

## Small Cap Growth Equity Investment Commentary Fourth Quarter 2025

Equity markets posted modest gains in the fourth quarter, capping a year marked by early trade shocks, robust earnings, and a growing divergence between headline indices and underlying breadth. While large-cap technology names remained a focal point, the final months of 2025 saw renewed strength in small caps and cyclical sectors, driven by resilient consumer spending, a steepening yield curve, and continued disinflation. The Fed's dovish pivot and easing financial conditions further supported sentiment, even as investors grew more discerning about AI-driven growth and labor market dynamics remained in flux.

During the quarter, the Westfield Small Cap Growth Equity Composite (the "portfolio") returned 3.15% net, outperforming the Russell 2000® Growth Index (the "index") return of 1.22%. Relative strength in Industrials and Information Technology outweighed relative weakness in Health Care and Consumer Discretionary. The following discussion reflects relative performance from the representative account.

Industrials was the largest contributor to relative performance over the quarter, adding 204 basis points ("bps") to relative performance. Comfort Systems USA, Inc. (FIX), a provider of mechanical and electrical contracting services, was among the top contributing names over the period as investor preference shifted toward industrial services companies with durable secular growth exposure. Shares benefited from increasing recognition of the company's positioning in data centers, advanced manufacturing, and complex HVAC systems. The October earnings report reinforced confidence in Comfort Systems' ability to convert a strong backlog and increasingly sophisticated project mix into sustained earnings growth. As execution consistency and mix quality continue to improve, the market has begun to view the business less as a cyclical contractor and more as a high-quality industrial compounder with both growth and defensive characteristics, in our opinion. Another top performer was FTAI Aviation Ltd. (FTAI). This aviation services company transitioning from asset leasing to engine maintenance and parts monetization was among the top contributing names over the period as investor focus shifted toward its higher-quality business mix. Shares benefited from growing confidence in the company's pivot toward engine MRO and aftermarket parts, which offer greater earnings visibility, stronger cash generation, and more durable margins than traditional leasing. This evolution differentiated FTAI from cyclical peers and supported a re-rating narrative. With increasing exposure to narrow-body engines such as the CFM56 and V2500, which power a large portion of the global fleet, FTAI is building a recurring, higher-margin revenue stream with attractive long-term growth characteristics.

Information Technology also contributed positively to relative results, adding 83 basis points ("bps") to relative performance. FormFactor, Inc. (FORM), a provider of advanced probe cards for semiconductor wafer testing, was among the top contributing names over the period as investor focus shifted toward longer-term memory testing demand. Shares rebounded as confidence grew that near-term risks tied to China sanctions, PC and handset weakness, and legacy customer exposure were largely reflected in estimates. Attention increasingly centered on FormFactor's leverage to future high-performance memory requirements, including the anticipated HBM4 cycle, which is expected to drive demand for more sophisticated probe card solutions. With strong positions at leading memory customers and reduced exposure to Intel, the setup appears more de-risked, supporting improved sentiment around the company's medium-term growth outlook. Offsetting some of the strength was Commvault Systems, Inc. (CVLT), a provider of data protection and cyber resilience software. Despite steady execution and progress in its transition toward a higher-growth, subscription-based cyber resilience platform, market sentiment failed to reflect improving fundamentals. The company continues to benefit from strong ARR growth, cloud-driven demand, and expanding free cash flow margins, but valuation pressure persisted amid broader risk aversion toward mid-cap software. While the long-term thesis remains intact, the stock's near-term performance lagged as investors remained cautious despite improving business quality.

Health Care was the largest detractor from relative returns, costing the portfolio 147 bps of performance. Legend Biotech Corporation (LEGN), a biopharmaceutical company focused on cell therapies for oncology, was among the bottom contributing names over the period as sentiment toward multiple myeloma names continued to weigh on shares. The stock underperformed despite maintaining a strong competitive position in multiple myeloma and a credible path toward earlier-line treatment adoption. Investor caution toward the group overshadowed the company's differentiated therapy and long-term commercial potential. With its lead asset well positioned relative to competitors and a pathway toward profitability expected by 2026, Legend's near-term underperformance appears driven more by market dynamics than deterioration in the underlying thesis, in our opinion. Elsewhere in the sector, Revolution Medicines, Inc. (RVMD) helped offset some relative weakness. This clinical-stage oncology company developing next-generation RAS(ON) inhibitors was among the top contributing names over the period as confidence continued to build around its platform. Shares advanced as regulatory validation further de-risked daraxonrasib and reinforced its potential across multiple RAS-driven cancers. Investor recognition improved as the breadth of RVMD's pipeline and the size of the opportunity in historically undruggable mutations became more apparent. Subsequent to period-end, reports that AbbVie is in advanced acquisition talks highlighted the platform's strategic value, in our opinion. With RAS mutations implicated in roughly 30% of new cancer diagnoses and daraxonrasib holding Breakthrough Therapy Designation, we believe RVMD remains a high-upside oncology platform.

