

Touchstone Small Cap Value Fund

Sub-Advised by: Leeward Investments, LLC

U.S. Equity - Small Cap Value

2Q/2026

Fund Manager Commentary

As of 06-30-2026

Fund Highlights

- Utilizes a classic value-driven fundamental investment process
- Seeks to identify companies believed to be selling at a discount to their intrinsic value
- Employs five valuation screens that seek to identify attractively priced securities
- Conducts in-depth research and analysis on the securities that pass the valuation screens in an effort to identify leading companies selling at attractive valuations
- Examines financial statements and assesses the company's management team, competitive strategy and its current market position

Market Recap

Small cap value equities produced strong absolute returns during the second quarter of 2026, although style factors created a challenging environment for value-oriented active managers. Within the Russell 2000® Value Index, higher-beta stocks substantially outperformed lower-beta companies, while lower return on equity businesses outperformed companies with stronger profitability. Companies that did not pay dividends outperformed dividend-paying stocks, and faster sales growth companies outperformed slower-growth businesses. The largest market capitalizations underperformed, creating a headwind for most active managers.

Within the benchmark, the Information Technology, Health Care, and Industrials sectors generated the strongest returns during the quarter. Energy, Utilities, Materials, Consumer Staples, and Communication Services were among the weakest-performing sectors. The quarter continued to reflect strong investor demand for higher-growth and technology-related companies despite improving opportunities among value-oriented businesses.

Portfolio Review

The Touchstone Small Cap Value Fund (Class A Shares, Load Waived) underperformed its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Value Index, for the quarter ended June 30, 2026.

The Fund's underperformance was driven primarily by stock selection. Relative performance was strongest in the Energy, Materials, and Utilities sectors, while Health Care, Information Technology, Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, and Real Estate sectors detracted from relative results.

Among the top contributors to relative performance were Enpro Inc. (Industrials sector), Standex International Corp. (Industrials sector), Valmont Industries, Inc. (Industrials sector), Regal Rexnord Corp. (Industrials sector), Cohu, Inc. (Information Technology sector), Viavi Solutions Inc. (Information Technology sector), and

Harmonic Inc. (Information Technology sector). Enpro, Standex, Valmont, and Regal Rexnord benefited from continued demand tied to semiconductor manufacturing, utility infrastructure, aerospace, and data center thermal management. Cohu and Viavi benefited from increasing demand for semiconductor and data center testing solutions, while Harmonic advanced following the sale of its video business and improving demand for its core networking business.

Among the top detractors from relative performance were Huron Consulting Group Inc. (Industrials sector), CACI International Inc. (Industrials sector), Option Care Health, Inc. (Health Care sector), Prestige Consumer Healthcare Inc. (Health Care sector), Globus Medical, Inc. (Health Care sector), Installed Building Products, Inc. (Consumer Discretionary sector), and Group 1 Automotive, Inc. (Consumer Discretionary sector). Huron Consulting weakened as investors expressed concern that advances in artificial intelligence could reduce demand for consulting services. CACI International declined after management reduced earnings guidance following an acquisition, while Option Care Health, Prestige Consumer Healthcare, and Globus Medical detracted amid company-specific operational and earnings concerns. Installed Building Products and Group 1 Automotive underperformed as housing affordability concerns, weaker vehicle sales, and unfavorable weather affected operating results.

During the quarter, the Fund initiated a position in Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. (Financials sector). Positions in Enviri Corp. (Industrials sector), First Horizon Corp. (Financials sector), and QuidelOrtho Corp. (Health Care sector) were eliminated. As the Fund entered the second half of the year, Industrials and Information Technology sectors represented the largest relative overweight positions, while Health Care sector remained the largest underweight based on our bottom-up assessment of available opportunities and the recent Russell index reconstitution.



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Outlook and Conclusion

We believe the market outlook remains uncertain. The appointment of a new Federal Reserve Chair has provided greater clarity regarding monetary policy, although expectations for future interest rate increases have also risen. While tensions with Iran have moderated, geopolitical uncertainty, the approaching U.S. midterm elections, and evolving views regarding artificial intelligence continue to influence investor sentiment. At the same time, declining energy prices and easing inflation expectations may provide support for consumer spending and broader equity markets.

Against this backdrop, the investment team remains committed to its disciplined value investment process, emphasizing high-quality companies trading at attractive valuations with favorable risk/reward characteristics. The Fund continues to focus on businesses with strong management teams, durable competitive advantages, and solid balance sheets while maintaining a disciplined approach to downside risk analysis. We continue to identify attractively valued investment opportunities and believe the Fund remains well positioned to benefit from its long-term investment philosophy.



