# Alpha Quant® SmartALPHA® Defensive Value

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### As of Date 3/31/2025

Russell 1000 Value

US SA Large Value

strongly out-perform during periods of economic contraction through recession phases. The portfolio will typically display strong

free cash flow generation, lower debt leverage and lower valuation

multiples as compared to the benchmark and peers. The portfolio is managed to mirror the underlying SmartALPHA® Defensive Value

Index. Portfolio is driven by a rules-based process with guarterly

reconstitution and annual rebalancing to maintain the portfolio's

**Benchmark:** 

Peer Group:

**Investment Strategy** 



2023

2025

#### **Investment Growth** 400 325 250 The SmartALPHA® Defensive Value Equity Strategy aims to 175 outperform the market over a full market cycle. It is expected to 100

2015

2017

 Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Gross) - US SA Large Value



2021

2019

#### Trailing Returns

	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Ind
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Gross)	5.82	0.66	3.13	10.09	6.78	9.55
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Net)	5.54	-0.44	2.00	8.89	5.62	8.36
Russell 1000 Value	2.14	7.18	6.64	16.15	8.79	9.79
US SA Large Value	1.52	7.21	7.53	17.37	9.73	10.60
	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	202
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Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Gross)	5.82	1.33	-1.48	6.10	17.75	10.7
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Net)	5.54	0.22	-2.56	4.95	16.48	9.50
Russell 1000 Value	2.14	14.37	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.8
US SA Large Value	1.52	15.00	12.52	-5.75	26.85	6.12
	1.02	15.00	12.02	-0.70	20.00	0.12

#### **Portfolio Statistics**

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	Inv	R1000 Value
Market Cap (mil)(Wtd Avg)	69,058.73	186,923.11
Active Share(Average)	93.50	
Fwd P/E(Wtd Avg)	14.78	23.04
Dividend Yield(Wtd Avg)	2.43	2.11
Est EPS Growth (5 yr)(Wtd Avg)	15.38	10.93
ROIC(Wtd Avg)	10.18	10.40

#### **Top 10 Holdings**

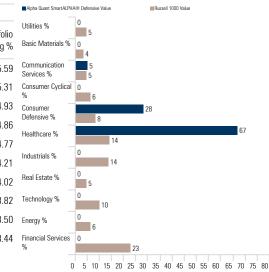
	Portfolio
	Weighting %
McKesson Corp	5.59
The Kroger Co	5.31
AT&T Inc	4.93
Cencora Inc	4.86
Gilead Sciences Inc	4.77
Cardinal Health Inc	4.21
Quest Diagnostics Inc	4.02
The Cigna Group	3.82
Molson Coors Beverage Co Shs -B- Non-Voting	3.50
Kimberly-Clark Corp	3.44

#### **Risk Statistics**

Time Period: Since Common Inception (9/1/2013) to 3/31/2025

	Inv		
	Gross	Net	R1000 Value
Std Dev	12.86	12.86	14.96
Sharpe Ratio	0.64	0.56	0.59
Alpha	2.27	1.17	0.00
Beta	0.68	0.68	1.00
Tracking Error	9.25	9.25	0.00
Up Capture Ratio	79.85	77.12	100.00
Down Capture Ratio	70.06	72.68	100.00

#### Sector Exposure Relative to Benchmark



#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

focused fundamental profile.

Inception Date	8/1/2013
% Asset in Top 10 Holdings	44.44
# of Stock Holdings	30
Turnover Ratio %	62.00
Morningstar Rating Overall	*

### **Manager Biography**

Massimo Santicchia since 8/1/2013

Perugia, Italy, B.A., Economics and Political Science US International University, M.B.A. Pace University, M.S., Investment Management

Massimo co-founded Alpha Quant in 2011. Massimo developed and launched Alpha Quant's investment strategies in 2012 with continuous composite track records. These fundamentally-based, quantitatively implemented factor strategies were originally launched covering the large-cap space, with smalland mid-cap strategies launched in 2017.

He has 25+ years of industry experience spanning fundamental equity analysis, quantitative strategy, asset allocation and portfolio management. Massimo is accomplished in designing and managing innovative investment strategies for mutual funds, unit investment trusts (UITs) and separate managed accounts (SMAs). He combines his fundamental insights with extensive experience in alpha factor discovery and evaluation and applied quantitative portfolio structuring. Past roles include: Co-Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Alpha Quant Advisors, Chief Investment Officer at Cypress Trust Company, Vice President Investment Strategy at Standard & Poor's Investment Advisory Services, and Consultant at Goldman Sachs and Credit Suisse. Massimo earned a MS in Investment Management from Pace University, MBA from Alliant University, and BS Economics and Political Science from University of Perugia (Italy).

Katherine Gallagher since 8/1/2013

Fordham University, B.S., Business Administration

Katherine Gallagher co-founded Alpha Quant in 2011, co-launching Alpha Quant's investment strategies in 2012 with continuous composite track records. Katherine designs client solutions and manages accounts for individual investors and foundations at Procvon Partners.

She has over 20 years of industry experience spanning multi-asset and equity portfolio management, manager selection and asset allocation. She has managed asset-allocated ETF, mutual fund, and multi-asset portfolios combining proprietary equity strategies with these vehicles since 2003. Katherine is adept at applying these skills across various client channels ranging from global financial services firms to independent channels. Past roles include: Co-Founder and Senior Portfolio Manager of Alpha Quant Advisors, Senior Portfolio Manager at Cypress Trust Company, Senior Portfolio Officer, Chair Investment Selection Committee at Standard & Poor's Investment Advisory Services. Katherine earned a BS with Global Designation from Fordham University, Gabelli School of Business.

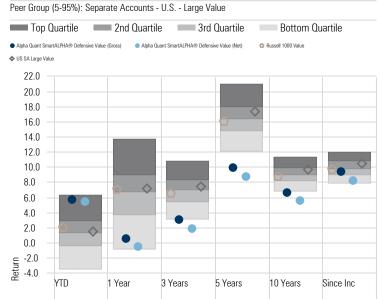
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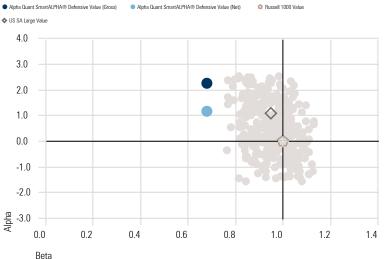
#### **Trailing Returns**



#### **Risk-Reward**

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Peer Group (5-95%): Separate Accounts - U.S. - Large Value



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