With 2026 underway, the market appears poised for a shift toward broader participation and more fundamental drivers of return. Monetary policy is likely to remain supportive, and earnings expectations suggest a more balanced contribution across sectors and size segments. However, persistent macro uncertainties—including labor softness, elevated valuations, and episodic volatility—underscore the importance of maintaining a selective and risk-aware approach. In our view, a focus on high-quality businesses with improving fundamentals and valuation support will remain essential in this evolving environment.

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Attribution is based on gross returns: The Small Cap Growth Equity Composite returned 3.15% net of investment advisory fees in 4Q25.

**Performance Attribution Analysis 4Q25**

Small Cap Growth Equity Representative Account vs. Russell 2000® Growth

30-SEP-2025 to 31-DEC-2025

Sector	Avg. Port. Weight	Port. Return (Gross)	Port. Contrib.	Avg. Bench. Weight	Bench. Return	Bench. Contrib.	Allocation Effect	Selection Effect	Total Effect
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>2.12</b>
Industrials	26.40	5.13	1.38	22.27	-2.79	-0.72	-0.04	2.08	2.04
Information Technology	19.78	-0.79	-0.20	22.05	-4.56	-1.02	0.15	0.68	0.83
Consumer Staples	1.02	24.82	0.24	2.09	-5.00	-0.11	0.08	0.29	0.37
Communication Services	2.34	8.83	0.27	2.48	-1.83	-0.06	-0.03	0.37	0.33
Financials	11.50	-0.59	-0.12	9.85	-3.05	-0.32	-0.09	0.31	0.22
Utilities	--	--	--	0.60	-13.38	-0.08	0.09	--	0.09
Energy	1.19	-6.57	-0.07	2.87	-5.11	-0.15	0.10	-0.03	0.08
Materials	0.98	-4.43	-0.05	3.38	-1.53	-0.05	0.07	-0.03	0.03
[Cash]	3.17	0.89	0.03	--	--	--	-0.03	--	-0.03
Consumer Discretionary	7.17	-9.68	-0.75	8.30	-5.75	-0.51	0.11	-0.28	-0.18
Real Estate	--	--	--	2.04	11.24	0.22	-0.20	--	-0.20
Health Care	26.44	9.76	2.61	24.07	18.05	4.01	0.52	-1.99	-1.47

**Top 10 Contributors**

Security	Sector	Avg. Port. Weight	Total Effect
Revolution Medicines, Inc.	Health Care	1.62	0.82
Comfort Systems USA, Inc.	Industrials	4.38	0.59
FTAI Aviation Ltd.	Industrials	3.18	0.55
Abivax SA Sponsored ADR	Health Care	0.83	0.45
Vaxcyte, Inc.	Health Care	1.62	0.36
FormFactor, Inc.	Info. Tech	0.84	0.36
Ascendis Pharma A/S Sponsored ADR	Health Care	5.42	0.33
Nextpower Inc. Class A	Industrials	2.16	0.27
GeneDx Holdings Corp. Class A	Health Care	1.68	0.23
Braze, Inc. Class A	Info. Tech	1.30	0.22

**Bottom 10 Contributors**

Security	Sector	Avg. Port. Weight	Total Effect
Commvault Systems, Inc.	Info. Tech	1.64	-0.57
Legend Biotech Corp. Sponsored ADR	Health Care	0.86	-0.36
Houlihan Lokey, Inc. Class A	Financials	1.91	-0.32
WillScot Holdings Corporation Class A	Industrials	0.45	-0.23
Glaukos Corp	Health Care	0.28	-0.23
Masimo Corporation	Health Care	1.60	-0.22
Dynatrace, Inc.	Info. Tech	1.74	-0.22
RH	Consumer Disc.	0.44	-0.19
BridgeBio Pharma, Inc.	Health Care	0.10	-0.18
Primoris Services Corporation	Industrials	1.91	-0.17

**Small Cap Growth Equity Composite Trailing Period Returns 4Q25**

	QTD	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr
Small Cap Growth Equity Composite - Net	3.15	11.69	11.69	14.58	4.35	11.27
Russell 2000® Growth	1.22	13.01	13.01	15.59	3.18	9.57

Source: FactSet Portfolio Analytics as of 12/31/2025

Since we use a representative account, rather than the composite, to perform the attribution analysis above, there may be slight differences between the performance numbers in the commentary and those in the table.

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