Asset Management | Strategy As of December 31, 2023

# Ancora/Thelen Small Cap Core

## **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Ancora/Thelen Small Cap Core Strategy is capital appreciation. More specifically, we strive to exceed the returns on the Russell 2000 index on a consistent basis over the long haul. Our goal is to produce superior returns while taking below market risk. The strategy may tend to weight either end of the market cap spectrum heavier than the other based on market opportunities.

#### Firm Overview

| AUM <sup>1</sup> | \$2.37B       |
|------------------|---------------|
| Founded          | 2003          |
| Based            | Cleveland, OH |
| Satellites       | Detroit, MI   |
|                  | Naples, FL    |

## **Strategy Overview**

| Inception Date  | 2/28/2013    |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Benchmark       | Russell 2000 |
| Strategy Assets | \$74.25M     |

### Portfolio Management Team

| Daniel G. Thelen, CFA | Portfolio Manager |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Noah Nicholl, CPA     | Equity Analyst    |

# Risk Analytics - ITD<sup>2</sup>

| Standard Deviation      | 21.83  |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Annualized Alpha        | 2.53   |
| Beta                    | 1.00   |
| R-Squared               | 0.93   |
| # Positive Quarters     | 31     |
| # Negative Quarters     | 12     |
| Tracking Error          | 5.83   |
| Information Ratio       | 0.42   |
| Sharpe Ratio            | 0.46   |
| Upside Market Capture   | 107.42 |
| Downside Market Capture | 93.09  |
| Batting Average         | 0.53   |
|                         |        |

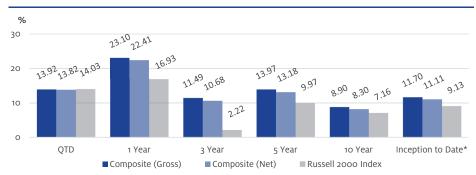
## Top 10 Equity Holdings

| Securities                 | Weight (%) |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Crane NXT Co.              | 3.82       |
| MDU Resources Group, Inc.  | 3.50       |
| APi Group Corp.            | 2.99       |
| DT Midstream, Inc.         | 2.98       |
| Alta Equipment Group, Inc. | 2.71       |
| MasterBrand, Inc.          | 2.67       |
| DLH Holdings Corp.         | 2.66       |
| Primo Water Corp.          | 2.35       |
| IAC, Inc.                  | 2.34       |
| Crane Co.                  | 2.29       |
| Total                      | 28.31      |

### **Investment Strategy**

The strategy will typically invest at least 80% of its net assets in the equity securities of small-cap companies. These securities fall within the capitalization range of the Russell 2000 Index. The portfolio manager seeks out stocks that fall into one of three specific categories: underfollowed stocks, franchise stocks whose valuation has fallen for a non-fundamental reason and stocks whose company is undergoing a change to the capital structure of the business (spin-offs, bankruptcies, restructuring, etc.). The strategy will stay broadly diversified across all major market sectors and focus on stock selection (not sector bets) to drive alpha. Stocks will be sold if they fail to achieve our performance expectations or if other more suitable investments are found to replace them.

#### Performance



\*Represents annualized performance from inception of 02/28/2013 Periods less than one year are not annualized

Data as of 12/31/2023

# Growth of \$10K



Represents hypothetical growth based on gross performance from inception of 02/28/2013 Data as of 12/31/2023

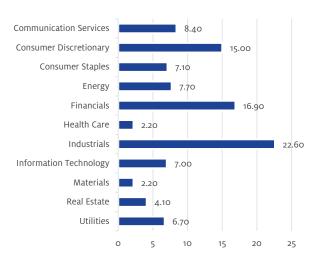
# Portfolio Characteristics<sup>3</sup>

| Secondary Equity Style Emphasis   | GARP    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Current Cash Position             | 1.40%   |
| Current # of Holdings             | 75      |
| # of Countries in Portfolio       | 3       |
| Annual Turnover (LTM)             | 74.74%  |
| Current Dividend Yield            | 1.57%   |
| P/E (12 mo Trailing)              | 20.07   |
| Current P/B                       | 1.54    |
| 5 Year ROE                        | 7.73%   |
| Current Wgtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap (\$M) | \$2,599 |
| Current Median Mkt. Cap (\$M)     | \$1,167 |



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#### Portfolio Breakdown (%)



Data as of 12/31/2023 Portfolio weights are subject to change without notice. Due to rounding, values might not add up to 100%.

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<sup>1</sup>To be consistent with Ancora's ADV filing, as required by the SEC for registered investment advisors, firm assets under management listed in this document reflect the discretionary values reported to the SEC. Ancora's GIPS assets under management \$2.37 billion as of December 31, 2023.

2Risk Analytics source: eVestment Alliance, using quarterly data

3Portfolio Characteristics source: Bloomberg

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# Ancora/Thelen Small Cap Core Composite 03/01/13 - 12/31/22

|                | Composite  | Composite  |            |               |               |            |            |              |              |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year           | Gross      | Net        | Benchmark  | 3 Yr St Dev   | 3 Yr St Dev   | Number of  | Dispersion | Composite    | Firm         |
|                | Return (%) | Return (%) | Return (%) | Composite (%) | Benchmark (%) | Portfolios | (%)**      | Assets (\$M) | Assets (\$M) |
| 2013*          | 41.48      | 41.12      | 29.22      | N/A           | N/A           | 3          | N/A        | 1.59         | 1689.70      |
| 2014           | 6.43       | 6.09       | 4.89       | N/A           | N/A           | 4          | N/A        | 2.13         | 2003.56      |
| 2015           | -10.66     | -11.07     | -4.41      | N/A           | N/A           | 1          | N/A        | 169.20       | 2005.18      |
| 2016           | 25.54      | 24.97      | 21.31      | 13.51         | 15.76         | 2          | N/A        | 281.04       | 2049.70      |
| 2017           | 20.29      | 19.93      | 14.65      | 12.50         | 13.91         | 2          | N/A        | 343.91       | 2495.31      |
| 2018           | -15.09     | -15.48     | -11.01     | 14.01         | 15.79         | 5          | N/A        | 152.53       | 2424.99      |
| 2019           | 28.55      | 27.77      | 25.53      | 14.55         | 15.71         | 6          | N/A        | 54.09        | 2741.51      |
| 2020           | 7.95       | 7.22       | 19.96      | 24.33         | 25.27         | 7          | 0.85       | 77.53        | 3125.16      |
| 2021           | 30.08      | 28.99      | 14.82      | 23.65         | 23.35         | 6          | 0.39       | 71.14        | 3230.20      |
| 2022           | -13.46     | -14.13     | -20.44     | 25.72         | 26.02         | 6          | 0.24       | 56.36        | 2237.58      |
| Returns for Po | eriod:     |            |            |               |               |            |            |              |              |
| 1 Year         | -13.46     | -14.13     | -20.44     |               |               |            |            |              |              |
| 5 Year         | 5.81       | 5.11       | 4.13       |               |               |            |            |              |              |
| 10 Year        | -          | -          | -          |               |               |            |            |              |              |
| Inception***   | 10.60      | 10.02      | 8.37       |               |               |            |            |              |              |

<sup>\*</sup>Represents Performance 03/01/13 to 12/31/13

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