



## Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend WRAP Formerly Small Cap Quality Growth AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

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## Bahl&Gaynor Firm & Capabilities

Firm Overview	Investment Strategies						
	Income Gro	owth Family	Dividend Family				
Singular Focus on Dividend Growth	<ul> <li>Targeted Client Outcom</li> <li>1. Current &amp; Consistent In</li> <li>Mid-to-high single-digitation</li> </ul>	come t annual growth (%)	Targeted Client Outcomes:1. High Long-Term Income Growth• Higher long-term compound annual growth rate				
4 Active Strategies	<ul> <li>Yield &gt; 1.5x the benchr</li> <li>2. Downside Protection</li> <li>Risk exposure ≤80% of</li> <li>3. Aims to provide comperisk-managed context</li> </ul>	f benchmark risk	<ul> <li>(CAGR)</li> <li>Yield ≥ the benchmark</li> <li>2. Downside Protection</li> <li>Risk exposure ≤90% of benchmark risk</li> <li>3. Seeks to capitalize on dividend growth opporte within a diversified portfolio</li> </ul>				
<b>\$51.6B</b> <sup>†</sup> Firm AUA/AUM (3/31/25)	Income Growth	<b>smig® -</b> Small/Mid Cap Income Growth	Dividend	Small Cap Dividend			
100%	Strategy:	Strategy:	<u>Strategy</u> :	Strategy:			
Employee Owned	<ul><li>Inception: 12/2005</li><li>AUM/AUA: \$39.0B</li><li>Dividend Yield: 2.6%</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Inception: 3/2013</li> <li>AUM/AUA: \$2.2B</li> <li>Dividend Yield: 2.4%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inception: 6/1990</li> <li>AUM/AUA: \$6.5B</li> <li>Dividend Yield: 1.7%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inception: 12/2005</li> <li>AUM/AUA: \$0.3B</li> <li>Dividend Yield: 1.4%</li> </ul>			
Founded in 1990 Cincinnati, OH	Vehicle: Active ETF Advisor SMA/UMA Managed Accounts	Vehicle: Active ETF Advisor SMA/UMA Managed Accounts	Vehicle: Active ETF Advisor SMA/UMA Managed Accounts	Vehicle: Active ETF Advisor SMA/UMA Managed Accounts			

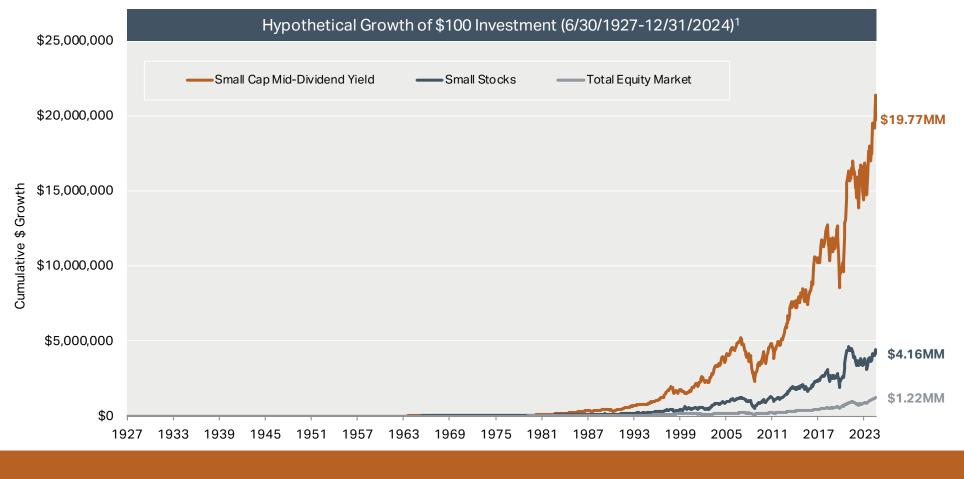
Cap Income Growth AUM was \$1.4B and AUA was \$734.6M. Bahl & Gaynor Dividend AUM was \$6.0B and AUA was \$534.2M. Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend AUM was \$164.7M and AUA was \$167.2M. Source: Bahl & Gaynor. Bahl & Gaynor identifies assets under management as assets over which the firm has discretion (including high net worth and institutional accounts and certain platform assets). Assets under advisement include model-only platform assets over which the firm does not have discretion. Past performance does not guarantee future results. All references to growth, yield, and risk reduction are based on historical data and may not be achieved in the future. A GIPS Composite report detailing GIPS compliant performance can be found within the final pages of this presentation.



