

Small Cap Market Snapshot

DATA AS OF 8/31/2021

WHAT'S NEW

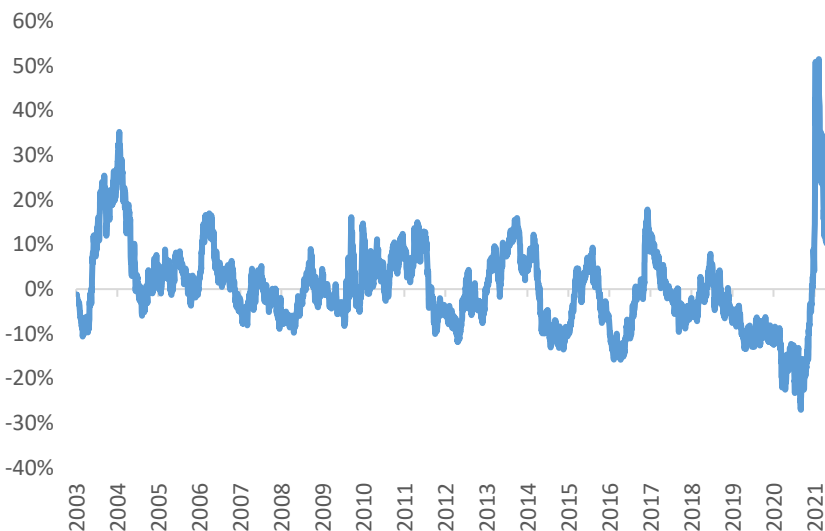
Bad news, good news...The bad news: small caps lagged large caps for the sixth consecutive month, underperforming by 65 basis points (Russell 2000 less Russell 1000) in August. The good news: during the second half of the month, small caps outperformed by about 200 basis points. Perhaps small caps are finally finding their footing once again versus large caps.

Small caps continue to look cheap (22nd percentile) but you may not know they are expected to see faster earnings growth than large caps in both 2021 (+84% vs. +40%) and 2022 (+19% vs. +9%). When small caps are this cheap, they have a strong tendency to outperform large caps over the following 3-, 6- and 12-month periods. We are also seeing a significant pick-up in mergers and acquisition (M&A) activity, which tends to be a tailwind for small cap performance. The backdrop is positive. It's just a matter of time before this asset class gets going again.

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RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH VS. RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH

300-DAY PERFORMANCE



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MARKET PULSE

MONTH-TO-DATE RETURNS

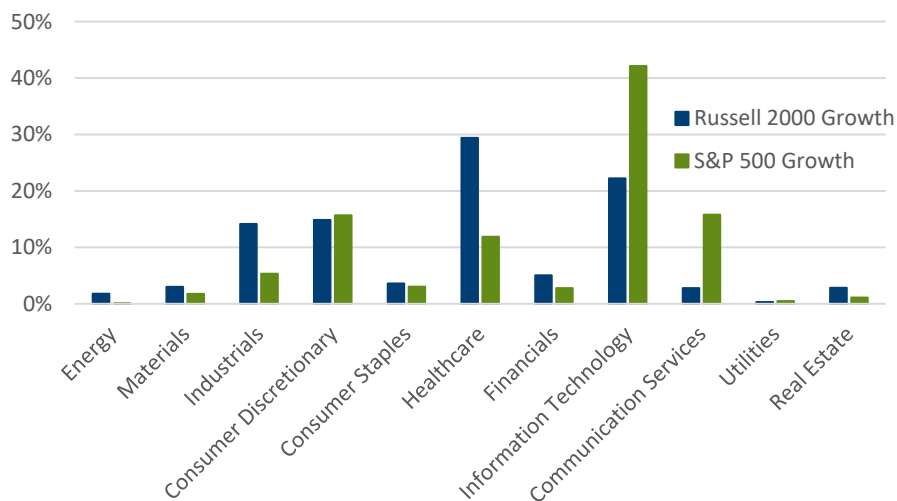
R 2000 VALUE	RUSSELL 2000	R 2000 GROWTH
2.68	2.24	1.82
R MICROCAP VALUE	RUSSELL MICROCAP	R MICROCAP GROWTH
4.26	3.59	2.68

YEAR-TO-DATE RETURNS

R 2000 VALUE	RUSSELL 2000	R 2000 GROWTH
25.43	15.83	6.92
R MICROCAP VALUE	RUSSELL MICROCAP	R MICROCAP GROWTH
35.11	26.27	15.27

RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH VS. S&P 500 GROWTH

GICS SECTOR ALLOCATIONS (NET)



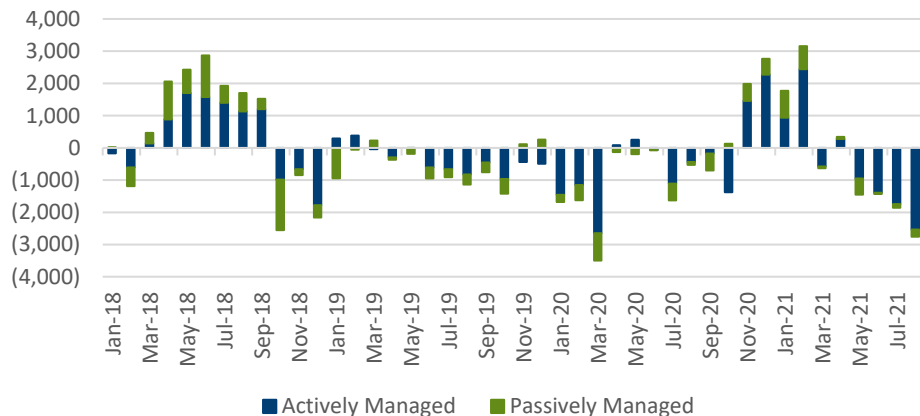
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MORNINGSTAR SMALL GROWTH CATEGORY FLOWS

Data as of 8/31/2021, dollars in millions



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SMALL CAP GROWTH AS A DIVERSIFIER

The portfolio effect of increasing exposure to small caps

Data from 9/1/2001 to 8/31/2021

	Annualized Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Excess Return
100% LARGE CAP EQUITY S&P 500	9.31%	14.72%	0.59	0.00%
90% LARGE CAP/10% SMALL CAP GROWTH	9.36%	15.03%	0.59	0.06%
80% LARGE CAP/20% SMALL CAP GROWTH	9.42%	15.40%	0.58	0.11%
100% SMALL CAP GROWTH Russell 2000 Index	9.66%	19.82%	0.50	0.36%

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