



US Smaller Companies

Structural Case for Small-Caps

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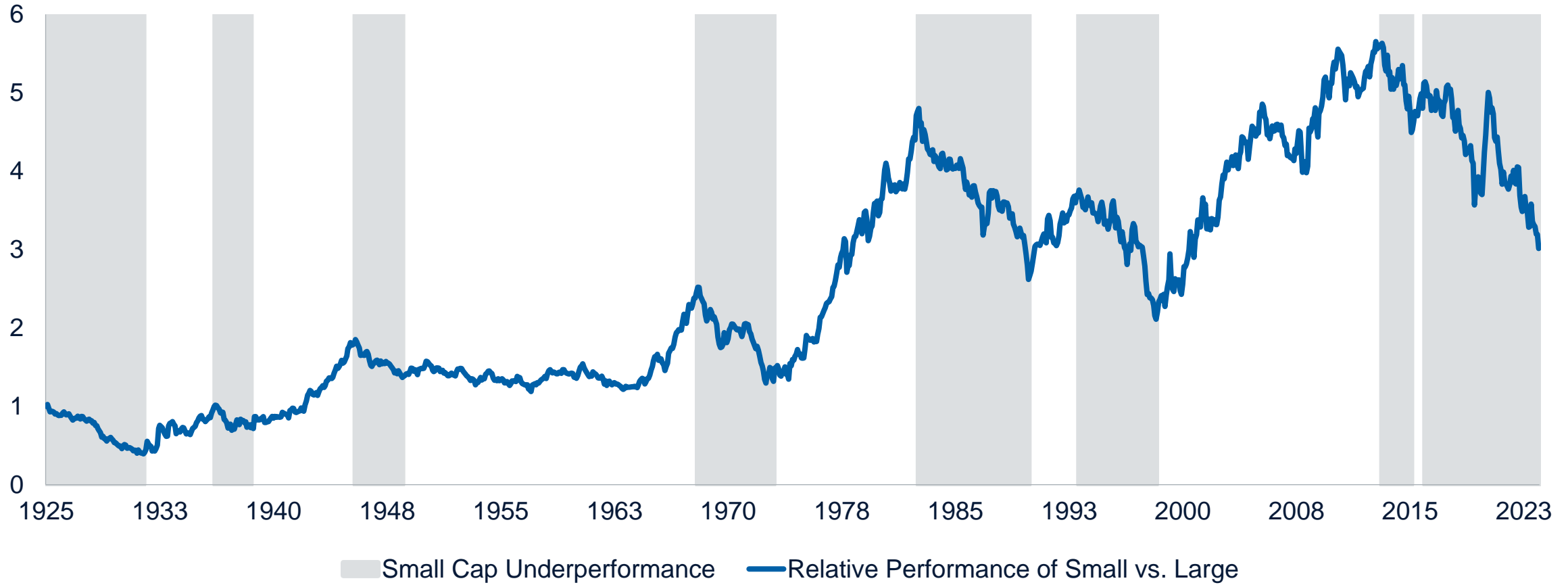
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US Smaller Companies Equity Strategy



Both small and large-cap equities have had sustained periods of market leadership

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Small-cap Less Large-cap Forward Relative Returns

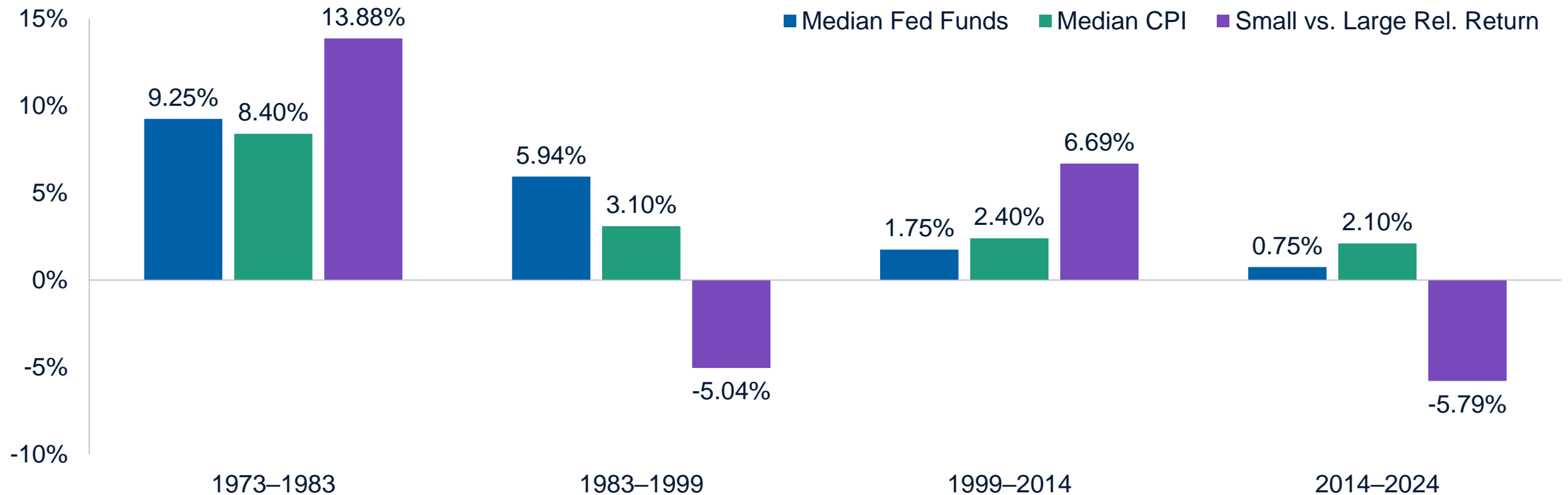


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Durable small-cap outperformance does not require low rates and low inflation

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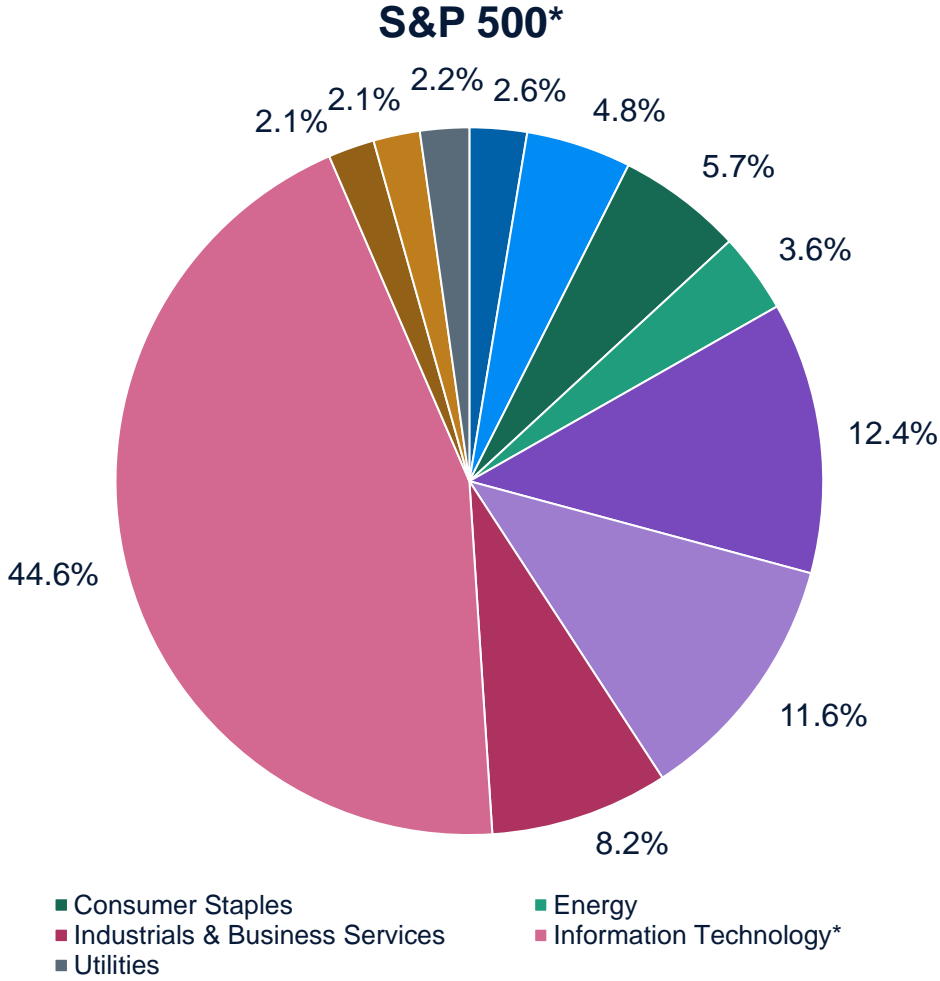
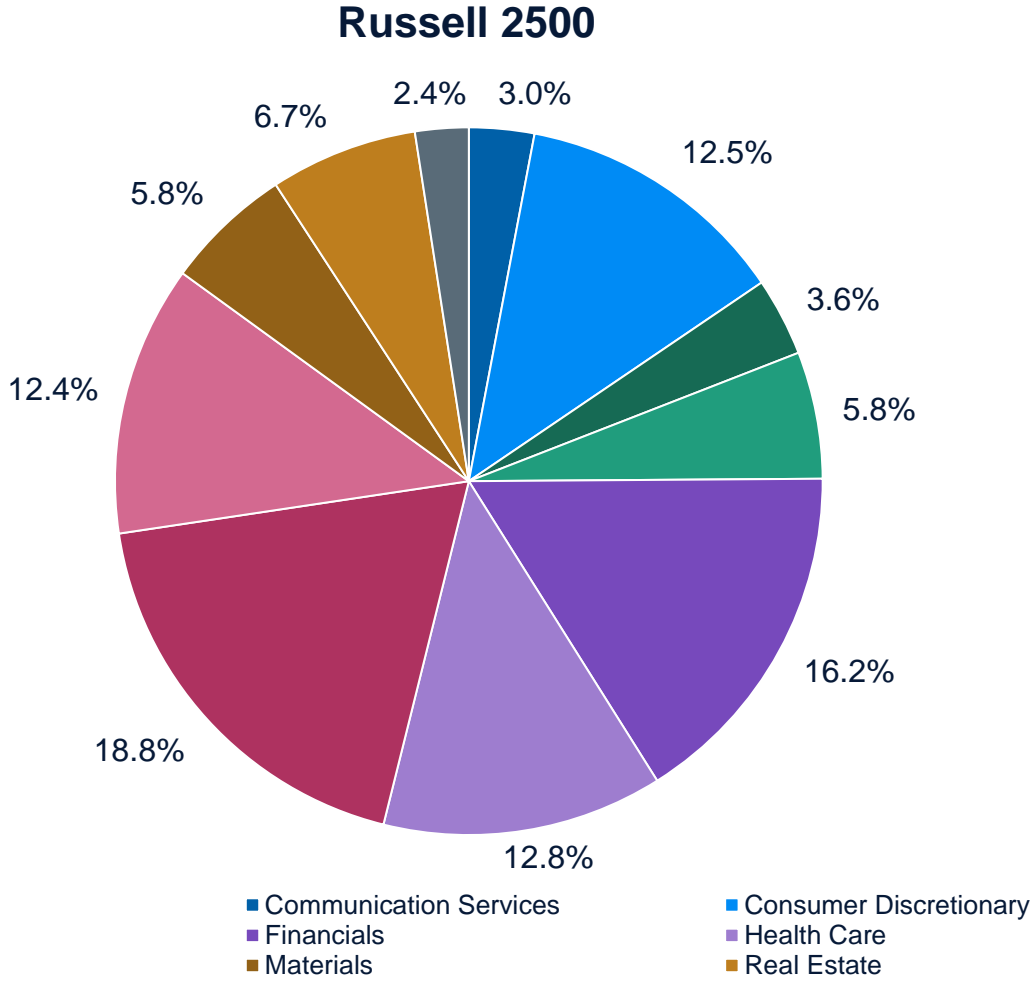