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S	ummary: ✓ 14 Investme Committee		erage 29 years estment experience	<ul> <li>✓ Average 12 years at Bahl &amp; Gaynor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Investment decision made by consensus</li> </ul>
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### The Small Cap Dividend Advantage: HISTORICAL TOTAL RETURN ADVANTAGE



#### Small Cap Dividends: Total Return Advantage

<sup>1</sup>Source: Ken French's Website - <u>http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/index.html</u>; Total Equity Market Index is representative of US public equity securities listed on the NYSE, AMEX or NASDAQ exchange; Small Stocks is representative of US public equity securities with a market capitalization in the bottom 30% (excluding REITs) of the NYSE and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stock that fit the market cap criteria; Small Cap Mid-Dividend Yield is representative of companies with a dividend yield in the middle 40% of dividend payers with a market capitalization in the bottom 50% of the NYSE (excluding REITs) and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stocks that meet these criterion, all three indexes are reconstituted annually in June. Monthly returns are calculated on a value-weighted basis. Information sourced from third party. Bahl & Gaynor does not represent the information is accurate or complete and it should not be relied on as such. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only. **Past performance does not guarantee future results**. All results are hypothetical, and the results are not based on the performance of an actual portfolio and the interpretation of the result should take into consideration of the limitation inherent in the results of the model. The results exclude any advisory fees, trading cost or other fees or charges. The reinvestment of dividends, interest, capital gains and withholding taxes are all built into the hypothetical analysis. Hypothetical returns may be dependent on the market or economic conditions can adversely affect the performance of the hypothetical analysis. The index and other amounts shown above do not relate to the Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend strategy and are for illustrative purposes only.



#### Risk Adjusted Returns & Characteristics Since 1927<sup>1</sup>

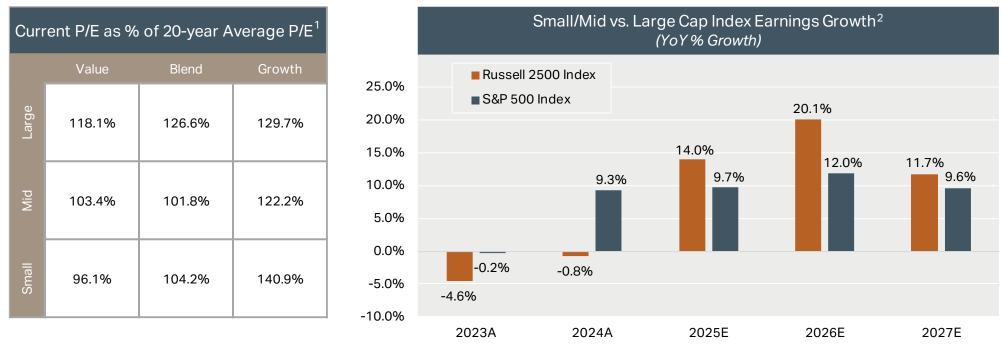
	Small Mid Divs	Small Stocks	Total Equity Market	
Annual Return	13.3%	11.5%	10.1%	
Volatility	21.3%	28.6%	18.5%	
Beta	1.04	1.34	1.00	
Sharpe Ratio	0.54	0.40	0.44	
Annual Alpha	3.1%	0.6%	0.0%	

- ALPHA Risk Adjusted Return Advantage
- Lower Beta with Volatility Closer to Broader Equities
- Diversification Benefits to a Large Cap Equity Portfolio

<sup>1</sup>Data from 6/30/1927 – 12/31/2024. Source: Ken French's Website - <u>http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/index.html</u>; Total Equity Market Index is representative of US public equity securities listed on the NYSE, AMEX or NASDAQ exchange; Small Stocks is representative of US public equity securities with a market capitalization in the bottom 30% (excluding REITs) of the NYSE and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stock that fit the market cap criteria; Small Cap Mid-Dividend Yield is representative of companies with a dividend yield in the middle 40% of dividend payers with a market capitalization in the bottom 50% of the NYSE (excluding REITs) and includes all NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ stocks that meet these criterion, all three indexes are reconstituted annually in June. Monthly returns are calculated on a value-weighted basis. Information sourced from third party. Bahl & Gaynor does not represent the information is accurate or complete and it should not be relied on as such. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.** All results are hypothetical, and the results are not based on the performance of an actual portfolio and the interpretation of the results should take into consideration of the limitation inherent in the results of the model. The results exclude any advisory fees, trading cost or other fees or charges. The reinvestment of dividends, interest, capital gains and withholding taxes are all built into the hypothetical analysis. The index and other amounts shown above do not relate to the Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend strategy and are for illustrative purposes only.

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### Current Small/Mid Cap Opportunity: VALUATION & EARNINGS



