# Small Company Growth

CASTLEARK

December 31, 2022

## Strategy Facts

**Portfolio Managers:** Greg Baxter, CFA, Jim Stark, CFA
**Inception:** June 1, 2007
**Index:** Russell 2000 Growth
**Available Vehicles:** Separate Account, Collective Trust
**Strategy AUM:** $482M
**Firm AUM:** $2.8B
**Website:** http://castleark.com/small-cap-growth/

## Investment Philosophy

We believe that **earnings** growth is the primary driver of stock prices over the long term, and that excess return can be achieved by investing in those companies with **improving business fundamentals.**

## Portfolio Characteristics

| | CastleArk | Index |
|---|---|---|
| # of Securities | 109 | 1,109 |
| Weighted Avg Market Cap ($MM) | $5,113 | $3,091 |
| Median Market Cap ($MM) | $4,099 | $1,127 |
| Historical Sales Growth | 27.3% | 21.0% |
| Historical EPS Growth | 18.8% | 20.3% |
| EPS Growth - Long Term Forward | 21.0% | 19.8% |
| Return on Equity | 6.7% | 5.7% |
| Price to Earnings (Trailing 12M) | 22.0 | 13.6 |
| Price to Earnings (Forward 12M) | 19.7 | 13.8 |
| Price to Book | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| Dividend Yield | 0.2% | 0.7% |
| Active Share | 82.6% | -- |

## Investment Strategy

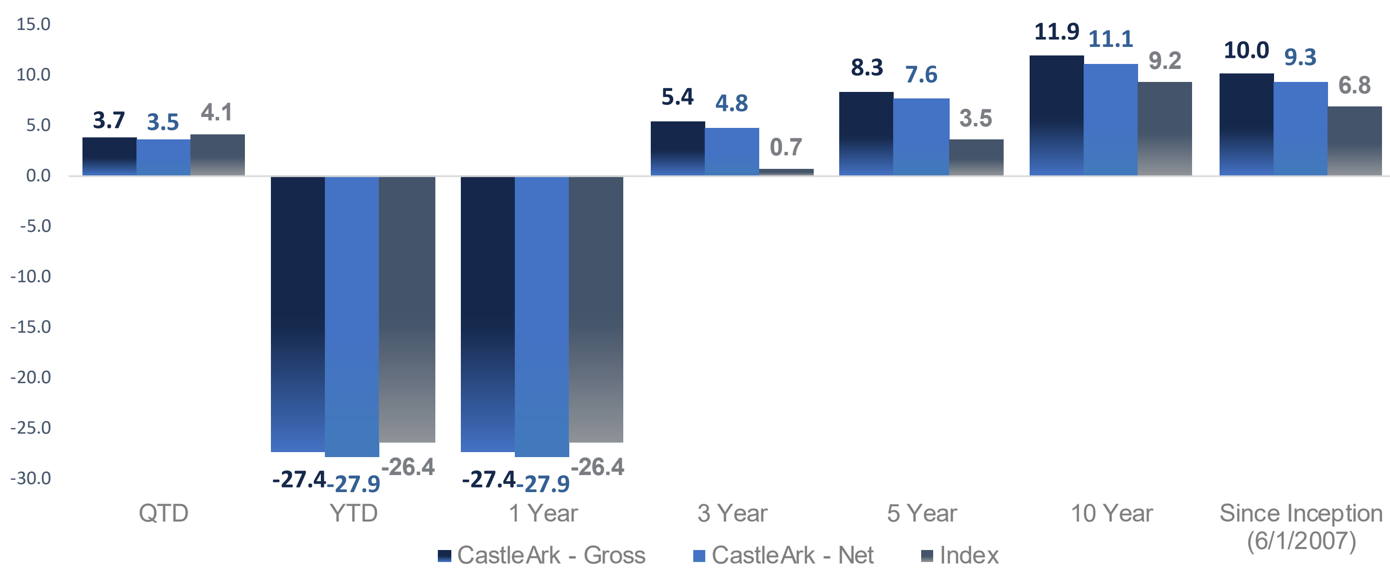
A process that emphasizes the **direction of growth** over the absolute level of growth

A focus on **actual** fundamental improvements **vs. anticipated improvements** enhance our success rate

A disciplined analysis focused on the **magnitude and sustainability** of the driver of fundamental improvement

## Composite Performance*

(Periods greater than 1-year are annualized)



