



# Small Cap Advantage Strategy

September 30, 2023

## At a Glance

- Strategy Assets:** \$326 Million
- Separate Account:** \$5mm minimum investment
- Other Vehicle(s):** Mutual Fund
- Inception Date:** September 28, 2015
- Benchmark:** Russell 2000 Growth
- Capitalization:** Typically, \$50 Mil - \$5 Bil at purchase
- Portfolio Managers:** Andrew L. Beja, CFA (2015)  
Jeffrey A. Harrison, CFA (2018)
- Typical Number of Holdings:** ± 95

## Distinguishing Factors

- GIM Advantage leverages **the firm's long-standing sleeve-managed approach**, which utilizes multiple PMs on the portfolio. This structure seeks to avoid the volatility of a star mentality and encourages creative thought that can be dampened by a committee.
- GIM believes investors seeking capital appreciation and have an **intermediate term perspective** can benefit, as enterprise growth drives stock prices; but over shorter time periods, market sentiment can have an equally vital impact. **Both enterprise growth and market sentiment must be considered.**
- Every company in the portfolio is placed into one of three investment categories: **Core Growth, Pioneer and Special Situation**. These LifeCycle categories each have different performance drivers, and thus provide true diversification and help to **mitigate risk** in varied market environments.
- Lifecycle Diversification has led our smaller company portfolios to deliver excellent relative performance in both rising and volatile markets, along with **strong upside/downside capture ratios** within our peer universe.

## Investment Approach

Granahan Investment Management (GIM) uses a rigorous research approach in order to uncover and thoroughly vet what we believe to be the best opportunities in the small cap market.

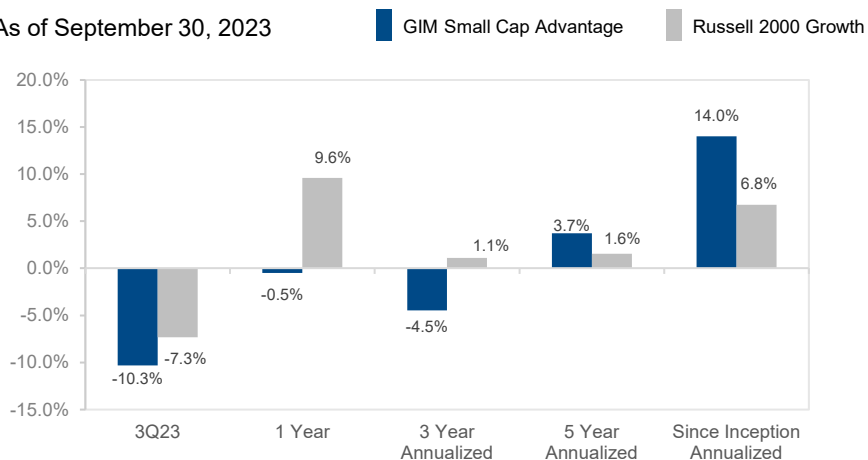
- With the depth and experience of our research staff, we attempt to locate growth in both traditional sectors and in **unexpected areas of the market where other managers rarely venture.**
- Our focus is on owning businesses that can generate predictable and expanding operating margins, benefit from barriers to competition, and that have **strong balance sheets to enable the company to withstand shocks.**
- We prefer **solid businesses** with an ability to execute an effective growth strategy, and management teams that have the breadth, integrity and **vision to see around corners.**
- We believe **our edge is identifying company dynamics** that will play out over time in a diversified small cap portfolio, not solely predicting quarterly earnings within a short term lens.

## Firm History

Founded in 1985, Granahan Investment Management is an employee-owned firm that specializes in smaller cap equity investments for large institutions and wealthy individuals. The firm utilizes fundamental, bottom-up research to uncover and invest in fast growing companies. The firm manages \$3 billion in client assets, and the founding principals have continuously strengthened the investment team which now totals eight professionals.