- Large cap and growth category equities currently possess the highest valuation levels relative to their respective 20-year averages.
- Small and mid cap blend and value category equities possess valuations in line with their 20-year average levels.
- Small and mid cap earnings growth is projected to accelerate and potentially outpace large cap earnings growth over the next several years. Earnings growth is one factor that can contribute to total equity return potential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source: JPMorgan Asset Management, Guide to the Markets, Data as of 3/31/2025. The price-to-earnings is a bottom-up calculation based on the most recent index price, divided by consensus estimates for earnings in the next 12 months (NTM) based on data collected by FactSet Market Aggregates and J.P. Morgan Asset Management. <sup>2</sup>Source: Bloomberg, 2025. Earnings estimates as of 3/31/2025. Bahl & Gaynor does not represent the information is accurate or complete and it should not be relied on as such. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only. Projections are based on current market conditions and subject to change. Large Capitalization Companies, or large-cap stocks, are companies with a market capitalization typically of more than \$10 billion. Mid Capitalization Companies, often referred to as mid-cap stocks, are companies with a market capitalization typically between \$20 million and \$2 billion. Growth Style focuses on stocks with a market capitalization typically between \$200 million and \$2 billion. Growth Style focuses on stocks with high-growth potential and future expansion. Value Style focuses on undervalued stocks with strong fundamentals and stable earnings. Blend Style combines elements of both growth and value investing for a balanced, stable approach. Next 12-month (NTM) P/E Ratio is the weighted harmonic average of the portfolio stocks share price, or most recent index price, divided by the next-twelve-months earnings per share estimate. Earnings Growth refers to the increase in the trailing-twelve months earnings per share (EPS), year-over-year, for the Russell 2500 and S&P 500 indexes. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.**. Historical performance results for investment indices and/or categories have been provided for general comparison purposes only, and generally do not reflect the deduction of transaction and/or custodial fees, the deduction of an investment management fee, nor the impact of taxes, the incurren

#### The Rise of Unprofitable Index Constituents: percentage of the russell 2000 index that has not earned a profit

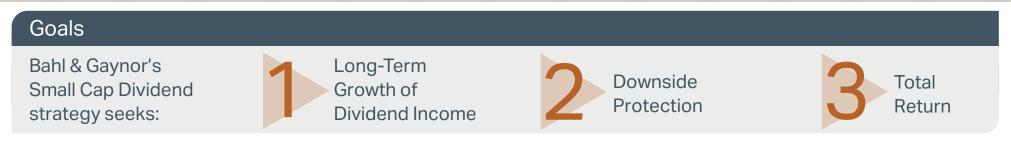


- Recessions aside, profitless companies in the Russell 2000 index have been trending higher over the last several decades. Bahl & Gaynor remains invested in <u>high-quality</u>, profitable companies.
- 44.4%<sup>1</sup> of Russell 2000 companies are unprofitable versus the long-term average of 28.6%.<sup>2</sup>
- Bahl & Gaynor seeks to invest in companies that <u>generate</u>, grow & govern a disciplined cash flow. All portfolio companies were profitable as of 3/31/2025.

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## Bahl&Gaynor Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend Overview



#### Strategy

- Unique philosophy focused on high-quality, dividend-paying businesses with underappreciated capabilities to compound capital and grow dividends over time.
- Alpha-seeking, index-agnostic approach with high active share.<sup>1</sup>
- Trailing-twelve-month turnover of 17.6%<sup>2</sup>, consistent with long-term investment focus.
- Non-tactical cash position typically 1 3%.
- Current 1.4%<sup>3</sup> dividend yield.
- Portfolio typically managed to maximum 5% capital per stock at purchase.
- Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the strategy's net assets will be invested in small cap companies.<sup>4</sup>

#### Inherent Risk Mitigation

 A risk-aware philosophy that has historically produced competitive risk-adjusted returns relative to the benchmark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Active share calculated relative to the strategy's primary benchmark, the Russell 2000 Index. As of most recent quarter end. Active Share measures the fraction of a portfolio (based on position weights) that differs from the benchmark index. The higher the active share, the greater the difference between the portfolio and index holdings/weights. <sup>2</sup>As of most recent quarter end. <sup>3</sup>Dividend yield includes cash holdings. <sup>4</sup>The strategy considers a company to be a small capitalization company if it has a market capitalization, at the time of purchase, within the range of the market capitalizations in the Russell 2000 Index. **Principal risks of investing in this strategy include stock market risk, management risk, recent market events risk, and small capitalization company risk. Investing in small capitalization company risk and the possibility of greater price volatility than investing in larger capitalization and more established companies. All equity investments inherently have aspects of risk associated with them; past performance is no guarantee of future results. An issuer of a security may be unwilling or unable to pay income on a security. Common stocks do not assure dividend payments and are paid only when declared by an issuer's board of directors. The amount of any dividend may vary over time.** 

## Bahl&Gaynor Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend Overview

#### Long-Term Growth of Dividend Income

- Dividend yield of 1.4%<sup>1</sup> from 37 stocks, all of which pay a dividend.<sup>1</sup>
- We believe a dividend signals a management team's confidence in durable, enduring franchise value in all market environments.

#### **Downside Protection & Diversification**

• Over the last year, the strategy has exhibited a strong daily downside capture ratio of 78.9% vs. the Russell 2000<sup>2</sup>.



- Since Inception<sup>3</sup> gross monthly downside capture ratio of 83.1% compared to the Russell 2000 (16<sup>th</sup> percentile rank in Small Cap Core peers, "peers").
- High conviction stocks are held at overweight positions; the top 10 holdings comprise 43.5% of the portfolio<sup>4</sup> with active share of 97.1% relative to the Russell 2000.

