

## 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: \$3.1B

Argent SMID Cap AUM: \$4.7M

Argent SMID Cap Inception: 12/31/2019

## INVESTMENT TEAM

### SMID Cap Portfolio Team

**Peter Roy, CFA** Portfolio Manager  
25 Years Experience

**Kirk McDonald, CFA** Portfolio Manager  
21 Years Experience

### One Argent - Intentional Collaboration

**Kenneth H. Crawford** Portfolio Manager  
32 Years Experience

**Scott A. Harrison, CFA** Portfolio Manager  
27 Years Experience

**Jed Ellerbroek, Jr., CFA** Portfolio Manager  
18 Years Experience

**Brian Reynolds, CFA, CFP** Senior Research Analyst  
17 Years Experience

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

**Bill Weeks, PH.D., CFA** Senior Research Analyst, Quantitative  
18 Years Experience

**Parker Moses, CFA** Research Analyst  
3 Years Experience

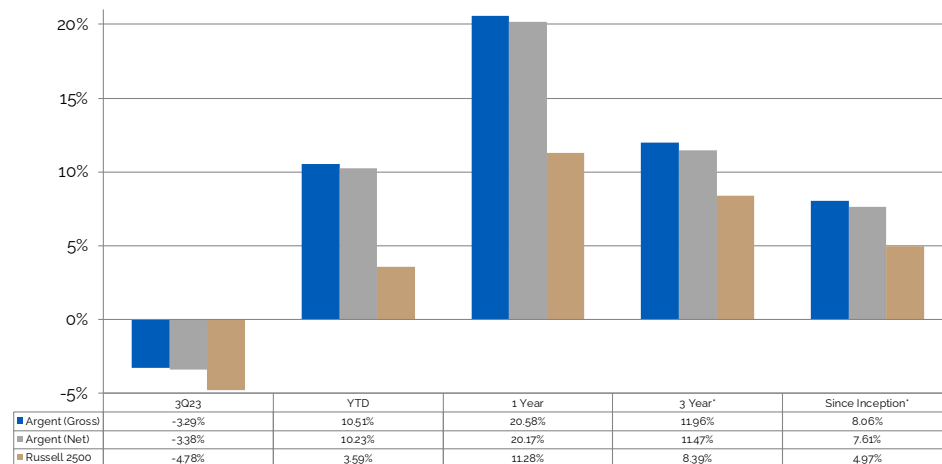
**Ward Brown** Director of Portfolio Engagement  
28 Years Experience

## 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 40-50 companies. The goal of the strategy is to outperform the Russell 2500 Index over the long term.

## PERFORMANCE



\*Annualized | \*\*Since Inception, 12/31/2019, Annualized  
The GIPS Report including additional disclosures is located at the end of this document.

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Argent SMID Cap	Russell 2500
Number of Holdings	40	2,485
Weighted Avg Market Cap (MM)	\$15,660	\$6,133
Forecasted P/E	19.5x	40.0x
Price to Book Ratio	4.6x	2.6x
Price to Sales Ratio	2.5x	2.1x
Estimated Sales Growth (NTM)	7.0%	5.4%
Estimated EPS Growth (NTM)	10.0%	8.9%

Statistical Summary (Since Inception as of 09/30/23)	Argent SMID Cap	Russell 2500
Beta	0.98	1.00
R-Squared	0.92	1.00
Standard Deviation	24.94%	24.30%
Up Capture	99.10%	
Down Capture	92.52%	

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS & SECTOR ALLOCATION

	Argent SMID Cap Weight (%)		Argent SMID Cap Weight (%)	Russell 2500 Weight (%)
Fortinet, Inc.	4.1	Communication Services	--	2.86
United Rentals, Inc.	4.0	Consumer Discretionary	18.45	12.52
OneMain Holdings, Inc.	3.3	Consumer Staples	--	3.40
Green Brick Partners Inc.	3.3	Energy	3.47	5.82
Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation	3.2	Financials	13.44	15.81
AMETEK, Inc.	3.2	Health Care	11.00	11.98
Medpace Holdings, Inc.	3.1	Industrials	24.83	19.67
Entegris, Inc.	3.1	Information Technology	22.15	12.82
RLI Corp	3.1	Materials	--	5.55
Skyline Champion Corporation	3.1	Real Estate	4.80	6.91
		Utilities	--	2.65
		Cash	1.87	--

## ARGENT SMID CAP COMPOSITE DISCLOSURES - DECEMBER 31, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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 (%)
2022	-22.82	-23.10	-18.37	26.04	25.16	7	2	2,828	0.13
2021	35.43	34.64	18.18	NA	NA	5	2	3,517	0.46
2020	15.75	15.32	19.99	NA	NA	4	2	2,874	NA
Three -Year Annualized	6.55	6.09	5.00						
Information for period(s) September 30, 2023									
3rd Quarter 2023	-3.29	-3.38	-4.78	21.12	20.73	7	2	2,915	
Rolling 1 - Year	20.58	20.17	11.28						
Rolling 3 - Year	11.96	11.47	8.39						
Since Inception	8.06	7.61	4.97						

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5. Gross-of-fee 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. During 2020 - 2022, all portfolios in the composite had their commissions waived.

6. Standard annual advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of assets under management according to the following schedule: 0.35% on the balance of the account, although fees may be negotiated or waived in certain circumstances. Non-fee-paying accounts are reduced by a model fee derived by applying this standard fee schedule in effect for the respective period. Note: Effective June 30, 2023, net-of-fees for all periods, since inception, has been revised to reflect a standard flat 0.35% fee. Individual composite accounts have had their fees adjusted and refunded.

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 12/31/19 does not provide historical data to calculate a 3-year formula.