ARGENT SMID CAP

SEPARATE ACCOUNT

June 30, 2025 | 2Q 2025

Argent

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe the most powerful force in investing is **compounding** cash flows. Argent invests in **high quality**, attractively valued businesses that can thrive in an ever-changing world. We call these **enduring businesses**.

To us, an enduring business...

- **is growing cash flows,**
- **has a durable competitive advantage, and**
- **allocates capital wisely.**

To capitalize on the power of compounding, we build concentrated, low turnover portfolios of these enduring businesses. **Time horizon is our edge.**

Firm AUM: $3.9 Billion
Argent SMID Cap AUM: $23 Million
Argent SMID Cap Inception: 12/31/2019

INVESTMENT TEAM

SMID Cap Portfolio Team

Kirk McDonald, CFA — **Portfolio Manager**
23 Years Experience

Peter Roy, CFA — **Portfolio Manager**
26 Years Experience

One Argent – Intentional Collaboration

Jed Ellerbroek, Jr., CFA — **Portfolio Manager**
20 Years Experience

Scott A. Harrison, CFA — **Portfolio Manager**
28 Years Experience

Brian Reynolds, CFA, CFP — **Senior Research Analyst**
18 Years Experience

Steven K. Smith, CFA — **Senior Research Analyst**
11 Years Experience

Bill Weeks, Ph.D., CFA — **Senior Research Analyst, Quantitative**
20 Years Experience

Ray Winter — **Research Analyst**
New 6/2025

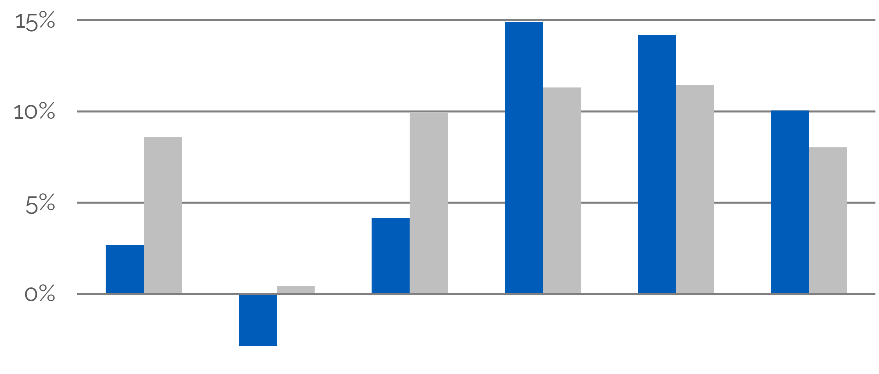
Ward Brown — **Director of Portfolio Engagement**
29 Years Experience

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

Our SMID Cap strategy combines the art (deep fundamental research) and science (Argent Alpha Model) of investing. We perform in-depth analysis in search of durable competitive advantages in companies led by skilled, forward-thinking management teams.

Argent's SMID Cap process results in a concentrated, low turnover portfolio consisting of 35-45 companies. The goal of the strategy is to outperform the Russell 2500 Index over the long term.

PERFORMANCE



	2Q25	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	Since Inception*
Argent (Net)	2.67%	-2.85%	4.16%	14.90%	14.18%	10.04%
Russell 2500	8.59%	0.44%	9.91%	11.30%	11.45%	8.03%

*Annualized | **Since Inception, 12/31/2019 Annualized
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Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

CHARACTERISTICS	Argent SMID Cap	Russell 2500
Number of Holdings	**41**	2,494
Weighted Avg Market Cap	**$20,001 MM**	$7,716 MM
Forecasted P/E	**17.9x**	15.4x
Price to Free Cash Flow Ratio	**16.3x**	26.2x
Price to Sales Ratio	**1.9x**	1.3x
Estimated Sales Growth (NTM)	**5.8%**	6.1%
Estimated EPS Growth (NTM)	**7.5%**	9.3%
Turnover (LTM)	**6.9%**	--

