

Small Cap Strategy

Van Hulzen's Small Cap Strategy seeks an attractive long term investment return through our Growth At A Reasonable "Profile" approach. We invest in stable, established small cap companies that are expanding rapidly, beating their cost of capital, and consistently beating analyst expectations for growth.

Overview

The strategy invests in strong, emerging leaders (market cap typically \$1bn-\$5bn) that exhibit the following characteristics:

- Relevant/emerging technologies
- Strong & improving cash flow ROI
- Positive earnings revisions/surprises
- Strong growth profile
- Low debt, little/no default risk
- Reasonable valuation

Portfolio Statistics

- 37 holdings (avg mkt cap: \$3.9 bn)
- Avg ROI (2025E): 19.2% vs 6.6% RUT
- Avg sales gr (5yr): 10.4% vs 10.6% RUT
- Avg default prob: 0.0% vs 2.4% RUT

Minimum Investment

\$200,000

Advisor

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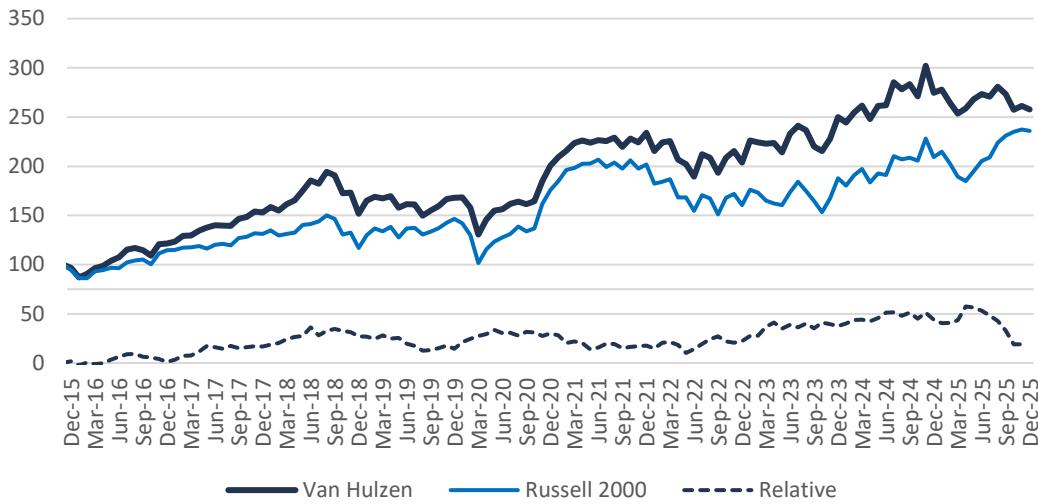
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John joined Van Hulzen Asset Mgt in 2008. He serves on the investment committee for VAM's large cap, small cap and covered call strategies. Prior to joining VAM, he was a Director in the Investment Banking division of Credit Suisse, a research analyst at HOLT Value Associates and a CPA at Arthur Andersen. Mr. Pearce holds a B.A. (Economics) from the University of Virginia and a M.S. (Accounting) from College of Charleston.

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PERFORMANCE (net of 0.70% fee)

Inception date: November 30, 2015



PERFORMANCE & RISK STATISTICS

Performance	VAM Gross	VAM Net	Russell 2000	S&P 600
Month	-1.4%	-1.4%	-0.6%	-0.1%
3 Months	-5.7%	-5.9%	2.2%	1.7%
Year To Date	-6.2%	-6.8%	12.8%	6.0%
1 Year	-6.2%	-6.8%	12.8%	6.0%
3 Years (annualized)	8.1%	7.4%	13.7%	10.4%
5 Years (annualized)	5.1%	4.4%	6.1%	7.5%
Inception (annualized)	9.8%	9.1%	8.9%	9.3%

Risk Statistics (since inception)

Standard Deviation	18.2%	20.6%	20.6%
Alpha (relative to Russell 2000)	2.3%		
Beta	0.8		
Sharpe Ratio	0.4		
Information Ratio	0.1		
Tracking Error	8.3%		
		Upside/Downside Capture	
		Up capture	92%
		Down capture	88%
		Ratio	1.1

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (as of Dec 31, 2025)

Company	Business description	Weight	Mkt Cap (\$mm)
Qualys (QLYS)	Cyber security	5.1%	4,800
Hamilton Lane (HLNE)	Investment banking	5.0%	8,500
Steris Corp (STRL)	Engineering & construction	4.4%	10,700
Progress Software (PRGS)	Open source business apps	4.1%	1,700
Applied Industrial (AIT)	Motion/fluid/power control	4.0%	10,600
Merit Medical (MMSI)	Medical supplies	4.0%	4,900
Viper Energy (VNOM)	Oil & natural gas	3.8%	3,800
Addus HomeCare (ADUS)	Personal home care & Hospice	3.7%	1,900
American States Water (AWR)	Water Utility	3.5%	2,900
SPS Commerce (SPSC)	Supply chain software	3.5%	3,400

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