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U.S. SMID-cap provides broader diversification than large-cap

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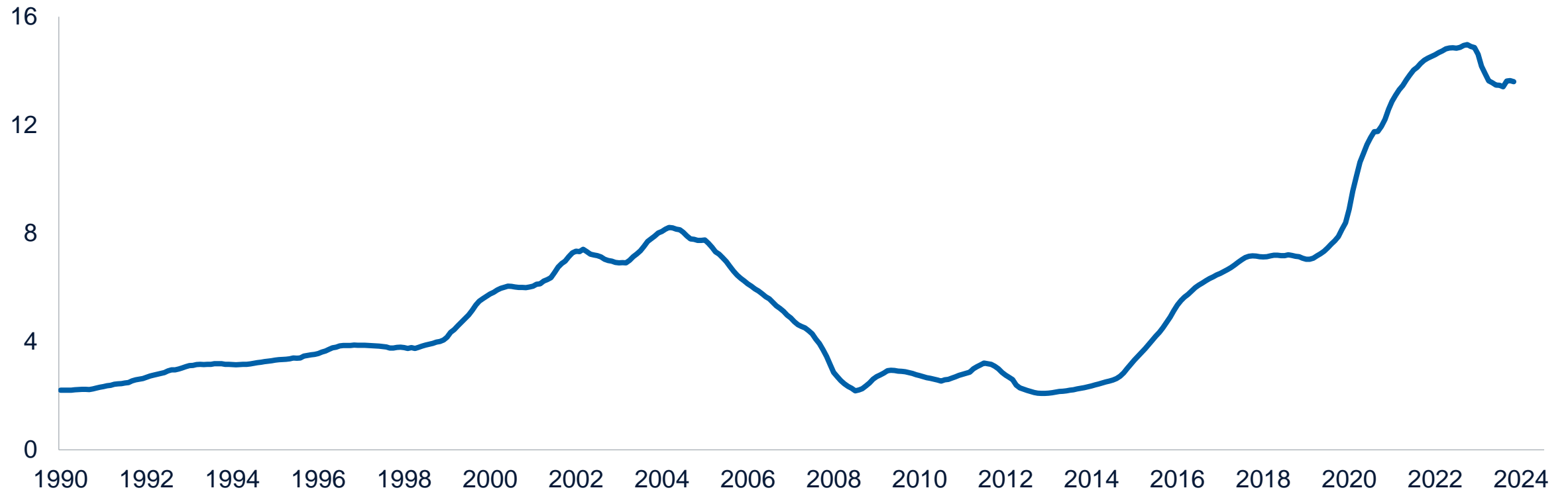


Source: FactSet, T. Rowe Price Analysis.
 * Amazon, Meta, Alphabet and Tesla classified as Information Technology.

Drivers of inflation: Energy

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U.S. Oil Productivity—Barrels/Rig

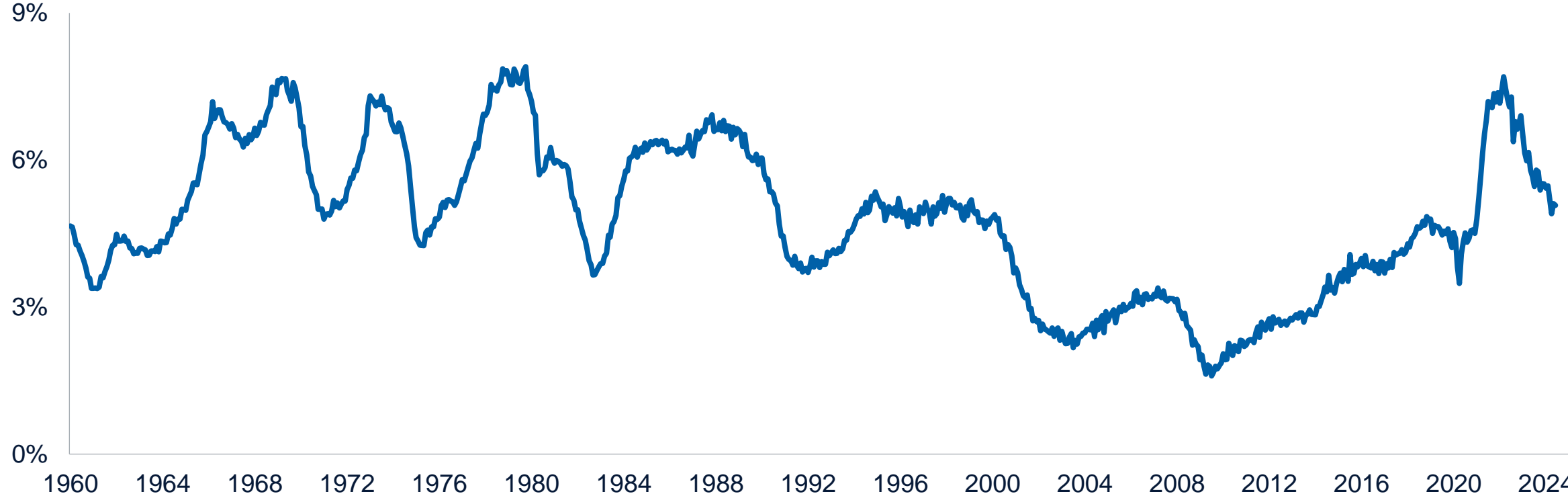


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Baker Hughes, T. Rowe Price Analysis.
36-Month Rolling Average Productivity.

Drivers of inflation: Labor

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Job Openings / Workforce

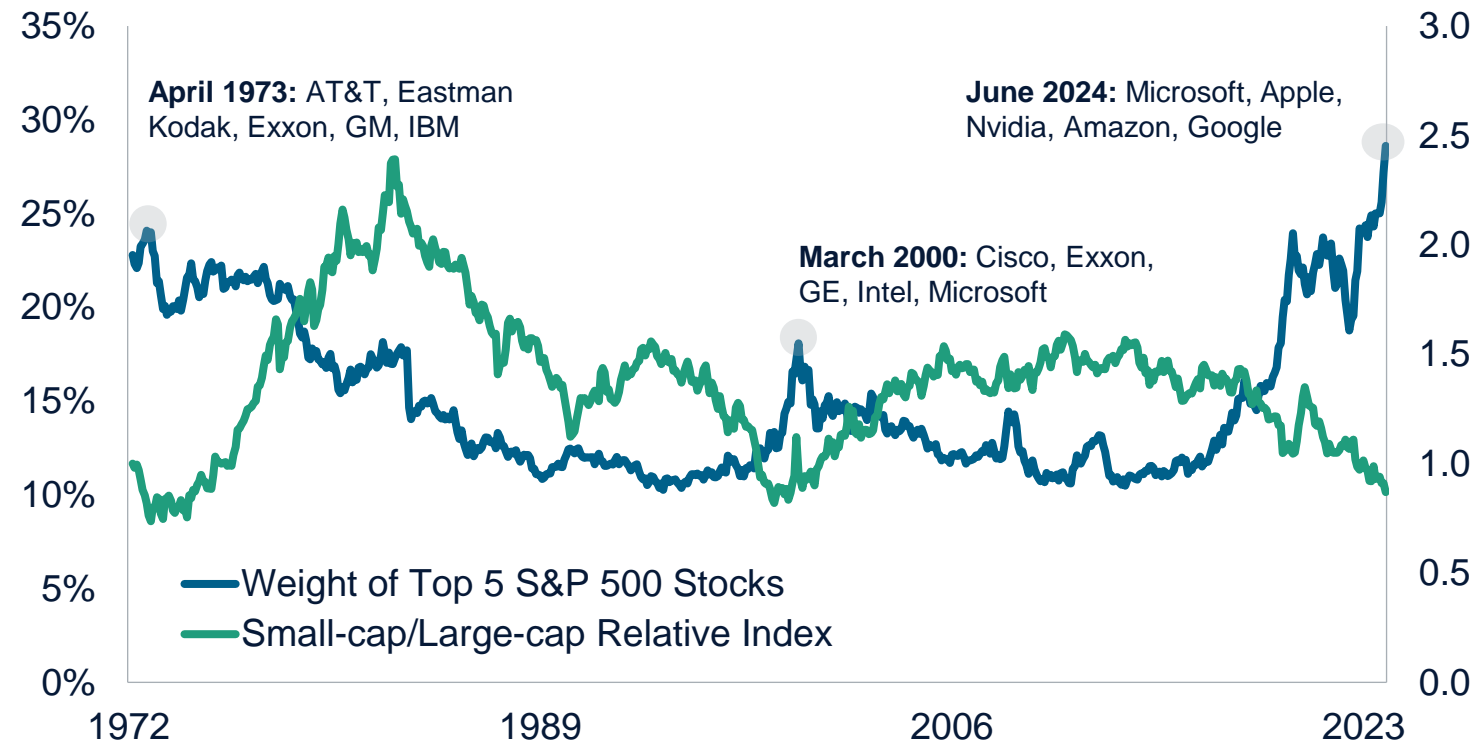


Source: FactSet, Jefferies.

