

Small Cap Market Snapshot

DATA AS OF 10/31/2020

WHAT'S NEW

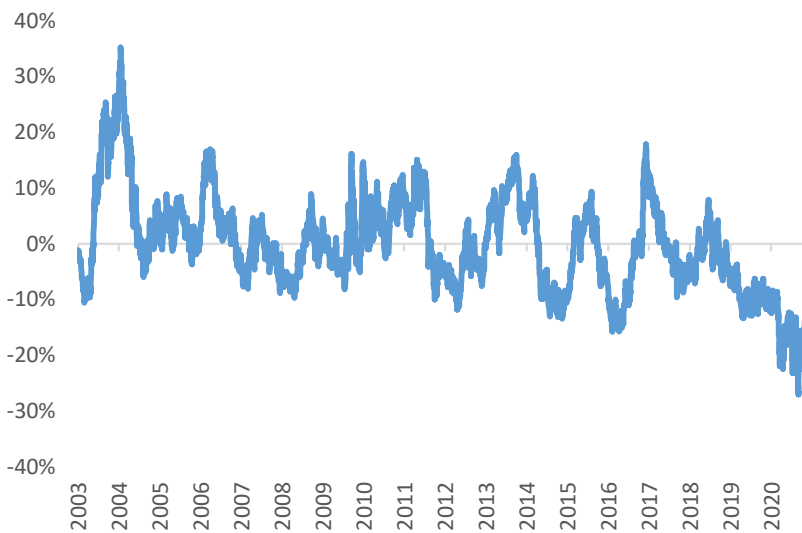
Did you hear? It's finally happening. After a four-year hiatus, small caps are winning again. During October, Russell 2000 Index rose over 2.0%, beating the S&P 500 by 475 basis points. Small caps also outperformed in September. I'm not sure when you can call something a *trend*, but this sure feels like one, and it is likely just getting started. Interestingly, despite the recent small cap strength, valuations versus large caps still look *extremely* inexpensive relative to history (13th percentile). Importantly, fundamentals are getting much better. The proof is in sales and earnings revisions among published analyst forecasts. Small caps are seeing the steepest positive trajectory of sales and earnings revisions in over a decade!

Investors are starting to notice small caps again, but so are other companies. Mergers and acquisitions continued their torrid pace in October with another 10 public companies announcing the purchase of other public companies, a sharp uptick from recent trends. That's more evidence of confidence and valuation support.

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RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH VS. RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH

300-DAY PERFORMANCE



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MARKET PULSE

MONTH-TO-DATE RETURNS

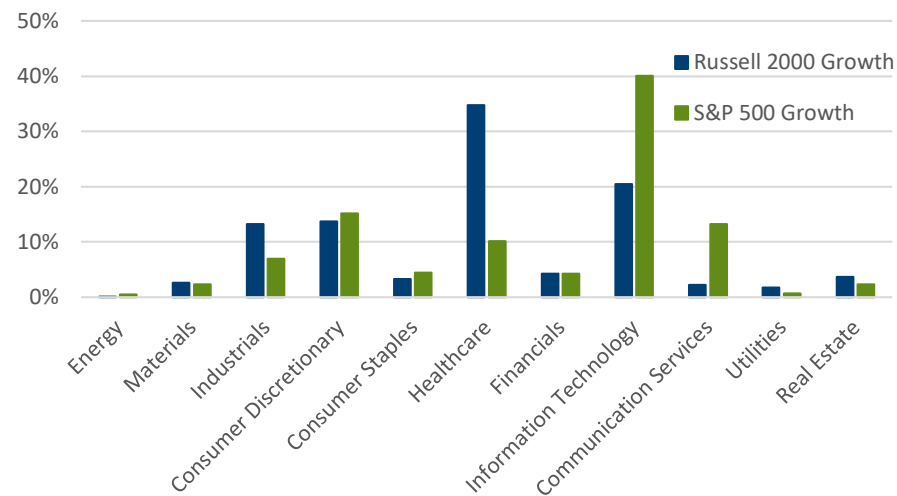
R 2000 VALUE	RUSSELL 2000	R 2000 GROWTH
3.58	2.09	0.76
R MICROCAP VALUE	RUSSELL MICROCAP	R MICROCAP GROWTH
3.44	1.29	-1.48

YEAR-TO-DATE RETURNS

R 2000 VALUE	RUSSELL 2000	R 2000 GROWTH
-18.74	-6.77	4.67
R MICROCAP VALUE	RUSSELL MICROCAP	R MICROCAP GROWTH
-17.15	-6.75	6.48

RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH VS. S&P 500 GROWTH

GICS SECTOR ALLOCATIONS (NET)



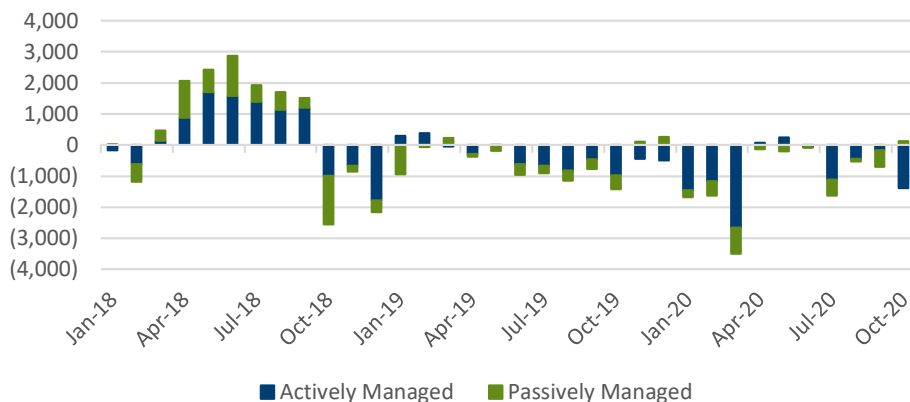
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MORNINGSTAR SMALL GROWTH CATEGORY FLOWS

Data as of 10/31/2020, dollars in millions



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SMALL CAP GROWTH AS A DIVERSIFIER

The portfolio effect of increasing exposure to small caps

Data from 11/1/2000 to 10/31/2020

	Annualized Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Excess Return
100% LARGE CAP EQUITY S&P 500	6.30%	15.01%	0.38	0.00%
90% LARGE CAP/10% SMALL CAP GROWTH	6.42%	15.29%	0.39	0.12%
80% LARGE CAP/20% SMALL CAP GROWTH	6.53%	15.63%	0.39	0.23%
100% SMALL CAP GROWTH Russell 2000 Index	7.24%	19.77%	0.38	0.94%

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