

# Principal Aligned SMA MidCap Equity

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## Strategy overview

The strategy invests for the long-term in high-quality companies led by owner-operators. The strategy uses a highly active approach to U.S. mid-cap equities that aims for long-term outperformance with less risk.

## Portfolio management

**K. William Nolin, CFA**

31 years of experience

**Thomas Rozycki, CFA**

24 years of experience

## Characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>

	Portfolio	Index
Composite AUM	\$1.4B	—
UMA/SMA AUM <sup>3</sup>	\$7.8B	—
Inception date	04/01/00	—
Number of holdings	57	814
Active share	90.7%	—
Expected turnover	15%-30%	—
Market cap <sup>4</sup>	\$38.8B	\$24.5B
Operating margin	21.8%	16.4%

## Top 10 holdings<sup>2,5</sup>

	% of net assets
Transdigm Group Incorporated	5.3
Brookfield Corporation	5.2
Copart, Inc.	5.0
Costar Group, Inc.	4.5
Kkr & Co Inc	4.4
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	4.3
Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.	4.3
Heico Corporation	4.3
Roper Technologies, Inc.	3.6
Vulcan Materials Company	3.2
Total	44.1

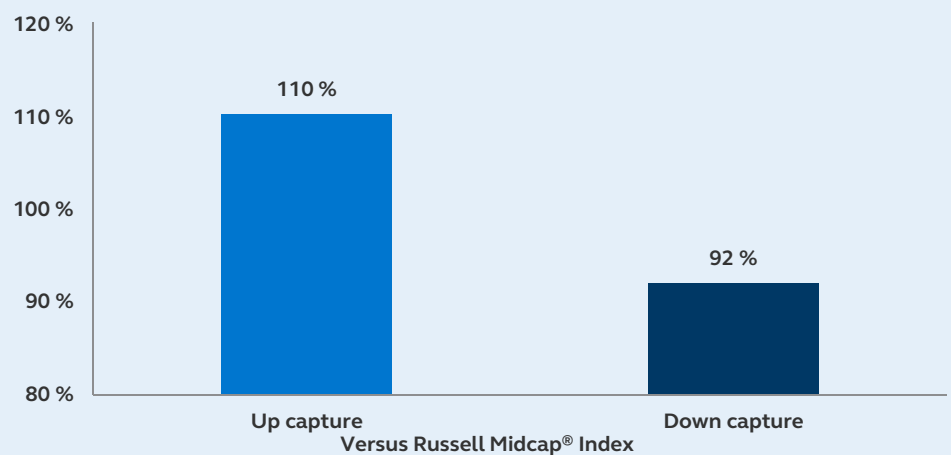
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## A highly active approach that focuses on owner-operators

- A wide latitude to depart from index weights results in higher active share and more concentrated top holdings than peers.
- Aligned incentives: Owner-operators tend to be passionate and cost conscious. We believe they have longer-term outlooks and are better capital allocators.
- An experienced team with a history of delivering excess risk-adjusted returns over market cycles.

## A focus on risk reduction

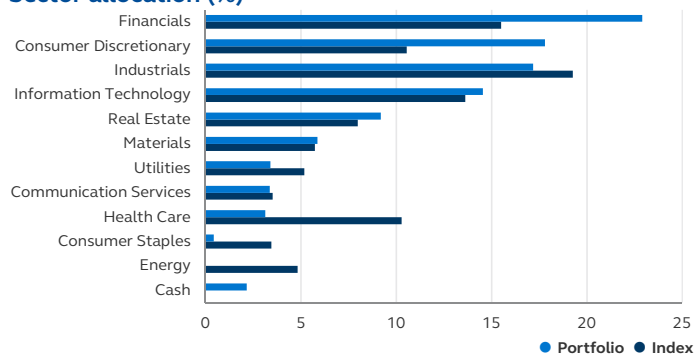
Capture ratios - 10-year, gross



01/01/2014- 12/31/2023. Source: Principal Global Investors. Capture ratios: Shows the relationship of the composite's performance to the performance of an index during a specific timeframe, as a percentage of that index's positive (upside capture) and negative (downside capture) performance. Represents quarterly returns for both composite and index returns. Index performance information reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. Indices are unmanaged and individuals cannot invest directly in an index. Portfolio information is based on the strategy's composite. Past performance does not guarantee future return.

## Why allocate to a portfolio:

- **Track record of attractive risk-adjusted returns:** Historically, mid-cap stocks have provided attractive risk-adjusted returns over full market cycles.
- **The best of both worlds:** Mid-cap companies have the potential to grow faster than large-cap companies — and they generally have better liquidity and less cyclical volatility than small-caps.
- **Diversification benefits:** Mid-cap equities are often overlooked by investors in favor of large- or small-cap stocks.

Sector allocation (%)<sup>1,2</sup>

## Performance

	Composite performance (%)					
	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception (04/01/2000)
Principal Aligned SMA MidCap Equity (gross)	14.24	25.67	7.06	16.11	12.31	11.01
Russell Midcap® Index	12.82	17.23	5.92	12.67	9.42	8.59
Principal Aligned SMA MidCap Equity (net)	13.42	22.01	3.90	12.71	9.02	7.75

Risk statistics (10-year, gross)<sup>5</sup>

	Composite
Sharpe ratio	0.6
Standard deviation	17.4
Information ratio	0.6
Tracking error	4.9

Calendar year returns (%)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Principal Aligned SMA MidCap Equity (gross)	13.30	2.84	10.14	25.47	-5.99	43.28	20.07	25.44	-22.17	25.67
Russell Midcap® Index	13.22	-2.44	13.80	18.52	-9.06	30.54	17.10	22.58	-17.32	17.23
Principal Aligned SMA MidCap Equity (net)	9.98	-0.19	6.91	21.82	-8.79	39.17	16.55	21.80	-24.52	22.01

Periods over one year are annualized. Net of fees reflects the gross returns reduced by an assumed maximum bundled fee of 3%. See disclosure section for additional details.

<sup>1</sup> Source: FactSet

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<sup>3</sup> May include model-only assets managed by the firm, where the firm has no control as to whether investment recommendations are accepted or the firm does not have trading authority over the assets.

<sup>4</sup> Weighted average

<sup>5</sup> Source: Principal Global Investors

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