Past shifts in economic regime have led to changes in equity leadership

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Weight of Top 5 S&P 500 Stocks vs. Small-cap Relative Performance



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Source: Furey Research Partners.

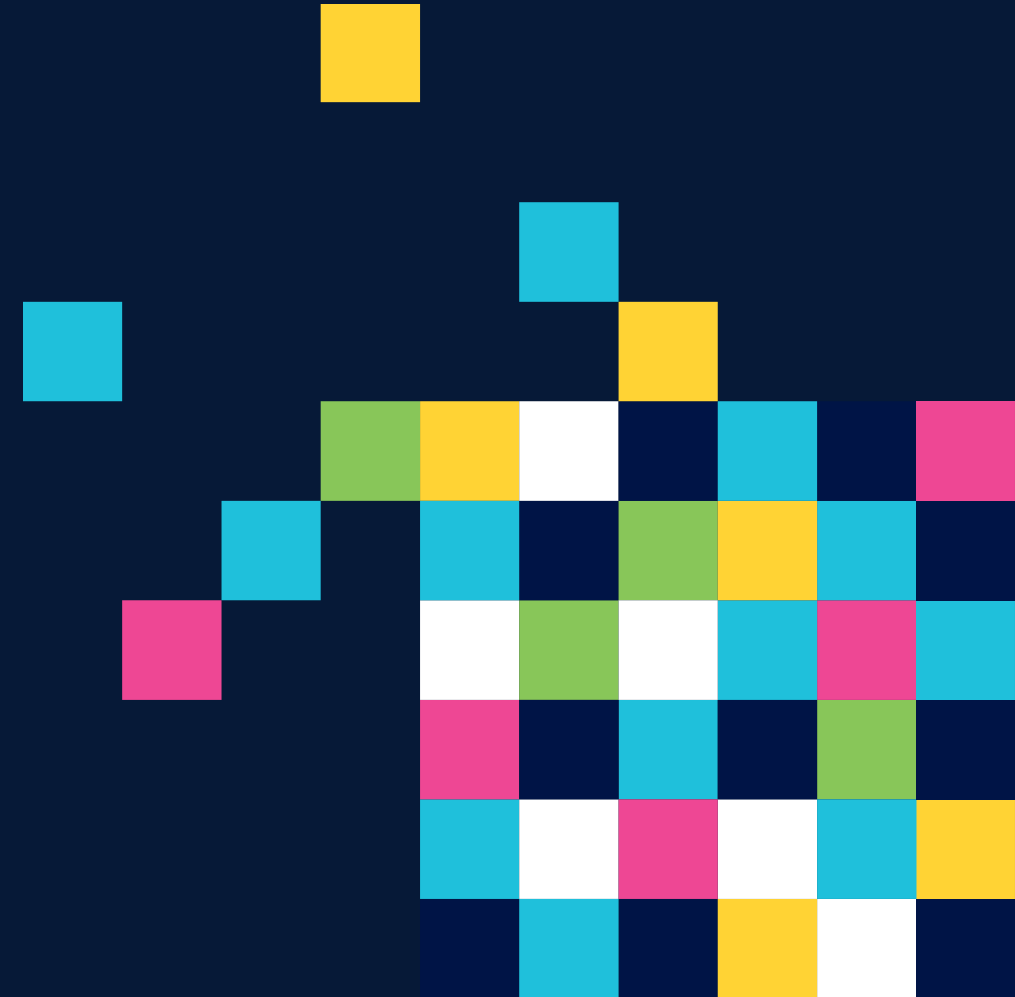
Small-caps: CRSP 6–8 Decile index (1972–1979); Russell 2000 Index (1979–2024).

Large-caps: S&P 500 index (all periods).





Why the T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC— U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund?



T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund

Objective and risks

Objective

To increase the value of its shares, over the long term, through growth in the value of its investments.

Investment Process

The fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a widely diversified portfolio of shares from smaller capitalisation companies in the United States. The fund may use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management. For full investment objective and policy details refer to the prospectus. The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark.

Risks—The following risks are materially relevant to the fund (refer to prospectus for further details):

- **Small and mid-cap**—Small and mid-size company stock prices can be more volatile than stock prices of larger companies.
- **Volatility**—the performance of the fund has a risk of high volatility

General Fund Risks

- **Equity**—Equities can lose value rapidly for a variety of reasons and can remain at low prices indefinitely.
- **Geographic Concentration**—Geographic concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any social, political, economic, environmental, or market conditions affecting those countries or regions in which the fund's assets are concentrated.
- **ESG and Sustainability**—ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the fund.
- **Hedging**—Hedging measures involve costs and may work imperfectly, may not be feasible at times, or may fail completely.
- **Investment Fund**—Investing in funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly.
- **Management**—Management risk may result in potential conflicts of interest relating to the obligations of the investment manager.
- **Market**—Market risk may subject the fund to experience losses caused by unexpected changes in a wide variety of factors.
- **Operational**—Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

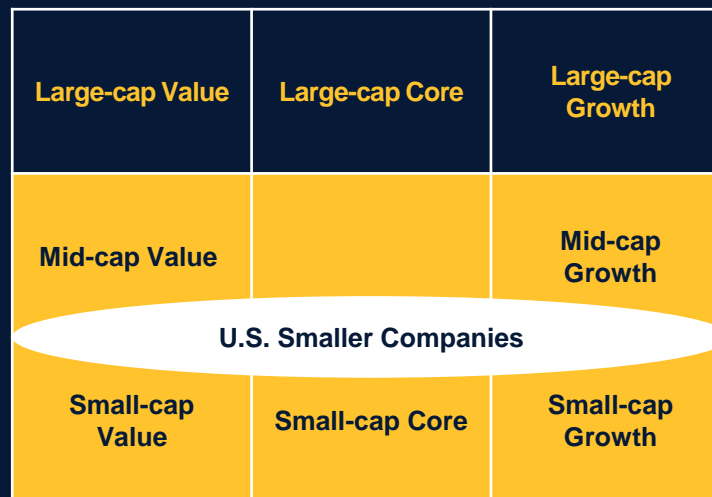
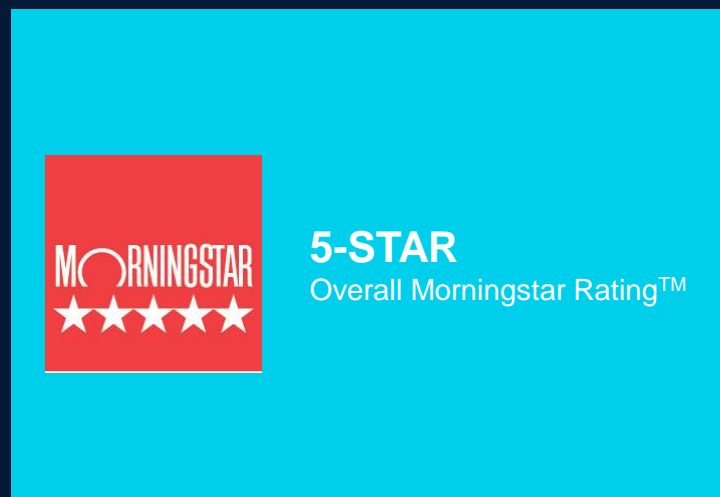
Introducing T. Rowe Price US Smaller Companies Equity

As of 30 April 2024

Actively managed, focused on US companies below US\$18bn market cap

Widely diversified portfolio of around 150 to 200 companies

Core style orientation with broad exposure to both growth and value stocks



IA sector	North American Smaller Companies
Benchmark Index	Russell 2500 Net 15% Index
Fund Inception date	13 March 2017
Total Fund Asset	GBP 289.8 million
Fund base currency	GBP
Morningstar category	EAA Fund US Small-Cap Equity

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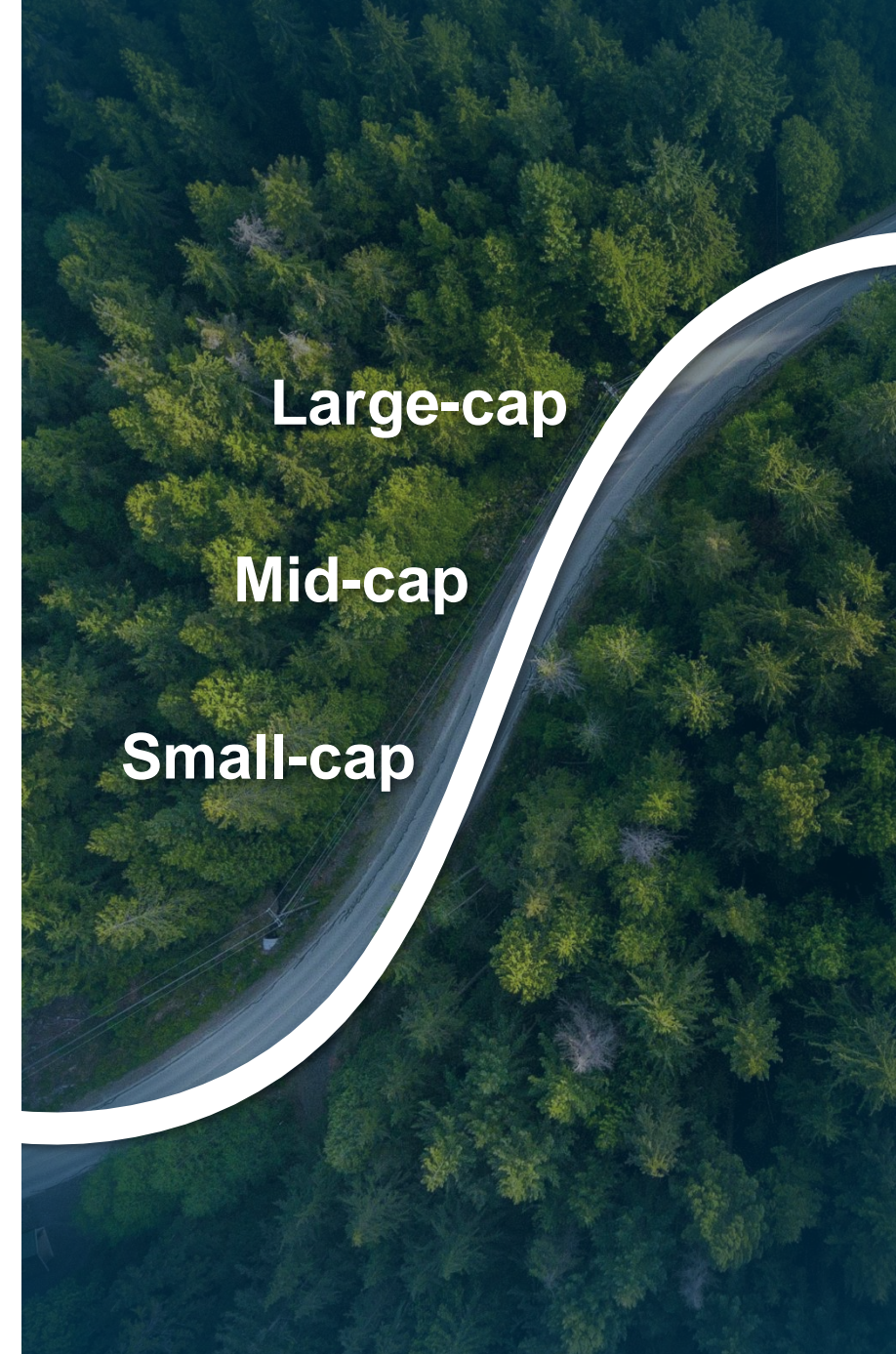
Rated against US Small-Cap Equity funds, as of 6/30/2023, based on risk-adjusted total return. Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. 1Morningstar Rankings in the US Small-Cap Equity Funds category: 22/289 and 6/172 for the 5-, and 10-year periods respectively, based on average annual total returns.