#### Long-Term Capital Appreciation through Risk-Adjusted Returns, Since Inception<sup>3</sup>

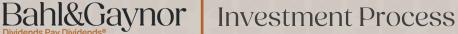
- Gross beta of 0.82 vs. the Russell 2000 (7<sup>th</sup> percentile rank versus peers).
- Gross alpha of 3.33 vs. the Russell 2000 (22<sup>nd</sup> percentile rank versus peers).
- Gross standard deviation of 17.46% vs. the Russell 2000 at 20.43% (7<sup>th</sup> percentile rank versus peers).
- Competitive risk adjusted returns with gross Sharpe ratio of 0.46 vs. the Russell 2000 Sharpe ratio of 0.28 (20<sup>th</sup> percentile rank versus peers).

Data as of most recent quarter end Sources: Bahl & Gaynor, FactSet, and Zephyr. Bahl & Gaynor assumes no liability for the interpretation or use of this report. For Illustration purposes only. **Past performance does not guarantee future results**. <sup>1</sup>Dividend yield includes cash holdings.<sup>2</sup> Historical downside capture is the sum of Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend returns on all Russell 2000 down days divided by the sum of Russell 2000 returns on all respective down days. Down days are defined as any trading day the Russell 2000 Index posts a negative total return. The above is intended only to illustrate how the strategy has behaved in relation to the Russell 2000 benchmark on down days and makes no representation about investment performance. **Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend performance is derived from the internal rate of return (IRR) of a single non-fee paying representative account. It is calculated on a gross of fee basis and does not incorporate the impact of advisory and other fees which will be experienced by investors. <sup>3</sup>Inception date is 12/31/2005. Percentile ranking courtesy of Informa – PSN's Small Cap Core Universe. PSN Small Cap Core Universe includes US equity products that select Small Cap (\$500 million - \$2 billion) as their primary market capitalization range with Core chosen as the primary style. REITs and convertible products are excluded. <sup>4</sup>Data is drawn from the Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend model portfolio that is fully discretionary, unconstrained and subject to change. Individual Bahl & Gaynor clients may or may not hold these positions or have similar characteristics.** 

### Bahl& Gaynor Investment Philosophy: DIVIDENDS & QUALITY

- Since 1990, Bahl & Gaynor has pursued a unified philosophy across strategies that seeks to invest in high quality businesses with underappreciated capabilities aiming to compound capital and grow dividends over time.
- <u>Long-horizon strategy</u> seeks to capitalize on mispricing by short-term-oriented investors.
- <u>Core-principles focus on dividends, quality, and risk</u>: lower structural business risk typically drives lower stock downside capture, beta, and volatility.





#### **B&G Vertical Investment Research Process**



#### Bahl & Gaynor Investment Committee

#### PROCESS

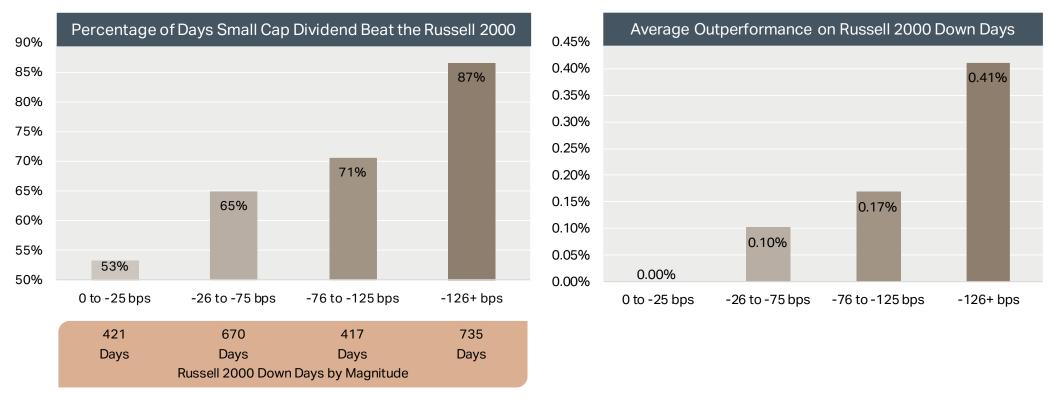
- ✓ Proprietary, repeatable process and culture developed since 1990
- ✓ Diversity of viewpoints screens issues, compounds intellectual capital
- ✓ Weekly Sector Focus and Portfolio Action meetings

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- ✓ Systematic thesis testing of existing holdings
- ✓ Intellectual discourse and consensus approval of new ideas
- ✓ Portfolio management and risk processes
- ✓ Final trade authorization & portfolio decision making



