Small Cap Market Snapshot

DATA AS OF 9/30/2023

CALAMOS INVESTMENTS

WHAT'S NEW

More of the same … Continuing the trend from August, oil prices and 10-year US Treasury bond yields both rose again in September, spooking equity markets. During the month, large caps lost 4.70%, and small caps lost 5.89%, lagging by 119 basis points (Russell 2000 versus Russell 1000). Microcaps were especially hard hit, with microcap growth stocks down 7.57% (Russell Microcap Growth).

Until bond yields settle down, it seems small caps will have a difficult time taking on a leadership role. Many believe yields have risen too far too fast. If those yields modestly decreased or just stopped rising, it might be enough to trigger a rally. We are entering a seasonally strong period for equities overall—especially for small caps. That, combined with unusually low valuations relative to large caps and extremely negative positioning by many investors (a contrary indicator), and we might be looking at some fourth-quarter relief.

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MARKET PULSE

MONTH-TO-DATE RETURNS

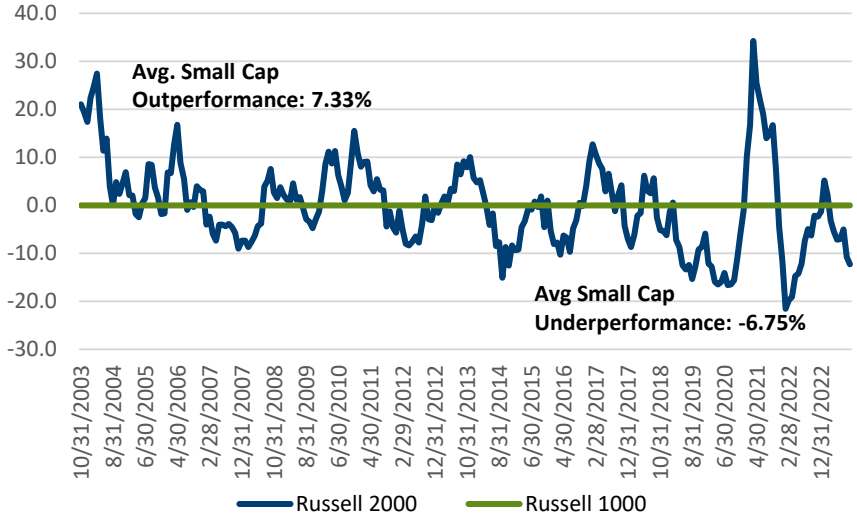
R 2000 VALUE	RUSSELL 2000	R 2000 GROWTH
-5.21	-5.89	-6.60
R MICROCAP VALUE	**RUSSELL MICROCAP**	**R MICROCAP GROWTH**
-5.71	-6.38	-7.57

YEAR-TO-DATE RETURNS

R 2000 VALUE	RUSSELL 2000	R 2000 GROWTH
-0.53	2.54	5.24
R MICROCAP VALUE	**RUSSELL MICROCAP**	**R MICROCAP GROWTH**
-6.40	-5.80	-5.65

RUSSELL 2000 VS. RUSSELL 1000

ROLLING 1-YEAR EXCESS RETURNS



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WHEN PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN THIS BAD, SMALL CAPS HAVE HISTORICALLY ENJOYED LONG BOUNCE BACKS

OUTPERFORMANCE OF SMALL CAPS OVER LARGE CAPS

	Relative Subsequent Performance			Batting Average		
5-Year Relative Performance	Next Year	Next 3 Years	Next 5 Years	Next Year	Next 3 Years	Next 5 Years
Q1 (best)	5.4%	1.1%	0.1%	48.6%	48.6%	50.5%
Q2	2.3	0.4	1.1	48.0	48.0	48.4
Q3	3.0	2.7	2.0	50.2	51.6	54.0
Q4	2.1	3.4	2.8	52.5	53.2	59.8
Q5 (Worst)	**9.6**	**7.2**	**8.3**	**66.8**	**71.1**	**85.2**
Overall	**4.5**	**2.9**	**2.7**	**53.1**	**54.3**	**58.7**

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Note: performance is annualized. Batting average is the % of time that small beats large. Source: Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP®), the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Jefferies. Large and small are defined by CRSP based on placing market caps into deciles. Deciles 1 and 2 are large and 6 through 8 are small.

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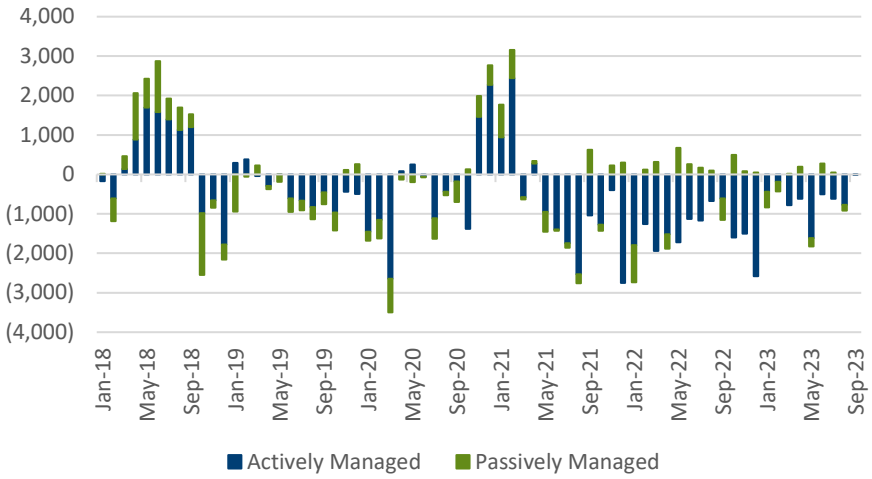
SMALL CAP PERFORMANCES AFTER BEAR MARKET BOTTOMS, AND CONFIRMATIONS OF NEW BULL MARKETS (1980-YTD)

>20% Return From Bear Market Bottom	# of Days to Reach >20% Return From Bear Market Bottom	+6-month Returns		Relative Performance RUT - S&P 500	+12-month Returns		Relative Performance RUT - S&P 500
		S&P 500	Russell 2000		S&P 500	Russell 2000	
09/14/1982	33	25.62%	46.00%	20.37%	40.76%	66.35%	25.59%
03/08/1988	95	0.50%	3.92%	3.43%	13.20%	12.05%	-1.15%
02/06/1991	118	10.83%	13.62%	2.79%	19.25%	37.94%	18.69%
11/21/2002	43	-0.18%	4.05%	4.23%	12.90%	34.00%	21.11%
03/23/2009	14	30.38%	42.43%	12.06%	45.77%	61.26%	15.49%
04/08/2020	16	26.49%	37.54%	11.06%	51.50%	90.34%	38.84%
06/08/2023	239	?	?	?	?	?	?
Average	**53**	**15.60%**	**24.59%**	**8.99%**	**30.57%**	**50.33%**	**19.76%**
Median	**38**	**18.23%**	**25.58%**	**7.36%**	**30.01%**	**49.60%**	**19.59%**
% Outperform	**-**	**-**	**-**	**100%**	**-**	**-**	**83%**

Source: Piper Sandler Technical Research/Bloomberg. Data as of 6/8/23.

MORNINGSTAR SMALL GROWTH CATEGORY FLOWS

Data as of 9/30/2023, dollars in millions



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