Why SMID and not just small? Better returns, lower risk

31 December 1978 to 30 June 2024

Risk and Return Characteristics of Small and SMID

	Russell 2000	Russell 2500
Annualized Return	10.9%	12.1%
Annualized Volatility	19.8%	18.5%
Return / Risk	0.55	0.66
Max Drawdown ¹	-53%	-53%
Average Drawdown	-11.5%	-10.0%



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¹ Russell 2000 and Russell 2500 Max Drawdown June 2007–February 2009.

Source: FactSet.

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² Will also provide coverage for Natural Resources—Chemicals.

³ Will also provide coverage for Large-Cap Technology.

⁴ 31 research analysts, 17 associate research analysts, 6 quantitative analysts, 6 specialty analysts, and 6 credit analysts as of 30 June 2024.

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That results in differentiated growth, margins and returns vs. peers

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At prices that generate an attractive risk/return profile given sentiment or change

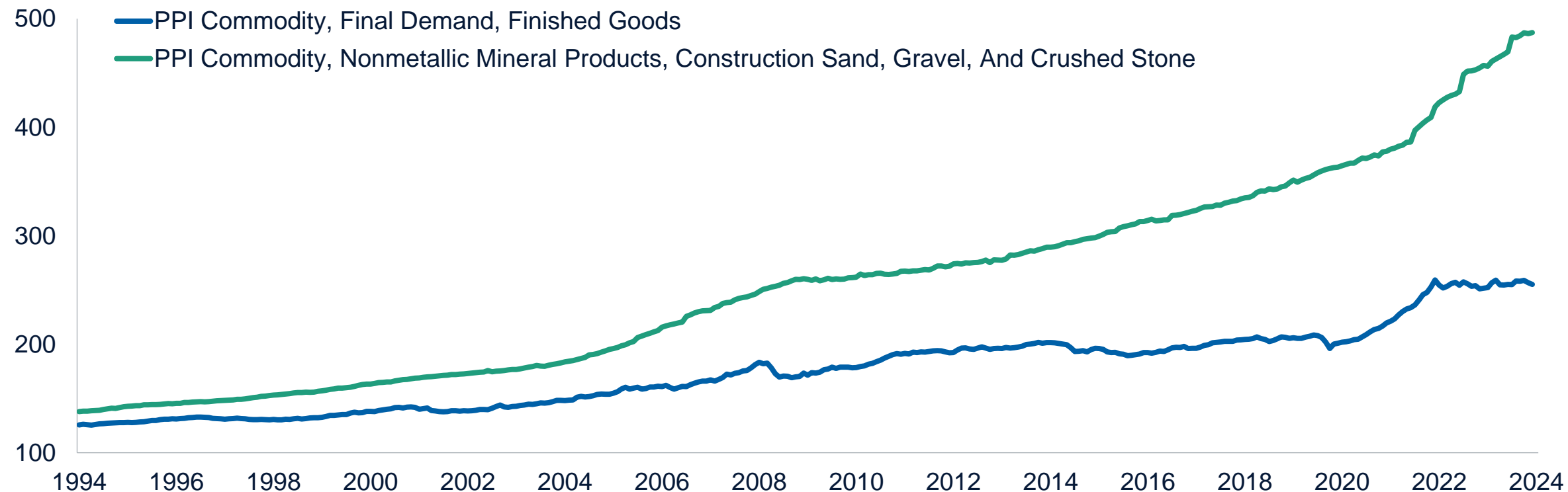


A broadly diversified portfolio that reflects the best ideas of more than 50 fundamental analysts

Vulcan Materials: Durable pricing power

June 1994 through June 2024

Long term price curve for VMC is positive



Source: FactSet.

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Vulcan Materials: Position size is dictated by forward IRR

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VMC initial purchase in U.S. Smaller Companies OEIC: May 13, 2017

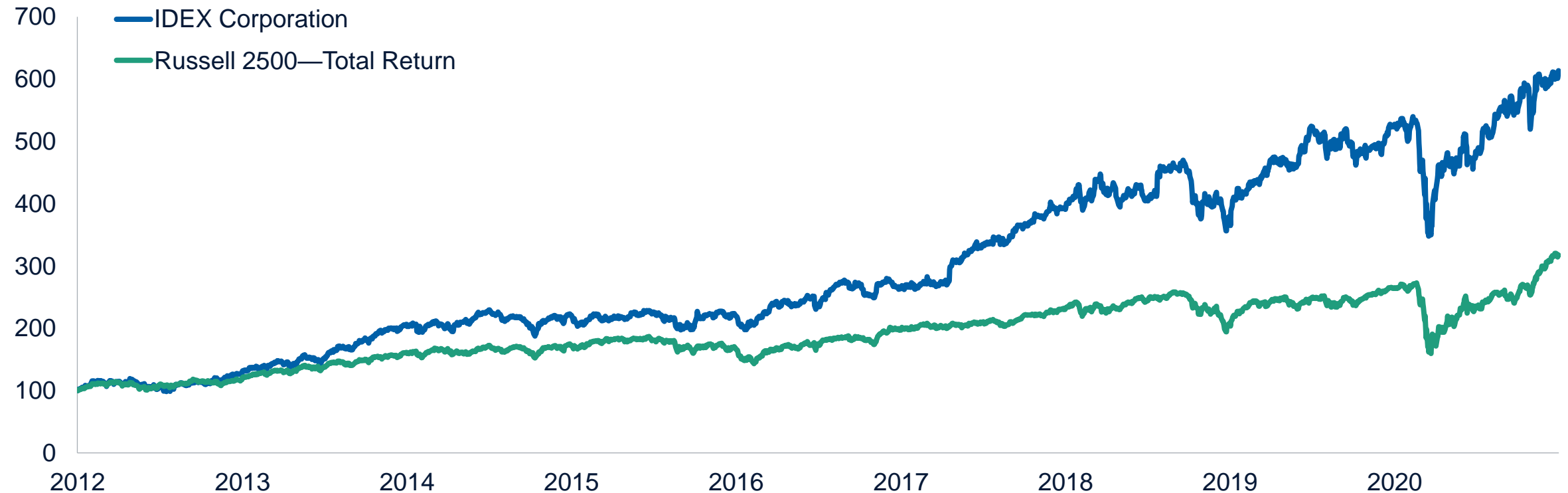


Source: FactSet.

International Paper: Management change has the potential to unlock value

Andy Silvernail Tenure at IDEX: January 2012 through December 2020

Best-in-class, proven CEO moves to a new company...



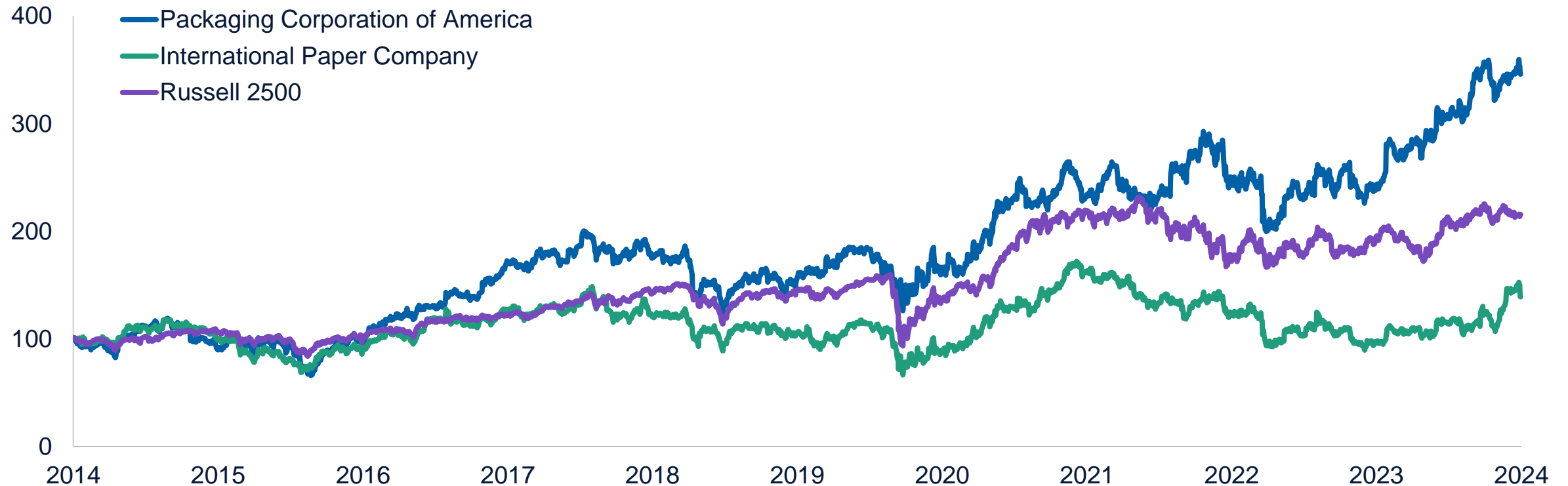
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International Paper: Deep industry knowledge illustrates the potential

Ten Years as of 30 June 2024

To a company we know well, in an industry we know well...