Statistical Summary (Since Inception as of 12/31/19)	**Argent SMID Cap**	Russell 2500
Beta	**0.97**	1.00
R-Squared	**0.91**	1.00
Standard Deviation	**23.3%**	22.9%
Up Capture	**95.8%**	--
Down Capture	**91.0%**	--

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TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	Argent SMID Cap Weight (%)
Fortinet, Inc.	5.8
United Rentals, Inc.	4.0
Victory Capital Holdings, Inc.	3.9
Green Brick Partners Inc.	3.8
OneMain Holdings, Inc.	3.7
Somnigroup International Inc.	3.6
Houlihan Lokey, Inc.	3.5
FirstService Corporation	3.2
Medpace Holdings, Inc.	3.1
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	3.1

SECTOR ALLOCATION

	Argent SMID Cap Weight (%)	Russell 2500 Weight (%)
Communication Services	--	3.26
Consumer Discretionary	19.06	12.00
Consumer Staples	--	3.80
Energy	3.36	3.71
Financials	20.94	17.87
Health Care	10.40	11.42
Industrials	21.79	19.82
Information Technology	17.26	13.63
Materials	--	5.03
Real Estate	5.99	6.52
Utilities	--	2.93
Cash	1.19	--

ARGENT SMID CAP COMPOSITE DISCLOSURES – DECEMBER 31, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

For the period ending December 31,	Composite Return (%) Gross-of-Fees	Composite Return (%) Net-of-Fees	Russell 2500 Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr St. Dev (%)	Russell 2500 3-Yr St. Dev (%)	Number of Composite Accounts	Composite Assets ($ millions)	Firm Assets ($ millions)	Internal Dispersion (%)
2024	13.88	13.51	12.00	22.72	21.70	17	4	3,710	0.09
2023	28.91	28.50	17.42	21.40	20.11	8	2	3,269	0.21
2022	-22.82	-23.10	-18.37	26.04	25.16	7	2	2,828	0.13
2021	35.10	34.64	18.18	NA	NA	5	2	3,517	0.46
2020	15.71	15.32	19.99	NA	NA	4	2	2,874	NA
Information for period(s) June 30, 2025									
2nd Quarter 2025	2.78	2.67	8.59	20.82	20.61	19	5	3,715	
Rolling 1 – Year	4.56	4.16	9.91						
Rolling 3 – Year	15.29	14.90	11.30						
Rolling 5 - Year	14.57	14.18	11.45						
Since Inception Annualized	10.41	10.04	8.03						

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2. This composite represents investment performance for portfolios in U.S. equities with both mid & small-capitalization showing strong earnings, with both growth and value characteristics, for which Argent has sole investment discretion. Portfolios typically include 40-50 equity holdings and cash targeted to be less than 10% of total portfolio value. This composite inception date is December 2019 and was created in December 2020. A list of composite descriptions and broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.

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5. Gross-of-fee returns are presented before management and certain custodial fees, but after all trading expenses except where commissions have been waived or for accounts with asset-based pricing fees. Net-of-fee performance is calculated by reducing gross performance by actual management fees incurred and any asset-based-pricing fees for applicable portfolios as asset-based-pricing fees are considered a trading expense. The composite included portfolios where commissions were waived representing approx. 100% (2020 - 2024) of composite assets.

6. Standard annual advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management according to the following schedule: 1% on the first $1M, .80% on the next $2M, .65% on the balance thereafter, although fees may be negotiated or waived in certain circumstances. Non-fee-paying accounts are reduced by a model fee derived by applying the standard fee schedule in effect for the respective period.

7. Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of all portfolios that were included in the composite for an entire year, net of fees. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The external deviation is based on the 36-month gross-of-fees returns of the composite and the benchmark. The standard deviation is not presented for 2020 & 2021 since the composite inception date of December 31, 2019 does not provide historical data to calculate a 3-year formula.

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