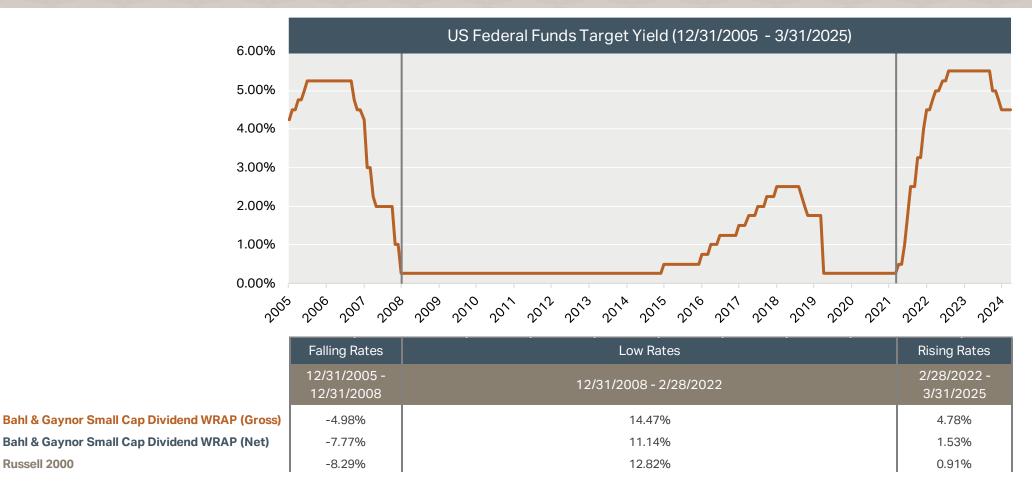
# Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend Downside Capture vs. Russell 2000<sup>†</sup>: Downside Protection Greater with More Negative Market Returns



- Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend value-added has historically increased as daily market returns become more negative.
- In total, the Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend strategy outperformed the Russell 2000 on 71.0% of down days since inception<sup>†</sup>.
- Lower standard deviation of return and beta relative to peers and the broader market can indicate fewer and less severe losses in volatile times.

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### Bahl&Gaynor Performance Through Different Interest Rate Environments

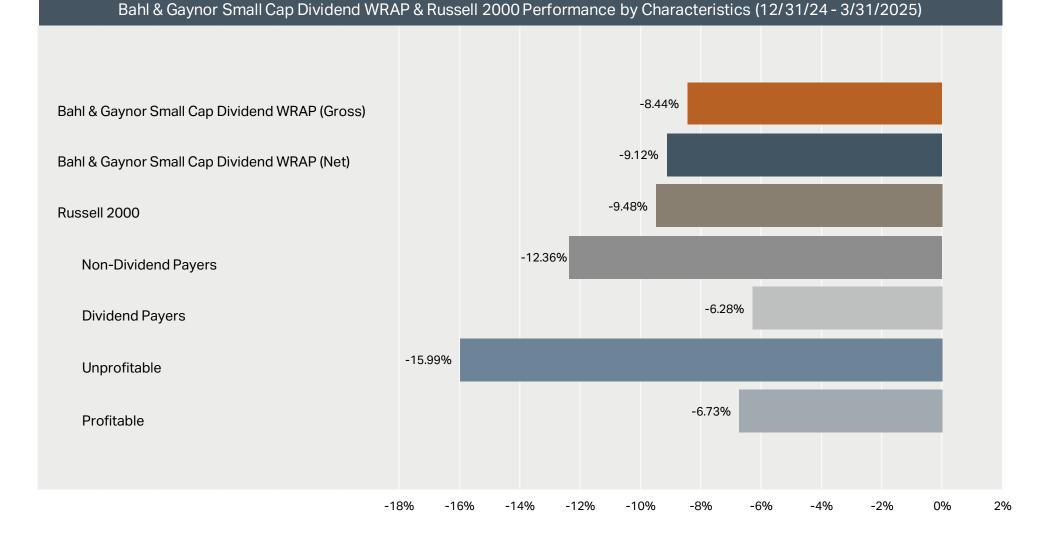


- The strategy has historically delivered competitive relative performance in falling, low, and rising interest rate environments.
- Bahl & Gaynor believes that strong capital generation signaled by dividends may provide dividend-paying companies flexibility to manage their operations through a variety of interest rate environments.

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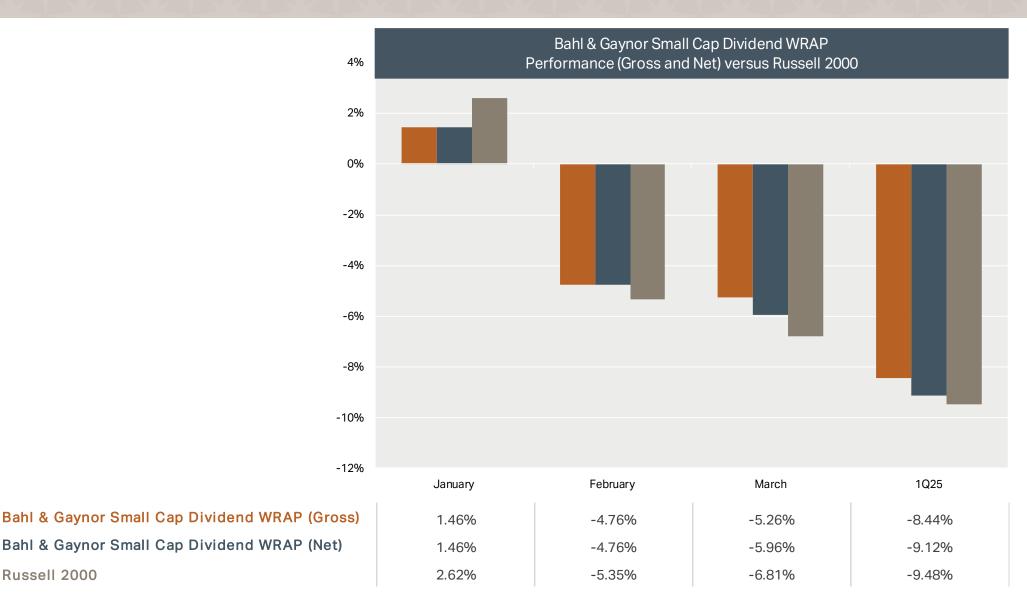