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T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund

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An analyst-driven best ideas portfolio that seeks to generate stock specific alpha among smaller company investments

Style-balanced

Broad range of investments spanning value to growth and consistently participating in every market sector



High Conviction

Every position represents high conviction within a universe of over 3000 potential investments



Risk-managed

Focuses on stock-specific risk and minimizing unintended macro and factor exposures

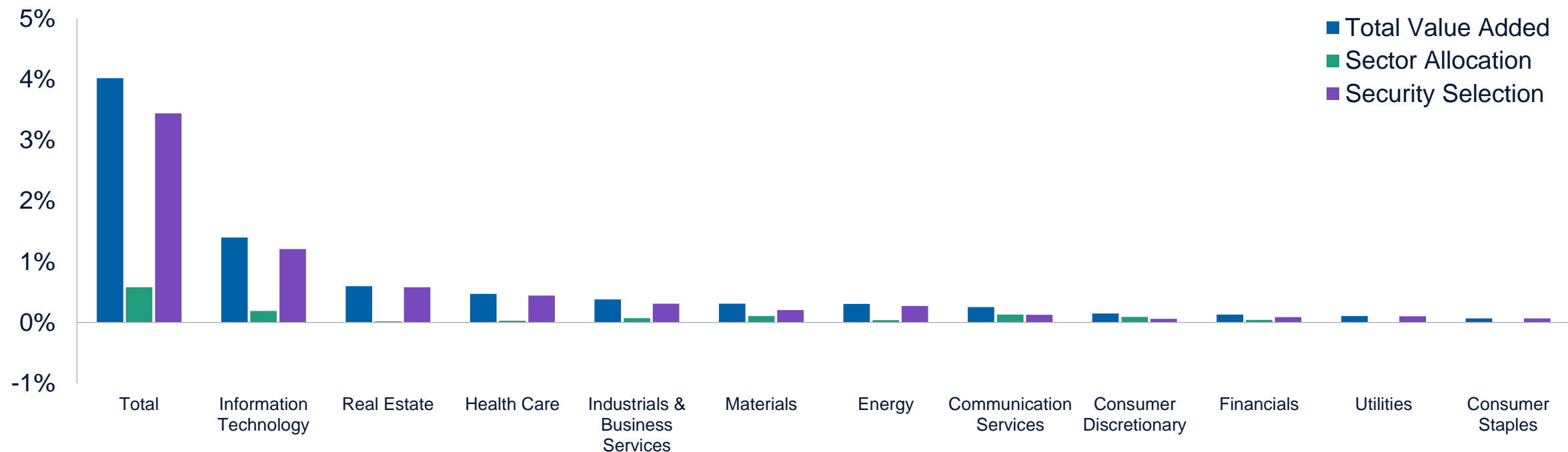
- Russell 2500 Net 30% Index
- 150–200 stocks
- Largest holdings typically <2%
- Diversified across style, market cap and sectors
- Low turnover, exploiting time horizon arbitrage

The expected investment parameters for the T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund relative to the Russell 2500 Net 30% Index and represent anticipated ranges of exposure at the time of purchase. Market fluctuations may cause actual exposure to fall outside these ranges.

Value added is primarily the result of stock selection

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Long-term Performance Attribution of T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC— U.S. Smaller Companies Fund vs. Russell 2500 Index¹



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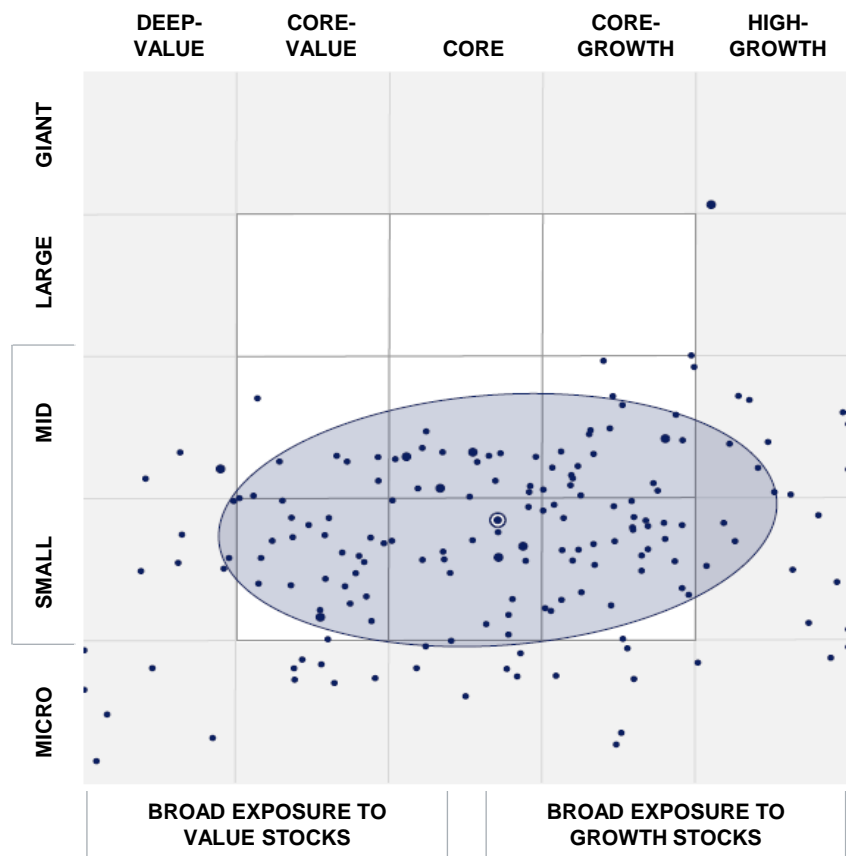
Analysis represents the total performance of the portfolio as calculated by the FactSet attribution model and is inclusive of other assets. Non-equity positions are excluded from the structure shown. Returns will not match official T. Rowe Price performance because FactSet uses different exchange rate sources and does not capture intra-day trading. Performance for each security is obtained in the local currency and, if necessary, is converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. Figures are shown with gross dividends reinvested.

Figures are shown gross of fees. Returns would be lower as a result of the deduction of such fees.

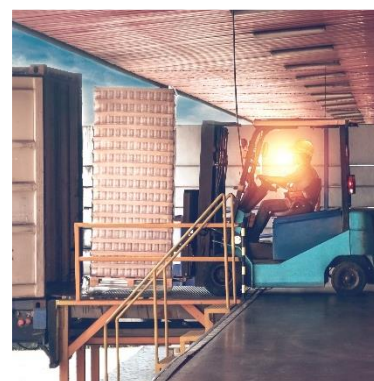
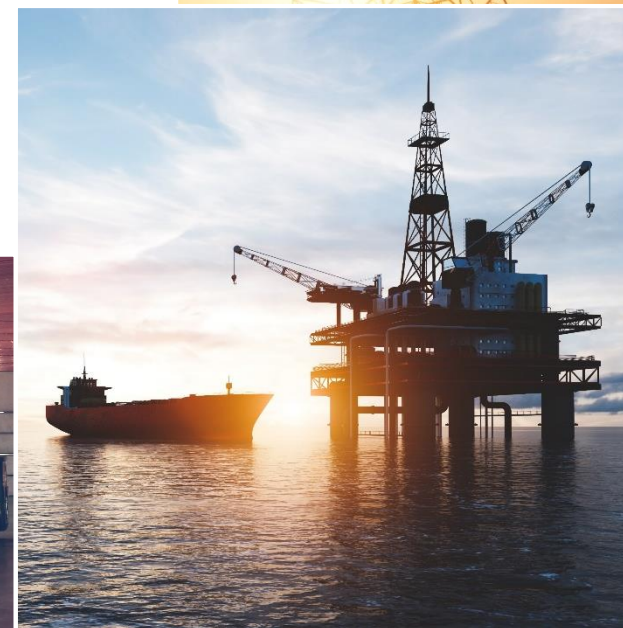
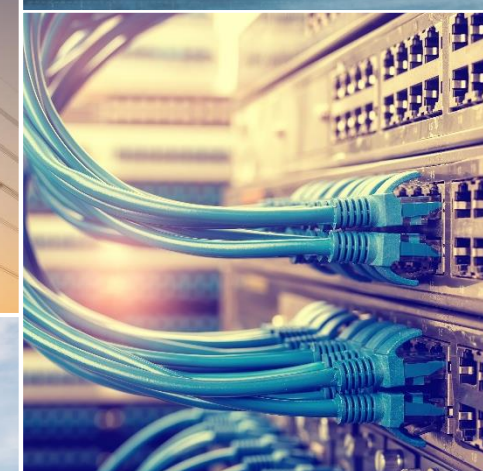
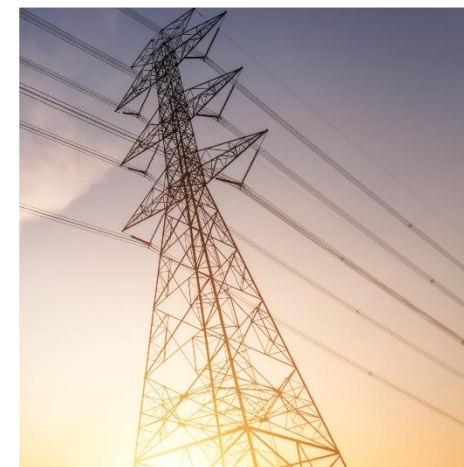
Taking full advantage of the broad opportunity set

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Morningstar holdings-based style analysis of the T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund



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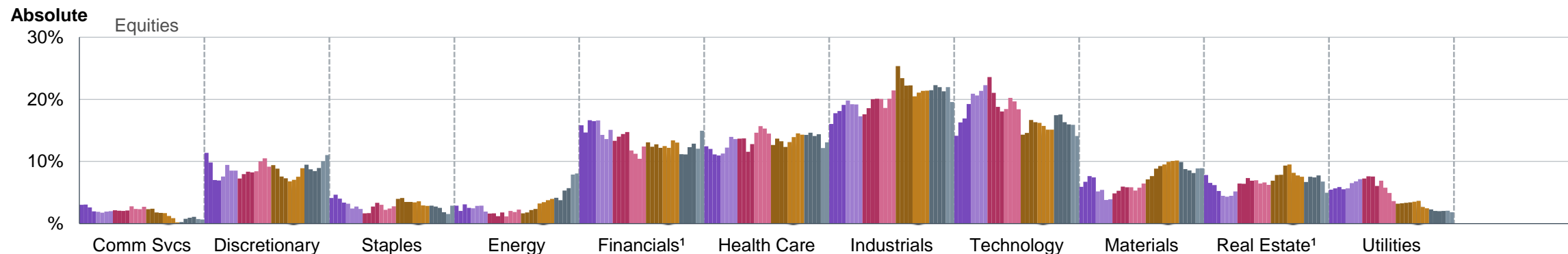


