	Composite	Benchmark
2022	26.14	25.52
2021	23.92	22.80
2020	25.26	24.55
2019	16.23	14.79
2018	15.38	14.30
2017	12.23	12.31
2016	13.49	13.86

The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite's pure gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Client account values will fluctuate and may be worth more or less than the amount invested. Clients should not rely solely on this performance or any other performance illustrations when making investment decisions.

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**Composite Description:** The Navigator SMID Cap Core U.S. Equity portfolio primarily invests in stocks of companies with market capitalizations generally falling between \$300 million and \$5 billion and that are constituents of the Russell 2500 Small-Mid Cap Index. Our investment process is both quantitative and qualitative incorporating proprietary models and analytical techniques that search for companies that possess three characteristics: superior quality, attractive value and improving business prospects. By purchasing the undervalued shares of companies with a Durable Competitive Advantage whose businesses have accelerating momentum, we tend to benefit over time as the spread between price and value narrows and as value increases. Our risk controls are sensitive to company and sector diversification to reduce both overall portfolio volatility and tracking error to the benchmark. The goal of the portfolio is to deliver consistent excess returns over a full market cycle at/or below benchmark volatility.

**Fee Schedule:** The maximum total wrap fee is 3.00%. The total wrap fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Actual fees may differ from the fees used in this presentation depending upon account size, investments, and agreement with the client.

**Benchmark Description:** The benchmark is the Russell 2500. The Russell 2500 Index measures the performance of the small to mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe, commonly referred to as "smid" cap. The Russell 2500 is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index. It includes approximately 2500 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. Index returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings, are provided to represent the investment environment shown, and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

The volatility (beta) of the Composite may be greater or less than its respective benchmarks. It is not possible to invest in these indices.

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## Statistic Descriptions

**Standard Deviation:** A statistical measure of dispersion about an average which depicts how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time.

**3-Year Standard Deviation:** The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

**Beta:** A measure of systematic risk with respect to a benchmark. Systematic risk is the tendency of the value of the composite and the value of the benchmark to move together. Beta measures the sensitivity of the composite's excess return (total return minus the risk-free return) with respect to the benchmark's excess return that results from their systematic co-movement. It is the ratio of what the excess return of the composite would be to the excess return of the benchmark if there were no composite-specific sources of return. If beta is greater than one, movements in value of the composite that are associated with movements in the value of the benchmark tend to be amplified. If beta is one, they tend to be the same, and if beta is less than one, they tend to be dampened. If such movements tend to be in opposite directions, beta is negative. Beta is measured as the slope of the regression of the excess return on the composite as the dependent variable and the excess return on the benchmark as the independent variable.

The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. Morningstar calculates beta by comparing a portfolio's excess return over T-bills to the benchmark's excess return over T-bills, so a beta of 1.10 shows that the portfolio has performed 10% better than its benchmark in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Conversely, a beta of 0.85 indicates that the portfolio's excess return is expected to perform 15% worse than the benchmark's excess return during up markets and 15% better during down markets.

**Alpha:** A measure of the difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. A positive alpha figure indicates the portfolio has performed better than its beta would predict. In contrast, a negative alpha indicates the portfolio has underperformed, given the expectations established by beta. Alpha is calculated by taking the excess average monthly return of the investment over the risk free rate and subtracting beta times the excess average monthly return of the benchmark over the risk free rate.

**Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure developed by Nobel Laureate William Sharpe. It is calculated by using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the composite's historical risk-adjusted performance. The Sharpe ratio is calculated for the past 36-month period by dividing a composite's annualized excess returns by the standard deviation of a composite's annualized excess returns. Since this ratio uses standard deviation as its risk measure, it is most appropriately applied when analyzing a composite that is an investor's sole holding. The Sharpe Ratio can be used to compare two composites directly as to how much risk a composite had to bear to earn excess return over the risk-free rate.

**R-Squared:** Reflects the percentage of a portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in its benchmark.

**Downside Capture Ratio:** Measures a manager's performance in down-markets. A down-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the down-market was captured by the manager. For example, if the ratio is 110%, the manager has captured 110% of the down-market and therefore underperformed the market on the downside.

**Upside Capture Ratio:** Measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the market (benchmark) itself. It is calculated by taking the security's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return.

**Bull Beta:** A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to positive changes in its benchmark's return.

**Bear Beta:** A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to negative changes in its benchmark's return.

**Best Month:** The highest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

**Worst Month:** The lowest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

**Maximum Gain:** The peak to trough incline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.

**Maximum Drawdown:** The peak to trough decline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.

Market capitalization is the value of a corporation determined by multiplying the current public market price of one share of the corporation by the number of total outstanding shares.

Dividend Yield is a financial ratio (dividend/price), expressed as a percentage, that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to the company's stock price.

Price/Earnings is a financial ratio (price/earnings), expressed as a percentage, used to value a company which measures current share price relative to its earnings per share.

Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth shows the estimated growth of earnings per share (EPS) for a 3-5 year period of time according to a pre-calculated mean long-term EPS growth rate calculated by FactSet based on estimates provided by FactSet, First Call, I/B/E/S Consensus, and Reuters.

Price/Cash Flow is a financial ratio which measures the value of a stock's price relative to its operating cash flow per share.

Return on equity (ROE) is a measure of financial performance calculated by dividing net income by shareholders' equity.

LT Debt to Capital is long-term debt to capitalization ratio. The long-term debt to capitalization ratio, a variation of the traditional debt-to-equity (D/E) ratio, shows the financial leverage of a firm. It is calculated by dividing long-term debt by total available capital (long-term debt, preferred stock, and common stock).