

# QUARTERLY UPDATE: 2Q 2022

## SMALL CAP GROWTH COMMENTARY



Separately Managed Account



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### Small Cap Growth Top 10 Model Holdings<sup>1</sup>

Shockwave Medical, Inc.	2.5%
National Storage Affiliates	2.5%
Qualys, Inc.	2.5%
Clearway Energy, Inc.	2.3%
HealthEquity, Inc.	2.2%
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.	2.0%
Sensient Technologies Corp.	2.0%
DigitalBridge Group, Inc.	1.8%
Halozyne Therapeutics, Inc.	1.8%
R1 RCM, Inc.	1.8%
<b>Total % of Portfolio</b>	<b>21.4%</b>

### Markets and Performance

The second quarter of 2022 was one of the worst quarters in years, as the market started to fear a recession (and, potentially, stagflation). The Federal Reserve signaled they would do whatever it takes to get a handle on inflation, even if they cause a recession. The Russell 2000 Growth Index hit bear market territory in the second quarter, ending with a return of -19.26% and -29.46% year-to-date. The Crossmark Small Cap Growth model portfolio returned -19.85% for the quarter, underperforming the Russell 2000 Growth Index by 0.59%.

### Positive and Negative Contributors to Performance

The Strategy's top contributors during the period were Lamb Weston (1.5% of total net assets), up 19.74%, Calavo Growers (1.8% of total net assets), up 14.46%, and World Wrestling Entertainment (2.0% of total net assets), up 0.27%. Lamb Weston, a growing frozen potato food manufacturer, and Calavo Growers, a leading avocado producer and processor, benefitted from similar trends. Both are returning to more normal operations after massive COVID disruptions, supply chain issues, and spiking commodity costs. World Wrestling Entertainment had a strong earnings report with continued growth.

The Strategy's bottom contributors during the period were OutSet Medical (0.6% of total net assets), down 62.27%, Navitas Semiconductors (0.7% of total net assets), down 62.45%, and Chegg (1.0% of total net assets), down 48.24%. Outset Medical, a maker of mobile dialysis equipment, reported disappointing earnings and had to put one of their dialysis machines on shipping hold as the FDA reviews changes the company made to the machine. We believe the changes will be approved shortly, and the long-term thesis will remain unchanged. Navitas Semiconductor, a leading semiconductor manufacturer for the next-generation power control market, suffered like most early-stage (and currently unprofitable) companies. The troubles at Chegg continued into this quarter as demand for their education services took a big hit – enrollment in higher education has pulled back over the last year.

### Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, we expect the market to continue to be volatile. COVID fears are finally starting to fade as it seems to have moved to an endemic phase. Still, the market continues to grapple with inflation, a slowing economy, recession fears, global supply chain issues, Russia/Ukraine conflict, etc. We continue to focus on our key investment pillars of companies with visible and durable growth trends, robust business models, and healthy balance sheets.

<sup>1</sup> Model Portfolios are based on a hypothetical account managed during the current quarter. Actual characteristics and income may differ materially from model. As of 6/30/2022.

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