Fund Facts

Class	Inception Date	Symbol	CUSIP	Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio	
				Total	Net
A Shares	03/04/02	TVOAX	89155T821	1.46%	1.36%
C Shares	03/01/11	TVOCX	89155T813	4.18%	2.00%
Y Shares	03/01/11	TVOYX	89155T789	1.18%	1.11%
INST Shares	03/01/11	TVOIX	89155T797	1.10%	0.95%
Total Fund Assets \$220.7 Million					

Expense ratio is annualized. Data as of the current prospectus. Touchstone Advisors has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its fees and/or reimburse certain Fund expenses in order to limit certain annual fund operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses and other expenses, if any) to 1.34% for Class A Shares, 1.98% for Class C Shares, 1.09% for Class Y Shares, and 0.93% for Class INST Shares. These expense limitations will remain in effect until at least 01/28/27.

Share class availability differs by firm.

Annualized Total Returns

	2Q26	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Excluding Max Sales Charge							
A Shares	13.85%	20.24%	35.09%	16.12%	9.35%	9.99%	9.15%
C Shares	13.68%	19.87%	34.21%	15.30%	8.56%	9.18%	8.34%
Y Shares	13.93%	20.41%	35.44%	16.41%	9.63%	10.27%	9.32%
INST Shares	13.97%	20.49%	35.64%	16.59%	9.79%	10.44%	9.42%
Benchmark	17.19%	22.99%	43.01%	18.73%	8.23%	10.89%	8.97%
Including Max Sales Charge							
A Shares	8.16%	14.23%	28.33%	14.15%	8.23%	9.43%	8.92%
C Shares	12.68%	18.87%	33.21%	15.30%	8.56%	9.18%	8.22%

Benchmark - Russell 2000® Value Index

Max 5% sales charge for Class A Shares and 1% Contingent Deferred Sales Charge for Class C Shares held less than 1 year.

The Russell 2000 Value Index measure the performance of the Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The benchmark index mentioned is an unmanaged statistical composite of stock or bond market performance. Investing in an index is not possible. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than performance data given. **For performance information current to the most recent month-end, visit TouchstoneInvestments.com/mutual-funds.** From time to time, the investment advisor may waive some fees and/or reimburse expenses, which if not waived or reimbursed, will lower performance. Performance by share class will differ due to differences in class expenses. Returns assume reinvestment of all distributions. Returns are not annualized for periods less than one year.

The performance presented combines the performance of the oldest share class from the Fund's inception with the performance since the inception date of each share class.

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Top 10 Holdings

	(% of Portfolio)		(% of Portfolio)
1 Viavi Solutions Inc	3.2	6 Valmont Industries Inc	2.2
2 Enpro Inc	2.6	7 BNY Dreyfus Govt Cash Mgmt Instl	2.1
3 Cohu Inc	2.6	8 Gates Industrial Corp PLC	2.0
4 Standex International Corp	2.5	9 Columbia Banking System Inc	1.8
5 Rogers Corp	2.3	10 Harmonic Inc	1.8

A Word About Risk

The Fund invests in equities which are subject to market volatility and loss. The Fund invests in stocks of small-cap companies, which may be subject to more erratic market movements than stocks of larger, more established companies. The Fund invests in value stocks which may not appreciate in value as anticipated or may experience a decline in value. The Advisor engages a sub-advisor to make investment decisions for the Fund's portfolio; it may be unable to identify and retain a sub-advisor who achieves superior investment returns relative to other similar sub-advisors. Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken to stimulate or stabilize economic growth may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact Fund performance and cause it to experience illiquidity, shareholder redemptions, or other potentially adverse effects. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate. The Fund's investments in other investment companies will be subject to substantially the same risks as those associated with the direct ownership of the securities comprising the portfolios of such investment companies, and the value of the Fund's investment will fluctuate in response to the performance of such portfolios. In addition, if the Fund acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders of the Fund will bear their proportionate share of the fees and expenses of the Fund and, indirectly, the fees and expenses of the investment companies or ETFs. The Fund's service providers are susceptible to cyber security risks that could result in losses to a Fund and its shareholders. Cyber security incidents could affect issuers in which a Fund invests, thereby causing the Fund's investments to lose value. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to change.

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