## Bahl&Gaynor 2025 Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend WRAP Composite Performance: AS OF MARCH 31, 2025



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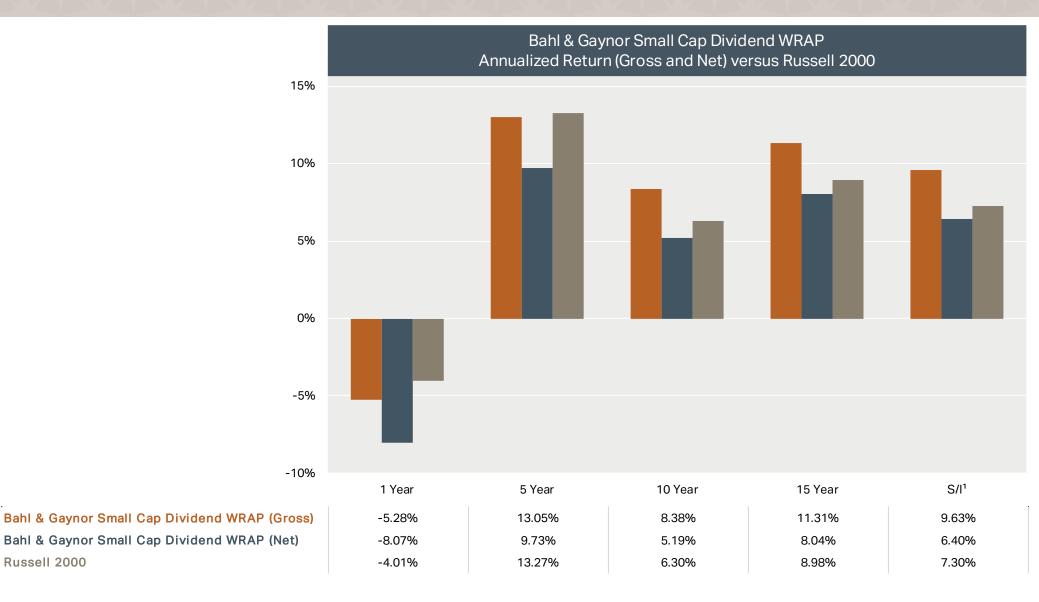
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Russell 2000

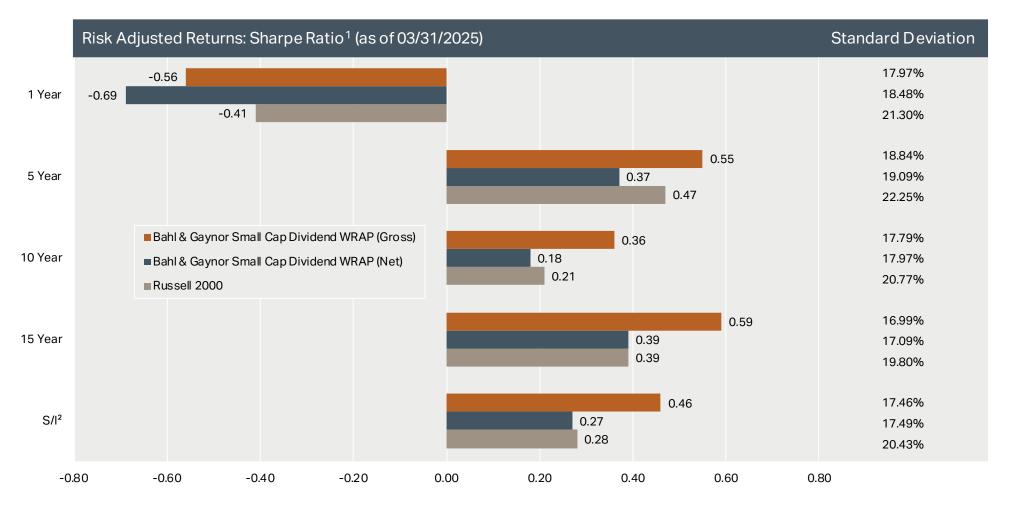
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## Bahl&Gaynor Dividends® Dividends® Risk-Adjusted Return Results: ACTIVE, DIFFERENTIATED RISK ADJUSTED RETURN PROFILE VERSUS THE INDEX



A critical element of Bahl & Gaynor's process is active risk management, which drives competitive risk-adjusted performance over time.