Sector weights determined by stock specific insights

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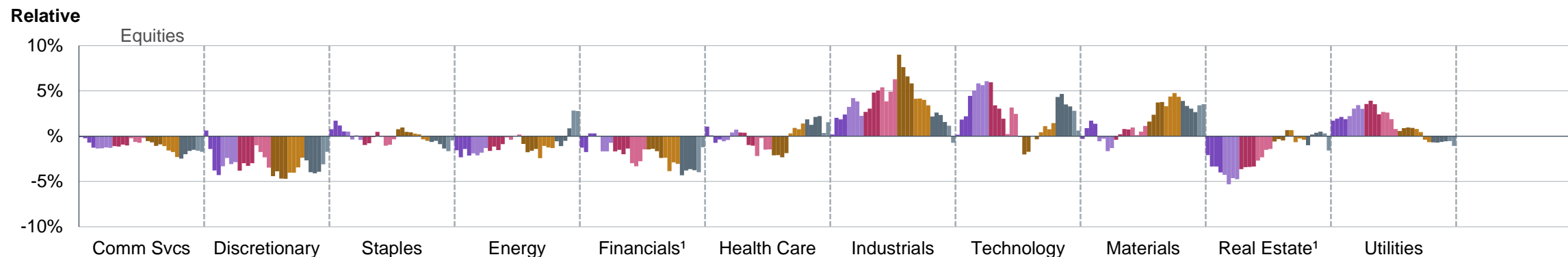
T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund Sector Weights

31 March 2017 to 30 June 2024 (Quarterly)



T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund Sector Weights Relative to Russell 2500 Index²

31 March 2017 to 30 June 2024 (Quarterly)



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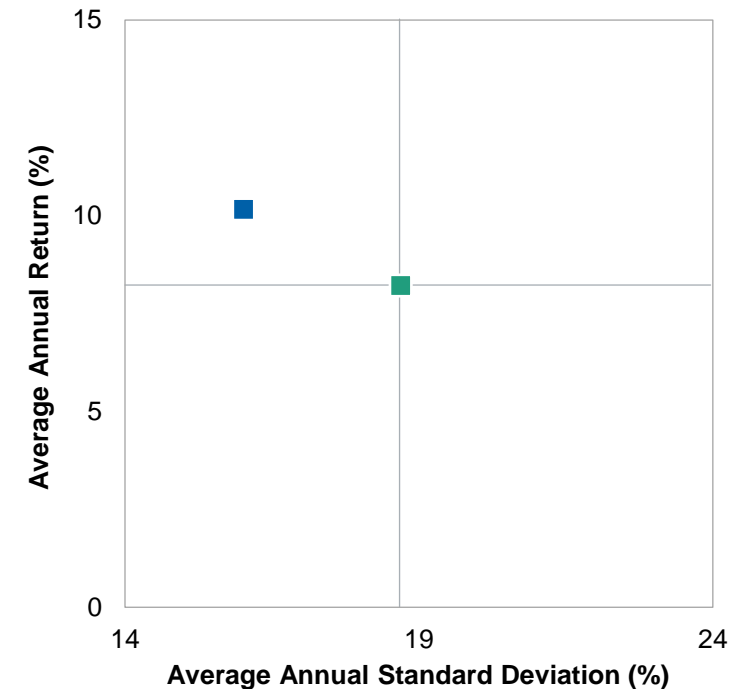
Five Years Ended 30 June 2024

Figures are Calculated in GBP

Risk/Return Characteristics

	Five Years	
	T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—US Smaller Companies Equity Fund Class C (GBP) ²	Russell 2500 Index Net 15% ^{1, 3}
Annualized Total Return	10.16%	8.22%
Annualized Standard Deviation	16.02%	18.69%
Historical Tracking Error	8.21%	0.00%
Beta	0.80	1.00
R-Squared	0.88	1.00
Alpha	2.72%	0.00%
Sharpe Ratio	0.48	0.31
Information Ratio	0.24	0.00
Upside	76.28%	—
Downside	70.12%	—

- T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—US Smaller Companies Equity Fund Class C (GBP)²
- Russell 2500 Index Net 15%¹



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¹ Index returns shown with reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes.

² Fund performance is calculated using the official net asset value with dividends reinvested, if any.

Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

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Performance

Periods Ended 30 June 2024
Figures are Calculated in GBP

T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—US Smaller Companies Equity Fund

					Annualized	
	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception 13 Mar 2017
T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—US Smaller Companies Equity Fund - Class C (GBP)	-4.41%	1.31%	11.66%	4.00%	10.16%	10.91%
Russell 2500 Index Net 15% ^Δ	-4.39	3.10	10.84	2.47	8.22	7.79
Value Added*	-0.02	-1.79	0.82	1.53	1.94	3.12
Calendar Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—US Smaller Companies Equity Fund - Class C (GBP)	-0.56%	32.83%	25.67%	16.76%	-10.16%	16.22%
Russell 2500 Index Net 15% ^Δ	-4.83	22.25	15.79	18.89	-8.30	10.53
Value Added*	4.27	10.58	9.88	-2.13	-1.86	5.69

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Source for performance: T. Rowe Price. Fund performance is calculated using the official NAV with distributions reinvested, if any. Sales charges, taxes and other locally applied costs have not been deducted and if applicable, they will reduce the performance figures.

Benchmark: Investors may use the benchmark to compare the fund's performance. The benchmark has been selected because it is similar to the investment universe used by the investment manager and therefore acts as an appropriate comparator.

The investment manager is not constrained by any country, sector and/or individual security weightings relative to the benchmark and has complete freedom to invest in securities that do not form part of the benchmark.

Index returns are calculated in GBP using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. Index returns are shown with net dividends reinvested.

^Δ Index returns shown with reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes.

* The Value Added row is shown as T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—US Smaller Companies Equity Fund - Class C minus the benchmark in the previous row.

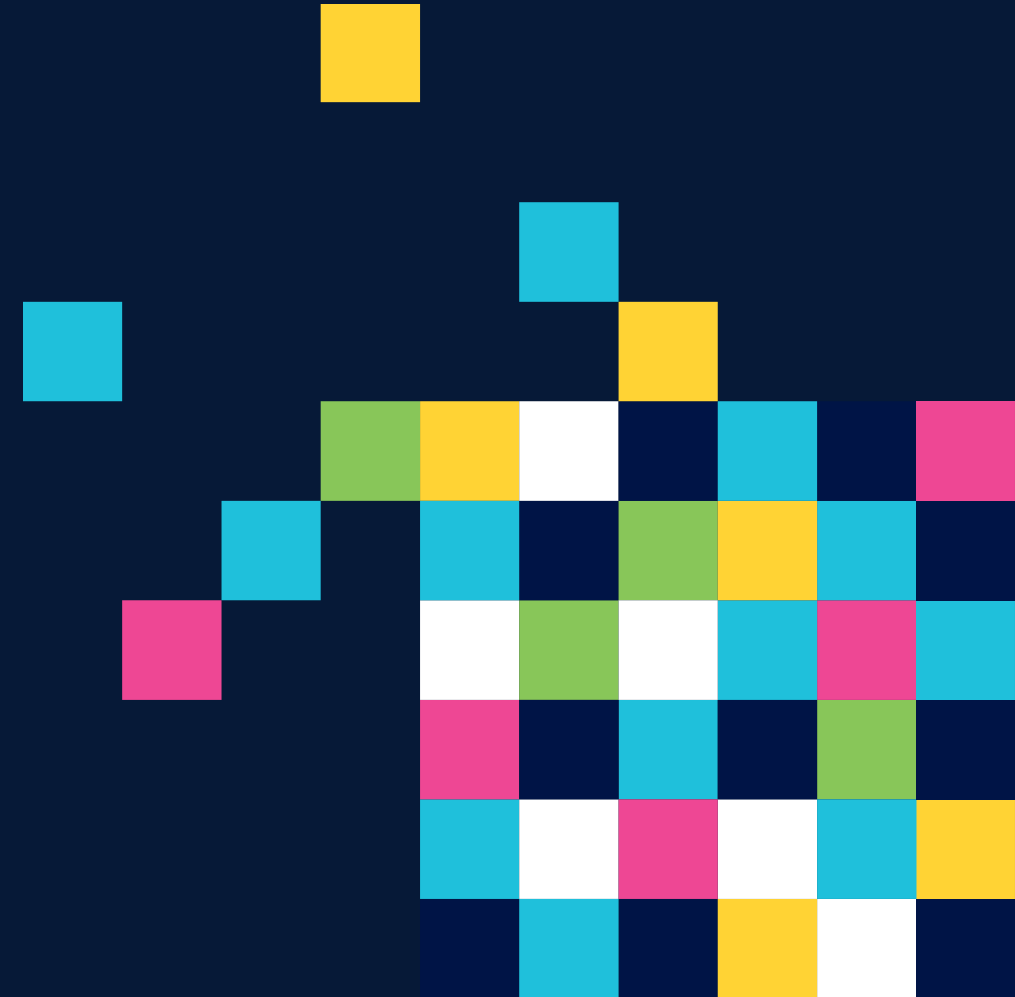
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Fund profile

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T. Rowe Price Funds OEIC—U.S. Smaller Companies Equity Fund

Fund Goal	The fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a widely diversified portfolio of shares from smaller capitalization companies in the United States, with the goal of increasing the value of its shares, over the long term, through growth in the value of its investments.
Total Strategy Assets	\$4,558.7 million USD
Strategy Launch Date	28 June 2001
Benchmark	Russell 2500 Net 30% Index
Number of Holdings	183
Individual position size	Position sizes typically range from 0.15% to 2.50%
Sector weights	Primary sector weights typically fall within +/-5% the sector weight within the benchmark