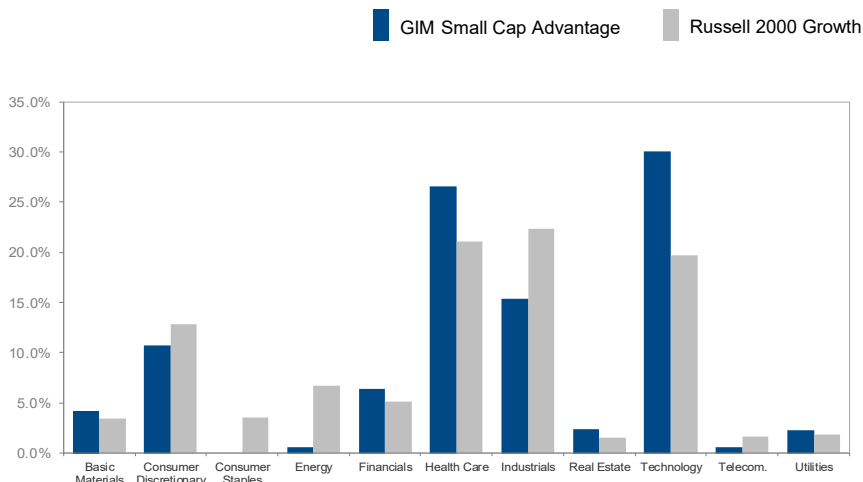
## Annualized Performance: Net of Fees

As of September 30, 2023

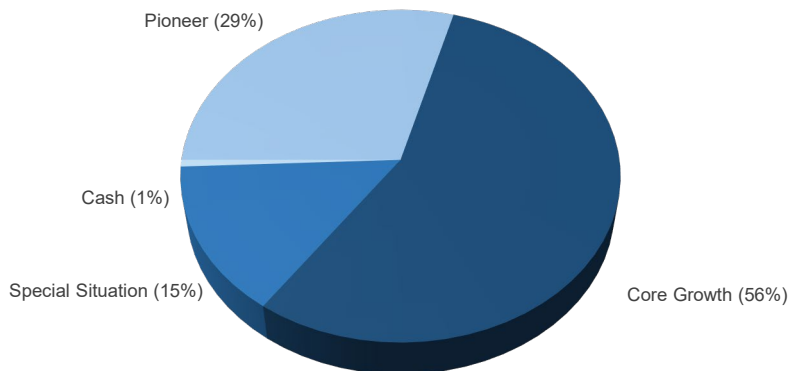


Performance is net of fees; Inception Date: 10/31/2015

## Sector Diversification: Individual stock selection



## Life Cycle Diversification: Adds stability



## Small Cap Advantage Composite

Date	As of 9/30/2023	Composite Gross Return	Composite Net Return	Russell 2000 Growth Return	Composite Assets \$ Mil	Composite # Accts	Composite 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Russell 2000 Growth 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Composite Dispersion	Firm Assets \$ Mil
YTD 2023		-1.42%	-2.16%	5.24%	\$326.2	5 or fewer	27.09	22.61	NA	\$2,863.8
2022		-33.91%	-34.59%	-26.36%	\$364.5	5 or fewer	31.29	26.20	NA	\$3,326.8
2021		1.13%	0.13%	2.83%	\$656.0	5 or fewer	27.29	23.07	NA	\$4,964.2
2020		65.69%	65.00%	34.63%	\$976.8	5 or fewer	27.91	25.10	NA	\$4,573.1
2019		44.01%	43.43%	28.48%	\$747.7	5 or fewer	18.36	16.37	NA	\$2,211.3
2018		12.57%	12.10%	-9.31%	\$545.1	5 or fewer	18.96	16.46	NA	\$1,481.6
2017		39.68%	39.13%	22.17%	\$455.3	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$1,350.8
2016		18.80%	18.26%	11.32%	\$272.8	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$2,996.5
2015*		1.02%	0.98%	-1.28%	\$266.1	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$3,045.4

NA – Dispersion information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year; Standard deviation information has fewer than three years' data. \*Partial year performance: October 31, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

### Composite Footnotes

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### Top Ten Holdings

Security	Life Cycle Category	Percent of Portfolio
Sprout Social Inc	Pioneer	4.2%
Axon Enterprise Inc	Core Growth	3.8%
Genius Sports Ltd	Pioneer	3.2%
Repligen Corporation	Core Growth	3.0%
SPS Commerce Inc	Core Growth	2.8%
WillScot Mobile Mini Hldgs Corp	Core Growth	2.6%
Texas Capital Bancshares Inc	Special Situation	2.4%
CoStar Group Inc	Core Growth	2.4%
Paycom Software Inc	Core Growth	2.3%
Casella Waste Systems, Inc.	Core Growth	2.3%

Characteristic	Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth
Median Market Cap	\$2,139.9 mil	\$1,113.1 mil
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$5,370.3 mil	\$3,278.4 mil
Active Share	94.3%	-
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	13.4%	12.3%
Forward P/E Ratio	29.3x	18.2x
Dividend Yield	0.2%	0.7%
Price to Book	2.7x	3.6x

Source: FactSet

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