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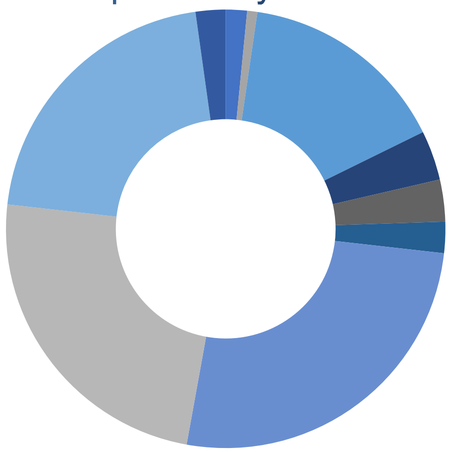
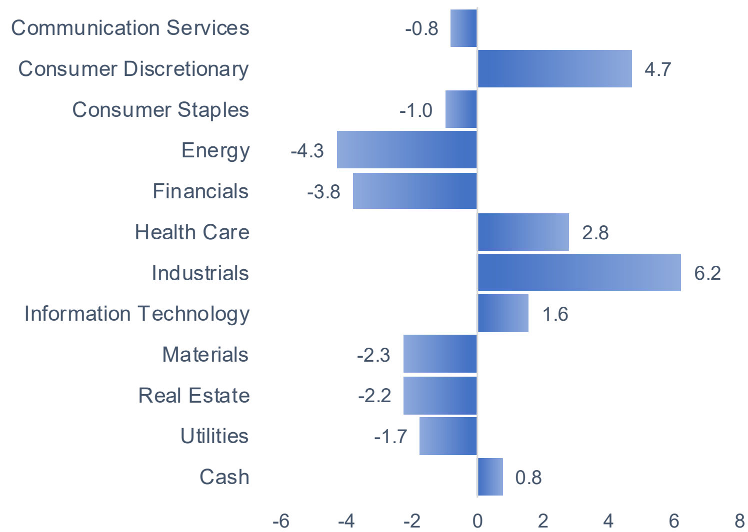
## Portfolio Exposure by Sector



- 1.6% - Communication Services
- 15.4% - Consumer Discretionary
- 3.1% - Energy
- 26.1% - Health Care
- 21.0% - Information Technology
- 0.8% - Cash
- 3.7% - Consumer Staples
- 2.3% - Financials
- 23.9% - Industrials
- 2.2% - Materials

## Sector Allocation vs. Index

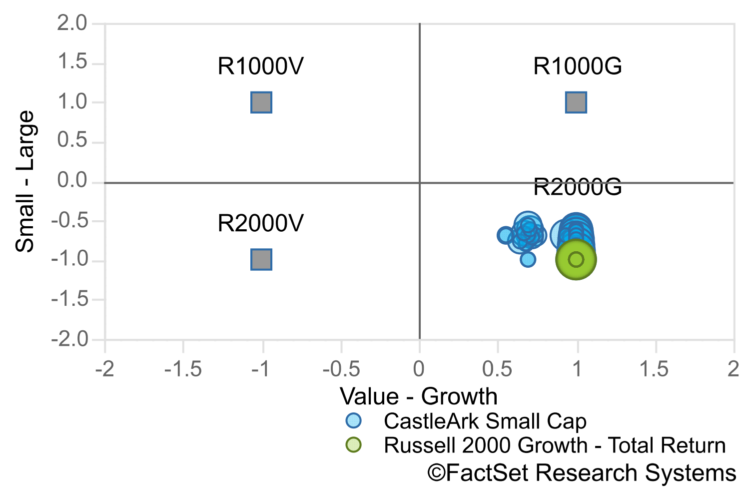



## Top 10 Holdings*

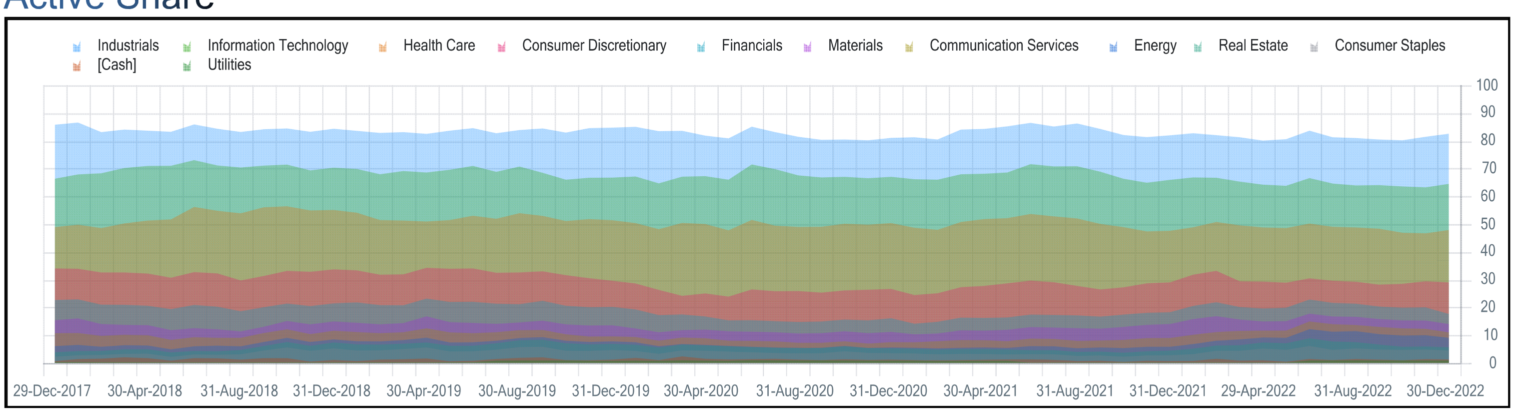
| Security | Weight |
|---|---|
| Calix, Inc. | 2.12% |
| Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc. | 2.12% |
| WillScot Mobile Mini Holdings Corp. Class A | 2.11% |
| Axon Enterprise Inc | 2.02% |
| Option Care Health Inc | 1.87% |
| Inspire Medical Systems, Inc. | 1.80% |
| Planet Fitness, Inc. Class A | 1.72% |
| KBR, Inc. | 1.67% |
| Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. | 1.64% |
| Box, Inc. Class A | 1.58% |

*The securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable.

## Style Drift (Rolling 1 Month Periods)




## Active Share



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