About T. Rowe Price

As of 30 June 2024



Independent investment organization founded in

1937



Number of countries with local presence

16



Number of associates worldwide

7,929



Launched New Horizons Fund in

1960



Pioneer in small-cap investing



Assets Under Management in USD¹

\$1.57 Trillion

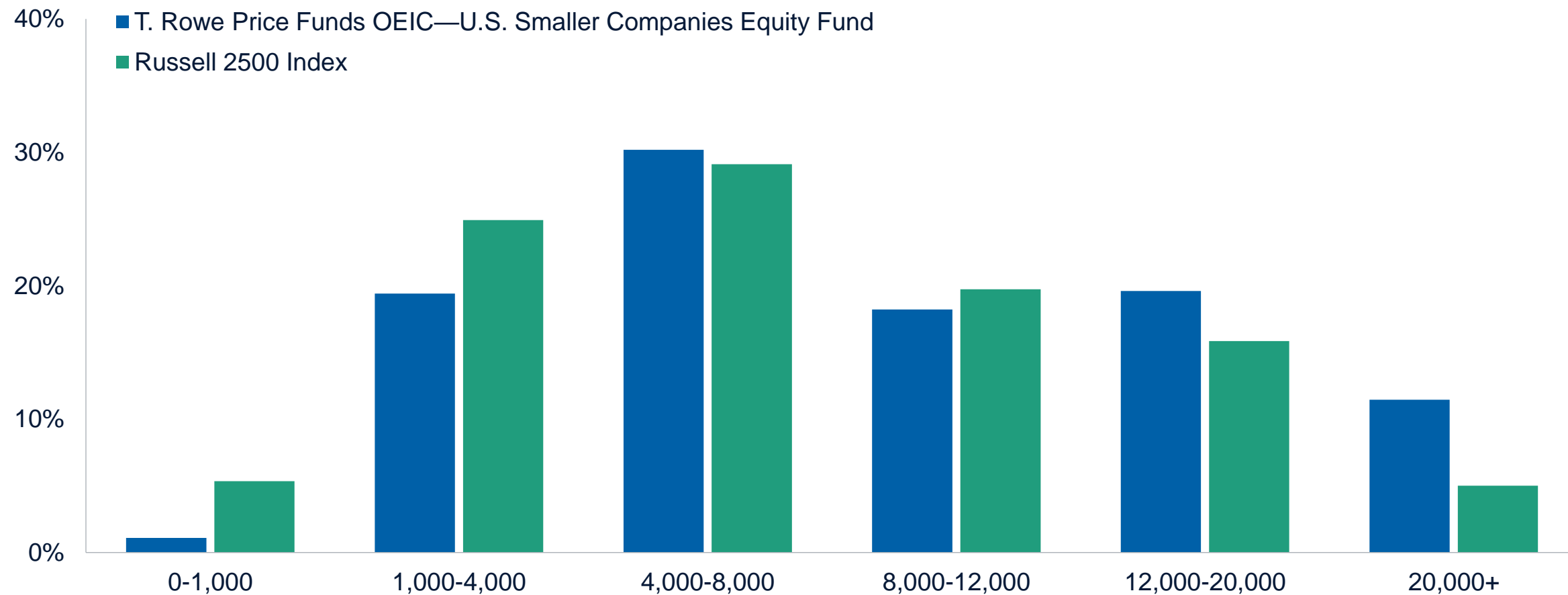
Small-cap Assets in USD¹

\$85+ Billion

¹ Firmwide AUM includes assets managed by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. and its investment advisory affiliates.

Market capitalization range

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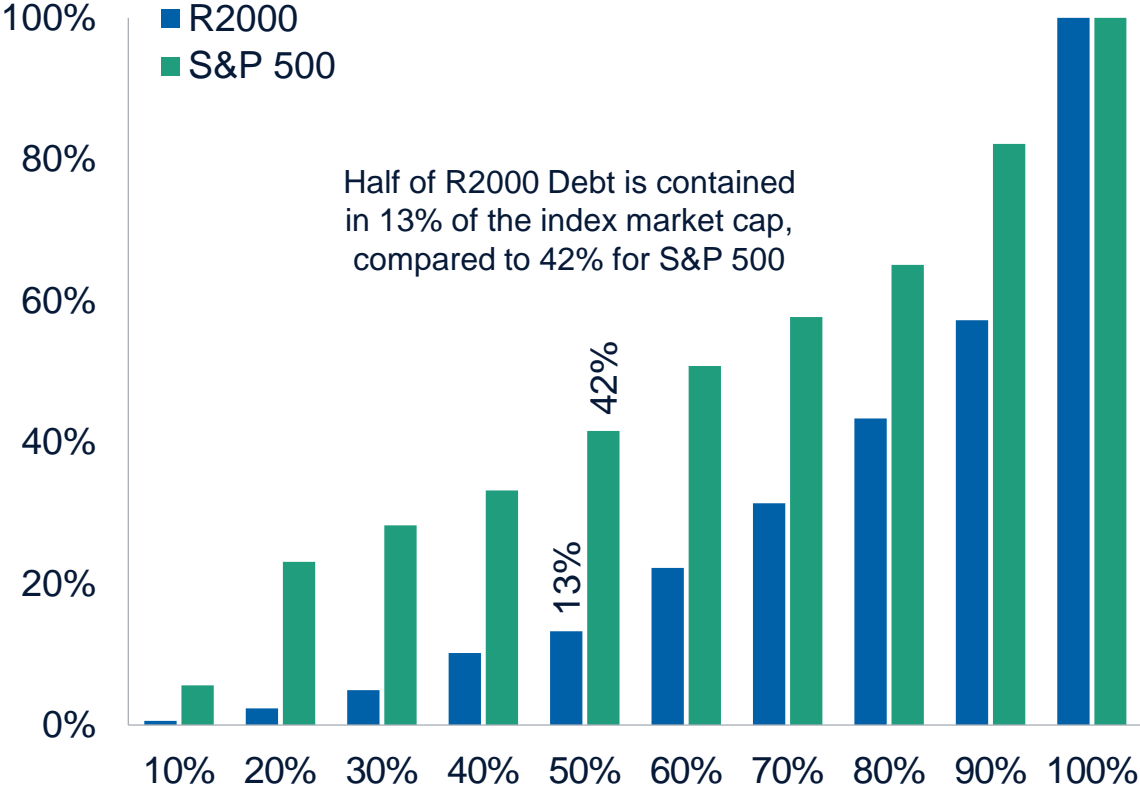
Equity holdings only.

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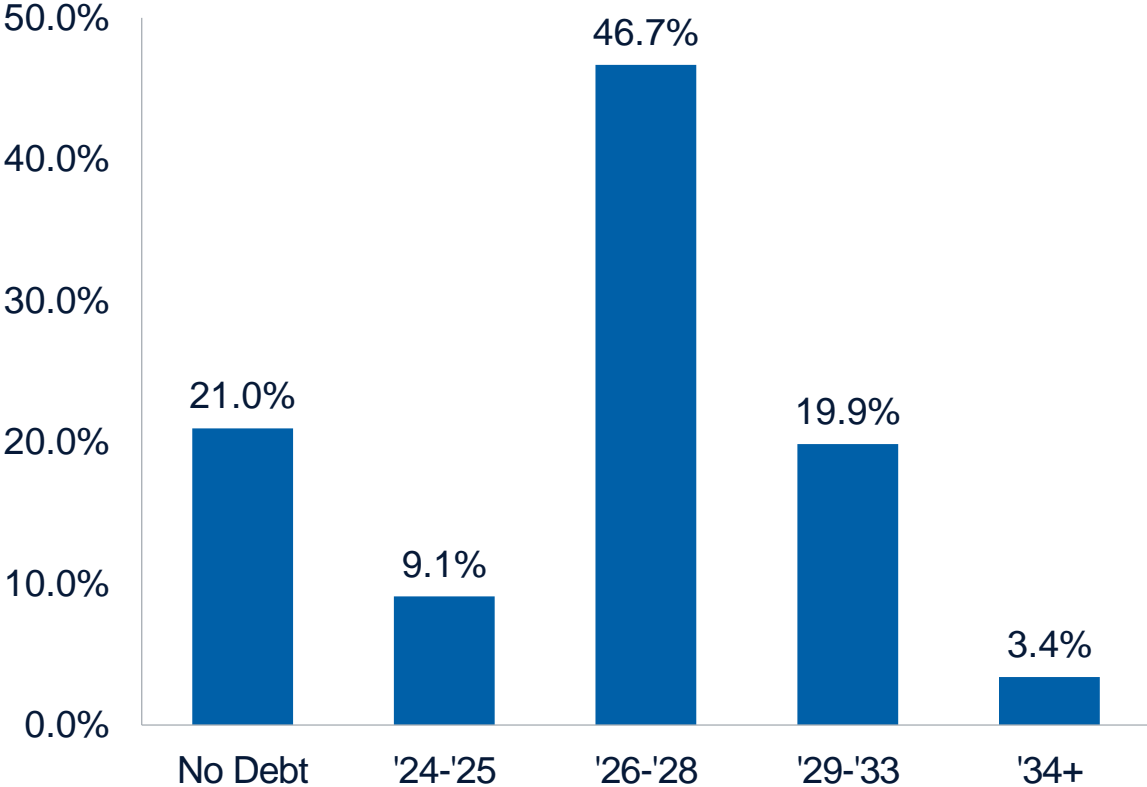
Credit market challenges may be overstated

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% Market Cap Represented by X% of Total Debt (ex-Financials and Real Estate)



Russell 2000 Weighted Average Maturity Dates (ex-Financials)

