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# FORT WASHINGTON SMALL COMPANY EQUITY - 1Q2025

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date: 4/1/13
Total Assets: \$1.3 billion

Style: Core

Benchmark: Russell 2000

## VEHICLE AVAILABILITY

- Separate Account
- Collective Investment Trust
- Mutual Fund

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- Dedicated management team with extensive small cap experience
- We believe earnings growth is the long-term driver of equity returns and only invest in profitable companies.
- Earnings growth with quality fundamental characteristics are critical to risk management and reduced downside volatility.

### STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

- Returned 10.3% annualized since inception outperforming the Russell 2000 by 2.4% annualized (net)
- Outperformed the Russell 2000 Index and eVestment Small Cap Core peer group in over 90% of rolling three-year periods since inception
- 103% up-market capture since inception combined with 88% down-market capture demonstrates consistency over market cycles

# ABOUT FORT WASHINGTON

- Founded in 1990; \$88.1 billion in current total assets under management 1
- Organizational hallmarks include: stability of teams, consistency of process, competitive performance, deep resources, and alignment of interests

#### INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

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Trailing Total Returns (as of March 31, 2025)							
Period	Return (Gross)	Return (Net)	Russell 2000 Return	Peer Percentile Rank (Net) <sup>2</sup>			
1Q2025	-7.00%	-7.07%	-9.48%	32			
YTD	-7.00%	-7.07%	-9.48%	32			
1 Year	0.71%	0.38%	-4.01%	22			
3 Years	4.98%	4.62%	0.52%	17			
5 Years	18.12%	17.72%	13.27%	23			
10 Years	9.24%	8.87%	6.30%	16			
Since Inception	10.64%	10.26%	7.90%	18			

Portfolio Characteristics (as of March 31, 2025)							
	Small Company Equity	Russell 2000					
Number of holdings	71	1,953					
Price/Prospective Earnings	18X	26X					
Long-Term Earnings Growth	16%	5%					
Weighted Average Market Capitalization	\$5.7B	\$3.4B					
% Non-Earners	0%	25%					
Net Margin	11%	6%					
Active Share	94%	-					

Custom GICS Sector Groups (as of March 31, 2025)						
Custom Sector	Portfolio Weight	Russell 2000 Weight				
Industrials	30.8%	29.8%				
Technology	19.6%	15.0%				
Health Care	19.6%	16.7%				
Financials	15.4%	26.1%				
Consumer	14.1%	12.5%				
Cash	0.5%	-				

Includes assets under management as of 03/31/2025 by Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. of \$82.9 billion and \$5.2 billion in commitments managed by Fort Washington Capital Partners Group, a division. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

<sup>2</sup>Source: Fort Washington and Nasdaq eVestment. Inception date: 04/01/2013. Peer rankings are relative to the eVestment US Small Cap Core Universe (Peer Group). Peer group ranks as of 03/31/2025 were calculated on 04/18/2025 with 83.4% of firms reporting and may be subject to change.

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Top Ten Holdings (as of March 31, 2025)							
Name	Sector	% of Portfolio					
WNS Holdings (WNS)	Industrials	2.8%					
Haemonetics (HAE)	Health Care	2.4%					
Encompass Health Corp (EHC)	Health Care	2.3%					
Progyny Inc (PGNY)	Health Care	2.1%					
KBR Inc (KBR)	Industrials	2.1%					
Option Care Health (OPCH)	Health Care	2.1%					
Stride Inc (LRN)	Consumer Discretionary	2.1%					
ExlService Holdings (EXLS)	Industrials	2.1%					
CarGurus (CARG)	Communication Services	2.0%					
LiveRamp Holdings (RAMP)	Information Technology	1.9%					
Total		21.9%					

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#### SMALL COMPANY EQUITY COMPOSITE GIPS REPORT

	1Q2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Small Company Equity (Gross)	-7.00%	14.51%	17.20%	-13.62%	24.68%	19.01%	22.59%	-7.44%	18.75%	20.71%	-0.41%
Small Company Equity (Net)	-7.07%	14.13%	16.81%	-13.92%	24.27%	18.61%	22.19%	-7.73%	18.34%	20.29%	-0.76%
Russell 2000 Index	-9.48%	11.54%	16.93%	-20.44%	14.82%	19.96%	25.52%	-11.01%	14.65%	21.31%	-4.41%
Small Company Equity 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	-	19.57%	17.98%	25.10%	23.47%	25.44%	15.30%	15.79%	13.91%	15.76%	
Russell 2000 Index 3-Year Annual Standard Deviation <sup>1</sup>	-	23.30%	21.11%	26.02%	23.35%	25.27%	15.71%	14.99%	13.90%	15.86%	
Dispersion <sup>2</sup>	0.06%	0.10%	0.23%	0.06%							
Number of Accounts	14	13	9	8	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Composite Assets (\$ millions)	\$1,305.1	\$1,409.5	\$1,206.4	\$1,006.3	\$1,104.0	\$939.0	\$1,072.5	\$1,114.9	\$1,295.3	\$1,147.8	\$907.5
Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)	\$82,871	\$81,286	\$74,613	\$66,365	\$73,804	\$65,086	\$59,174	\$49,225	\$52,774	N/A	N/A

Composite inception date is 04/01/2013 and the creation date is 01/01/2018. The 3-Year annualized ex post standard deviation is calculated using monthly gross-of-fee returns to measure the average deviations of returns from its mean. 2014-2015 figures are not presented because 36 monthly returns are not available. Poispersion is not calculated for years in which the composite contains five portfolios or less. Dispersion is calculated as the equal weighted standard deviation of gross-of-fee returns for those portfolios held in the composite during the entire period. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The benchmark for this composite is the Russell 2000 Index. The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the bottom two-thirds of the overall market capitalization of the 3,000 Jalegast publicly taded companies in the U.S. The index accounts for both capital gains and dividend income. The Small Company Equity stategy seeks to invest primarily in common stocks of small-capitalization companies that Fort Washington believes are high quality, have superior business models, solid management teams, and are attractively valued. The strategy normally invests at least 80% of its assets in small-capitalization companies. For this purpose, small capitalization expansion and the securities are trading in the U.S. or Canada and only where trading is denominated in U.S. or Canadian dollars. All feepaying, fully discretionary portfolios managed in the Small Company (FRC) is the source and owner of the Russell Index data contained or reflected in this material and all trademarks and copyrights related thereto. The presentation may contain confidential information pertaining to FRC and unauthorise expenses of the presentation may contain confidential information pertaining to FRC and unauthorise expenses of the securities provided in this composite include cash, cash equivalents, investment securities, and dividends. Cash is maintained, within each separately managed account segment, in accordance with our

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