

# SMID Core Managed Account

## BENCHMARK:

Russell 2500™ Index

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

Credo Technology Group Holding Ltd. ....	3.05
Unum Group .....	2.94
Exelixis, Inc. ....	2.68
Axos Financial, Inc. ....	2.51
StoneX Group Inc. ....	2.40
AppLovin Corp. Class A .....	2.39
Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. ....	2.38
Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc. ....	2.23
Virtu Financial, Inc. Class A .....	2.19
Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. ....	2.15

Largest company weights are based on market value of the representative account and not necessarily held in all client portfolios. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security. A list of all holdings from the prior one-year period is available upon request.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Name	Industry	Start Date
John Campbell, CFA <i>Lead Portfolio Manager</i>		1994
Vince Fioramonti, CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		1989

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## A Consistent, Risk-Controlled Approach to Core Investing

### Investment Philosophy

In pursuing its core investment strategies, the Systematic Core Equity team believes that some of the best investment opportunities in the stock market can be found in companies with attractive valuations and strong earnings. Investments in these companies hold potential for long-term capital appreciation.

### Investment process

An important component in the Systematic Core Equity security selection process is the team's proprietary quantitative modeling. Its Total Composite Model consists of several sub-composite models that evaluate companies based on valuation, earnings and trading momentum, and it gives a comprehensive view of each company's relative valuation, operational and financial performance, and stock price behavior. The stocks that are most attractively ranked in the Total Composite Model are identified as buy candidates, and exhibit attractive valuations, indications of sustainable growth, and solid earnings and price momentum. The Systematic Core Equity sell discipline is designed to move the portfolio away from overvalued stocks and companies with deteriorating earnings characteristics. Portfolio managers make decisions to purchase or sell each stock by drawing from model information and their unique investment experience.

### Total Composite Model

#### VALUATION MEASURES FAVOR:

- Unsustainably cheap stocks
- Low P/E, P/CF
- Share buybacks

#### EARNINGS MEASURES FAVOR:

- Improving fundamentals
- Increasing earnings estimate revisions
- Expanding margins
- Free cash flow generation

#### TRADING MOMENTUM MEASURES FAVOR:

- Healthy liquidity
- Strong money flow
- High volume

## Supplemental information

### Composite Total Returns (%)

	3 months <sup>1</sup>	YTD <sup>1</sup>	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Composite — Pure Gross <sup>2</sup> (incept 7-1-07)	2.31	25.23	25.23	10.89	15.08	11.56	8.90
Composite — Net <sup>3</sup>	1.54	21.47	21.47	7.59	11.68	8.65	6.71
Russell 2500™ Index	0.62	12.00	12.00	2.39	8.77	8.85	8.16

Performance shown prior to October 1, 2017 represents results achieved by the Systematic Core Equity team prior to joining Allspring. Although the composition of the investment team has evolved since the strategy's inception date, the team has managed the strategy in a consistent manner over time.

The Russell 2500™ Index measures the performance of the 2,500 smallest companies in the Russell 3000® Index, which represents approximately 16% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.

### Return and Risk Characteristics

	Portfolio (3 Year)
Alpha	8.16%
Beta	0.95
R <sup>2</sup>	94%
Tracking Error	5.40%
Sharpe Ratio	0.32
Standard Dev.	21.18%

### Portfolio characteristics

Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark
Dividend Yield	1.22%	1.43%
Price/Book	2.31x	2.41x
P/E (trailing 1-year)	14.47x	28.34x
ROE	21.75%	9.47%
Historical 5 Yr EPS Growth	20.13%	10.82%
Wtd. Avg. market cap (\$B)	10.18	7.86

### Sector weightings<sup>4</sup> (% equities)

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Communication services	1.50	2.98
Consumer discretionary	10.38	12.19
Consumer staples	2.14	3.41
Energy	6.65	5.07
Financials	19.69	17.77
Health care	15.78	11.85
Industrials	18.25	18.95
Information technology	14.33	12.65
Materials	3.42	5.60
Real estate	5.61	6.82
Utilities	0.00	2.55
Cash & equivalents	2.25	-
Other	0.00	0.15

**Performance is historical and does not guarantee future results.** For more information, please refer to the attached GIPS composite report. Sector weightings, portfolio characteristics, holdings, and return and risk characteristics are based on a representative account within the Allspring Global Investments composite. Allspring Global Investments provides the sub-advisory services for the Allspring Funds Management retail managed account product.

1. Returns of less than one year are not annualized. 2. The gross performance data is a pure gross-of-fees return and does not reflect the deduction of any management fees or transaction costs. 3. The net return is calculated based on the gross returns reduced by a typical 3% maximum annual wrap fee that could be charged to an account. 4. Sector weightings may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



## GIPS® Composite Report

Period	"Pure" Gross Annual Return (%)	Net Annual Return (%)	Primary Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Primary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$-mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$-mm)
2024	25.23	21.47	12.00	21.18	21.70	N/A	2	8.34	458,112
2023	26.61	22.89	17.42	19.69	20.15	N/A	1	0.12	432,838
2022	-13.99	-16.57	-18.37	24.96	25.16	N/A	1	0.39	374,321
2021	33.61	29.75	18.18	22.46	22.48	N/A	1	0.45	483,747
2020	10.78	7.51	19.99	24.03	24.21	N/A	1	0.34	508,914
2019	28.75	25.01	27.77	15.16	14.58	N/A	1	0.28	419,579
2018	-15.90	-18.43	-10.00	13.15	14.10	N/A	6	0.71	371,582
2017	16.04	12.65	16.81	10.93	12.13	N/A	12	7.69	N/A
2016	10.75	9.43	17.59	12.35	13.67	N/A	5	6.93	N/A
2015	6.30	5.02	-2.90	11.94	12.42	0.32	77	20.39	N/A

**Primary Index:** Russell 2500™

2020-2022 gross annual returns are actual institutional gross returns and do reflect the deduction of trading costs. 2014-2019 "Pure" gross annual returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs. \*\*"Pure" gross returns are supplemental to the net returns. Pure gross returns prior to 2017 were determined by adding a minimum average wrap fee to the actual net returns.

Source: Allspring Global Investments

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Composite returns are expressed in US dollars and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. A wrap-fee account is an account under which a client is charged a specified fee or fees not based directly on transactions in the client's account for investment advisory services and execution of client transactions. A typical wrap-fee account client pays an all-inclusive "wrap fee" for the advisory, brokerage, custody and other services associated with the account. Through December 31, 2016, net returns presented are actual net-of-wrap-fee returns. Effective January 1, 2017, net returns are net of the maximum wrap account fee, which includes commissions and transaction costs and are calculated by deducting 1/12th of the annual wrap fee from the Composite's monthly pure gross return. Actual fees may vary depending on the applicable fee schedule. Currently, the maximum fee used for the portfolios in the strategy is 3.00%. Some accounts in the Composite may pay commissions in addition to the wrap fee. Additional information regarding Allspring's policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports is available upon request. A list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.

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