Sharpe Ratio is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It is the return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. <sup>2</sup>Inception date 12/31/2005. All periods greater than one year are annualized. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Other methods may produce different results and the results for individual accounts and for different periods may vary depending on market conditions and the composition of the account. Care should be used when comparing these results to those published by other investment advisers, other investment vehicles and unmanaged indices due to possible differences in calculation methods. No alteration of the composite as presented here has occurred because of changes in personnel or other reasons at any time. The return figures are calculated as a cap-weighted, float-adjusted index. Source: Zephyr and FactSet.



#### Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend Risk/Reward Analysis: PERCENTILE RANKINGS HAVE INDICATED A STRONG RISK/REWARD PROFILE

	Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend WRAP Total Risk/Reward (Since Inception <sup>1</sup> as of 03/31/2025)												
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	Standard Deviation												
						Rate of Return	Standard [	Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Beta	Alpha	Downside C	apture
Bal	hl & Ga	ynor Small	Cap Divider	nd WRAP Gross	%-ile Rank <sup>2</sup>	9.63%   40	17.460	%   7	0.46   20	0.82   7	3.33   22	83.14%	16
		-	-	nd WRAP Net   %-	ile Rank <sup>2</sup>	6.40%   99		%   7	0.27   99	0.82   7	0.28   99	86.81%	
Ru	ssell 20	000   %-ile	Rank <sup>2</sup>			7.30%   99	20.43	%   76	0.28   99	1.00   89	0.00   99	100.00%	99

#### Our primary objectives are long-term growth of dividend income, downside protection, and total return.

At the time of this update there were 45 peers for consideration in the rankings. **Past performance does not guarantee future results**. <sup>1</sup>Inception date 12/31/2005. <sup>2</sup>Percentile rankings courtesy of Informa – PSN's Small Cap Core Universe. PSN Small Cap Core Universe includes US equity products that select Small Cap (\$500 million - \$2 billion) as their primary market capitalization range with Core chosen as the primary style. REIT and convertible products are excluded. Source: Zephyr.

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### Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend Holdings as of 03/31/2025:

Ticker	Company Name
AAON	AAON
AFG	American Financial Group
ATR	Aptar Group
AVNT	Avient
BCPC	Balchem
BWXT	BWX Technologies
CHE	Chemed
СРК	Chesapeake Utilities
CW	Curtiss-Wright
DTM	DT Midstream
ENSG	Ensign Group
EVR	Evercore
FSS	Federal Signal
GIL	Gildan Activewear
IBP	Installed Building Products
IOSP	Innospec
IPAR	Interparfums
KNSL	Kinsale Capital Group
LANC	Lancaster Colony
LFUS	Littelfuse
LMAT	LeMaitre Vascular
MSA	MSA Safety
MTH	Meritage Homes
NPO	Enpro
NSP	Insperity
NYT	New York Times
OLED	Universal Display
POWI	Power Integrations
PRGO	Perrigo
TRNO	Terreno Realty
TTEK	Tetra Tech
TXRH	Texas Roadhouse
UFPI	UFP Industries
USPH	US Physical Therapy
UTZ	Utz Brands
VCTR	Victory Capital Holdings
WINA	Winmark



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Source: Bahl & Gaynor.

# Bahl&Gaynor Small Cap Dividend Model Portfolio: AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

	Bahl & G	Baynor S	mall Cap	Dividen	d Sector	<sup>-</sup> Allocat	ion Histo	ory				R2000
GICS Sector <sup>1</sup>	4Q'15	4Q'16	4Q'17	4Q'18	4Q'19	4Q'20	4Q'21	4Q'22	4Q'23	4Q'24	1Q'25	1Q'25
Communication Services	3.2%	0.0%	0.4%	2.6%	2.3%	0.6%	0.7%	1.8%	1.3%	0.0%	1.7%	1.9%
Consumer Discretionary	14.4%	14.1%	13.7%	9.5%	7.8%	4.6%	7.8%	4.1%	2.1%	5.4%	8.9%	10.0%
Consumer Staples	6.3%	5.5%	5.9%	7.1%	9.3%	2.9%	4.4%	8.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.8%	3.1%
Energy	1.2%	1.1%	1.3%	0.5%	1.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%	1.4%	4.2%
Financials	14.8%	12.7%	10.5%	10.8%	12.2%	10.3%	12.8%	14.2%	13.3%	15.7%	12.8%	21.0%
Health Care	17.2%	14.8%	14.3%	17.7%	16.2%	21.9%	17.0%	19.2%	19.8%	18.3%	20.0%	16.5%
Industrials	15.0%	18.7%	18.6%	22.1%	23.1%	27.4%	22.7%	27.2%	34.0%	32.4%	28.4%	17.6%
Information Technology	22.9%	25.9%	25.3%	20.1%	17.6%	16.8%	17.1%	12.3%	7.4%	5.6%	4.4%	13.5%
Materials	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	4.8%	3.8%	6.6%	8.7%	6.0%	7.3%	7.2%	7.1%	4.0%
Real Estate	-	2.1%	3.8%	2.4%	2.5%	5.2%	4.9%	2.7%	2.8%	2.4%	2.5%	4.8%
Utilities	-	-	1.3%	1.5%	3.2%	2.4%	2.7%	2.3%	2.1%	2.7%	3.1%	3.4%
Cash	1.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.8%	0.0%