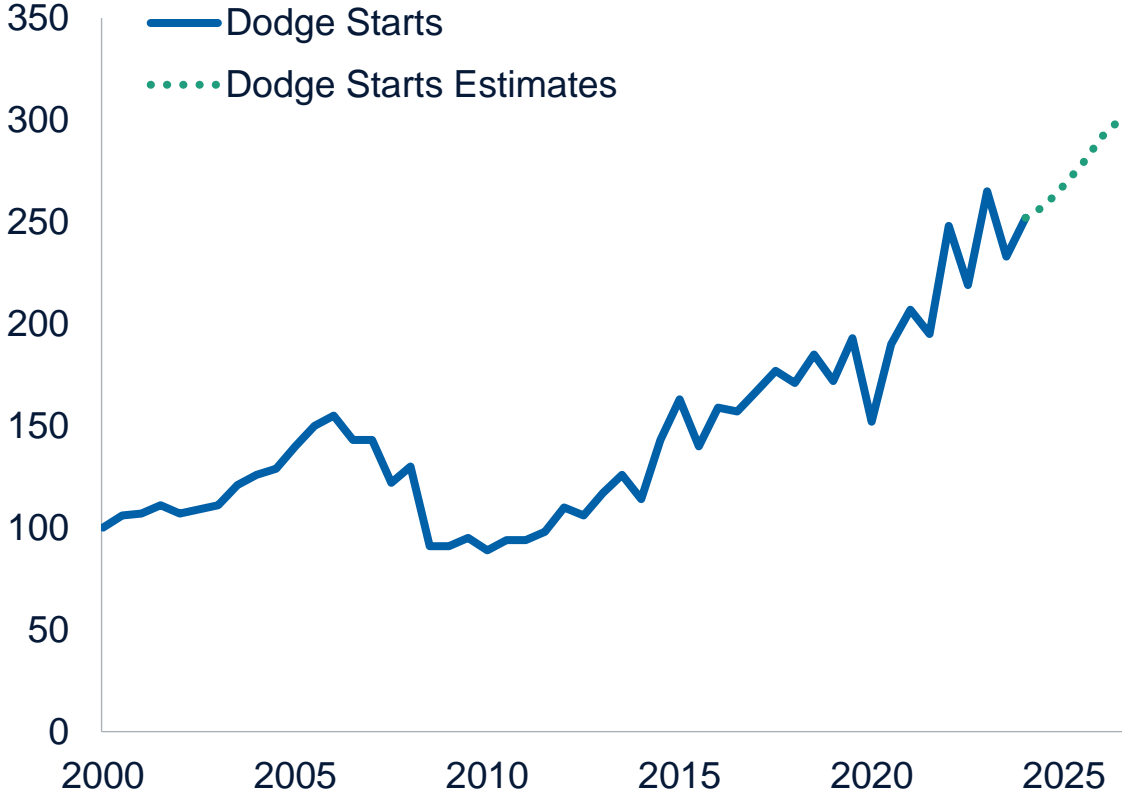


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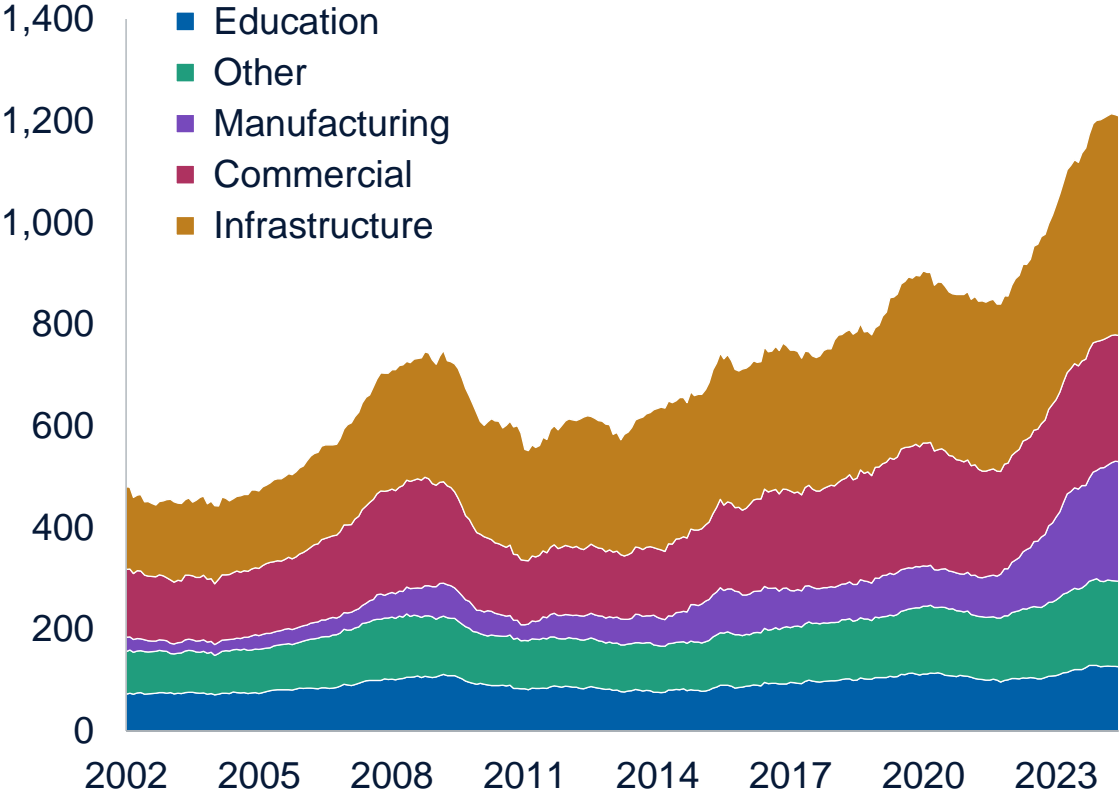
Infrastructure investment and reshoring create tailwinds

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Dodge Construction Starts



Non-Residential Construction Spending (USD Billions)

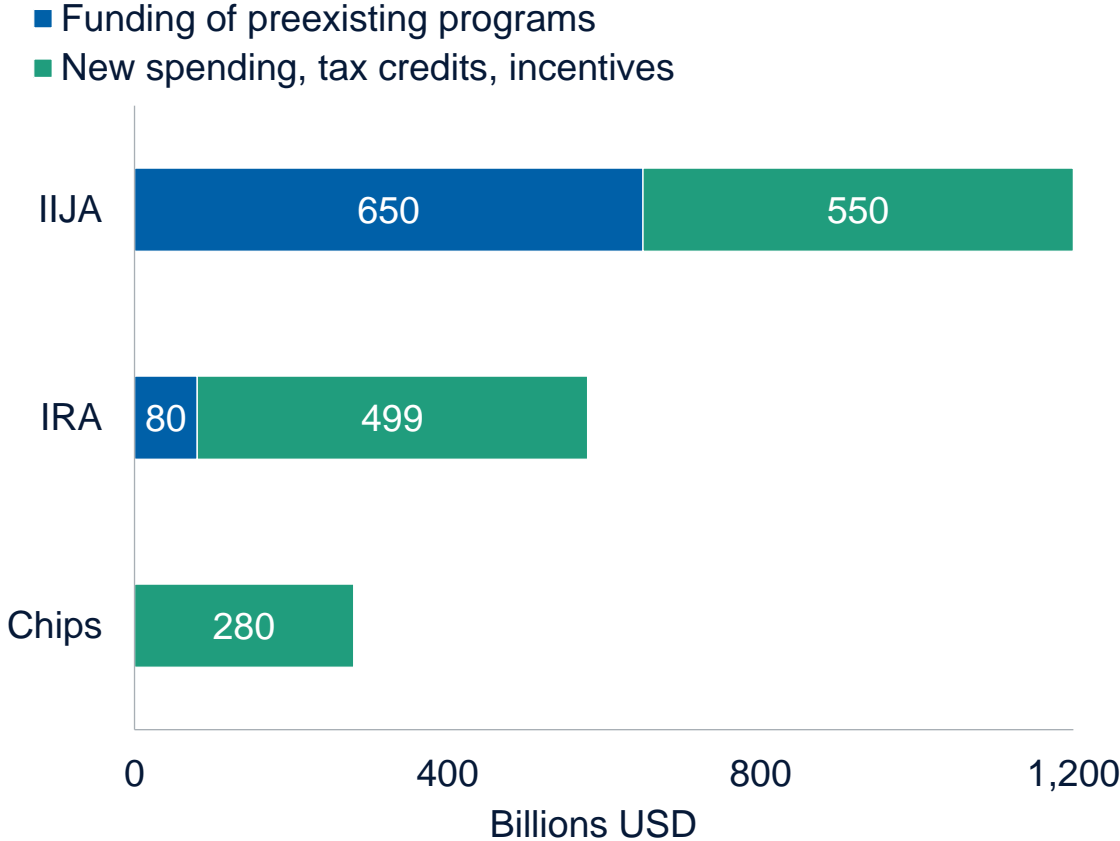


Sources: Dodge Data & Analytics, and U.S. Census Bureau.

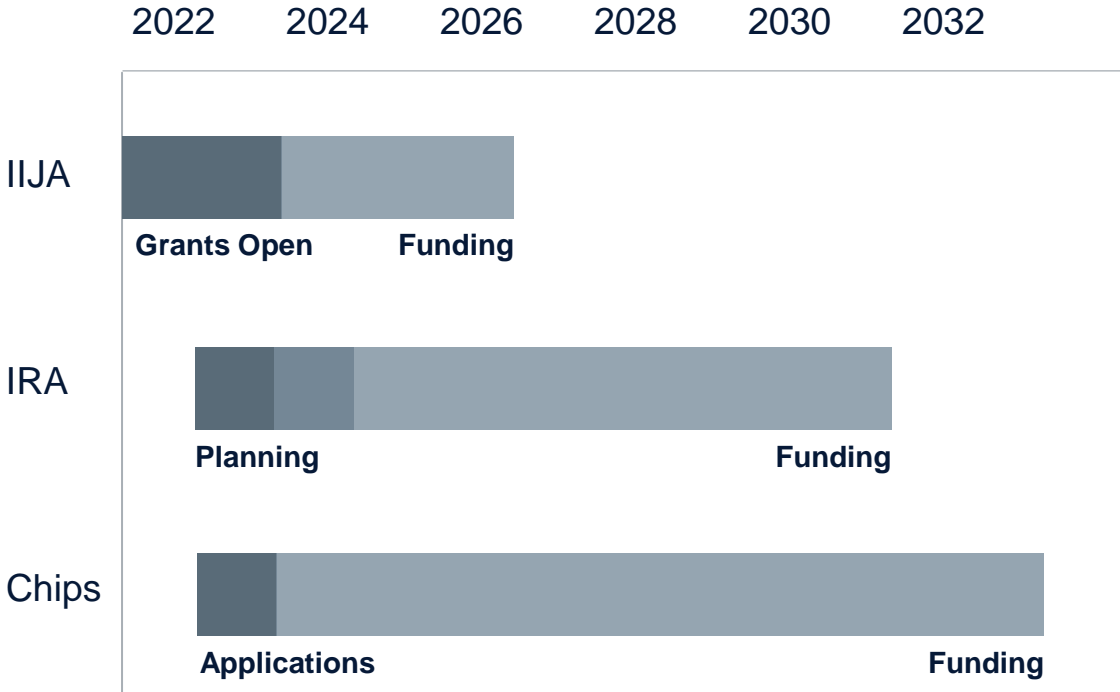
Impact of recent government initiatives still to come

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Multiple Initiatives Support Growth in the U.S.



Implementation Timeline: Funding is Just Beginning



Source: The White House, Committee for a Responsible Federal Government, Congressional Budget Office.

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Sector/industry diversification data prior to that date have not been restated.

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