Top 10 Portfolio Holdings								
Holding	% of Portfolio	Dividend Yield						
Ensign Group (ENSG)	6.24%	0.2%						
Chemed (CHE)	6.13%	0.3%						
Curtis-Wright (CW)	5.17%	0.3%						
Victory Capital (VCTR)	4.54%	3.2%						
Federal Signal (FSS)	3.76%	0.8%						
Evercore (EVR)	3.74%	1.6%						
Tetra Tech (TTEK)	3.71%	0.8%						
Kinsale Capital (KNSL)	3.45%	0.1%						
Gildan Activewear (GIL)	3.42%	2.0%						
Enpro (NPO)	<u>3.35%</u>	0.8%						
% of Portfolio Value:	43.5%							

Portfolio Characteristics									
Characteristic	Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend	Russell 2000							
Number of Equity Holdings	37	1953							
P/E Ratio (trailing 12 months inc. neg.)	25.3x	66.7x							
Forward P/E (inc. neg. earnings)	19.9x	27.0x							
P/B Ratio	3.4x	1.8x							
P/CF Ratio (inc. neg. cash flows)	22.7x	43.7x							
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$6.3B	\$3.4B							
Dividend Yield	1.4%	1.5%							

Data is drawn from the Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend model portfolio that is fully discretionary, unconstrained and subject to change. Individual Bahl & Gaynor clients may or may not hold these positions or have similar characteristics. Portfolio dividend yield includes cash holdings. <sup>1</sup>Sector weights are as of period end. Source: FactSet.



# Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend WRAP Composite Performance: AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend vs. Russell 2000									
Annual & Quarterly Performance	Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend WRAP (Gross)	Bahl & Gaynor Small Cap Dividend WRAP (Net)	Russell 2000						
1Q25	-8.44%	-9.12%	-9.48%						
2024	12.62%	9.30%	11.54%						
2023	19.28%	15.77%	16.93%						
2022	-13.23%	-15.79%	-20.44%						
2021	16.74%	13.30%	14.82%						
2020	13.20%	9.86%	19.96%						
2019	26.33%	22.61%	25.52%						
2018	-9.80%	-12.45%	-11.01%						
2017	14.86%	11.48%	14.65%						
2016	28.22%	24.45%	21.31%						
2015	-1.32%	-4.22%	-4.41%						
2014	4.74%	1.65%	4.89%						
2013	44.64%	40.39%	38.82%						
2012	11.45%	8.17%	16.35%						
2011	3.76%	0.71%	-4.18%						
2010	29.20%	25.39%	26.85%						
2009	29.41%	25.60%	27.17%						
2008	-26.64%	-28.80%	-33.79%						
2007	4.81%	1.72%	-1.57%						
2006	11.61%	8.32%	18.37%						

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#### Small Cap Dividend WRAP Composite: DECEMBER 31, 2005 (INCEPTION) – DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Net <sup>†</sup>	"Pure" Gross	Benchmark <u>Return (%)</u>	Number	Composite	<u>3 Year Ex-Post S</u>	Standard Deviation	Total Composite	Non-fee Paying	Total Firm	Total
	Return	Return	Russell	of	Dispersion	Composite	Russell	Assets	Assets	Assets	AUA
Year	(%)	(%)	2000	Accounts	(%)	(%)	2000 (%)	(\$MM)	(%)	(\$MM)	(\$MM) <sup>1</sup>
2014	1.65	4.74	4.89	21	0.15	11.7	13.1	33.6	6.6	7,545.8	5,699.9
2015	-4.22	-1.33	-4.42	23	0.28	13.4	14.0	45.4	4.8	7,966.6	6,050.1
2016	24.45	28.21	21.28	31	0.75	14.2	15.8	81.5	3.2	8,792.4	8,425.1
2017	11.48	14.87	14.66	36	0.18	12.7	13.9	141.7	1.8	10,778.1	11,541.5
2018	-12.45	-9.80	-11.01	≤5	N/A	14.3	15.8	27.3	0.0	10,688.5	12,901.4
2019	22.61	26.33	25.53	≤5	N/A	14.7	15.7	5.1	0.0	15,358.8	22,144.9
2020	9.86	13.20	19.96	≤5	N/A	20.8	25.3	5.3	0.0	16,244.6	25,716.4
2021	13.30	16.74	14.82	≤5	N/A	19.0	23.4	6.6	0.0	18,705.1	32,123.7
2022	-15.79	-13.23	-20.44	≤5	N/A	22.0	26.0	6.6	0.0	16,936.7	29,420.5
2023	15.77	19.28	16.93	≤5	N/A	19.2	21.1	6.8	0.0	17,722.1	29,724.3

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