Alpha Quant® SmartALPHA® Defensive Value

As of Date 9/30/2025

Benchmark: Russell 1000 Value

Peer Group: US SA Large Value

Investment Strategy

The SmartALPHA® Defensive Value Equity Strategy aims to outperform the market over a full market cycle. It is expected to 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 quarterly reconstitution and annual rebalancing to maintain the portfolio's focused fundamental profile.

Portfolio Characteristics

Inception Date	8/1/2013
% Asset in Top 10 Holdings	42.67
# of Stock Holdings	30
Turnover Ratio %	73.00
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

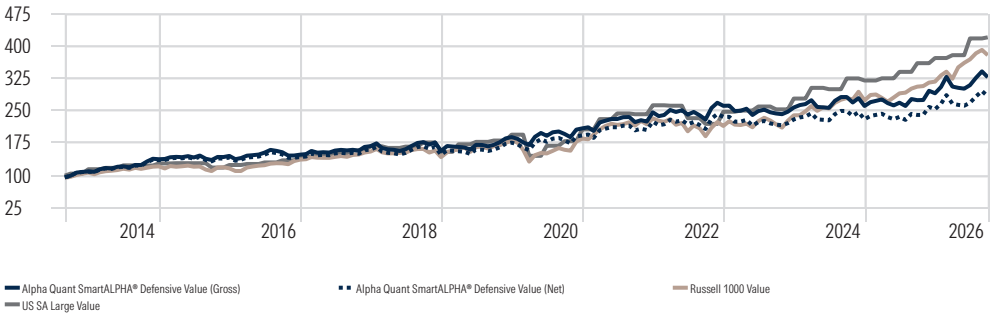
Massimo co-founded Alpha Quant in 2011. Massimo developed and launched Alpha Quant's investment strategies in 2012 with continuous composite track records. These fundamentally-based, quantitatively implemented factor strategies were originally launched covering the large-cap space, with small- and mid-cap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

Investment Growth



Trailing Returns

	3 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inc
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Gross)	5.94	19.32	10.37	7.93	7.84	9.83
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Net)	5.66	18.03	9.17	6.75	6.66	8.64
Russell 1000 Value	2.61	23.81	20.07	11.92	11.43	11.16
US SA Large Value	0.64	16.46	18.28	11.64	11.95	11.48

Calendar Year Returns

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Gross)	12.78	11.28	1.33	-1.48	6.10	17.75
Alpha Quant SmartALPHA® Defensive Value (Net)	11.86	10.07	0.22	-2.56	4.95	16.48
Russell 1000 Value	19.27	15.91	14.37	11.46	-7.54	25.16
US SA Large Value	12.72	16.19	15.00	12.52	-5.75	26.85

Portfolio Statistics

As of Date: 9/30/2026

	Inv	R1000 Value
Market Cap (mil)(Wtd Avg)	72,484.25	879,342.12
Active Share(Average)	95.42	
Fwd P/E(Wtd Avg)	18.20	27.05
Dividend Yield(Wtd Avg)	2.01	1.60
Est EPS Growth (5 yr)(Wtd Avg)	9.39	12.85
ROIC(Wtd Avg)	0.10	0.18

Risk Statistics

Time Period: Since Common Inception (9/1/2013) to 9/30/2026

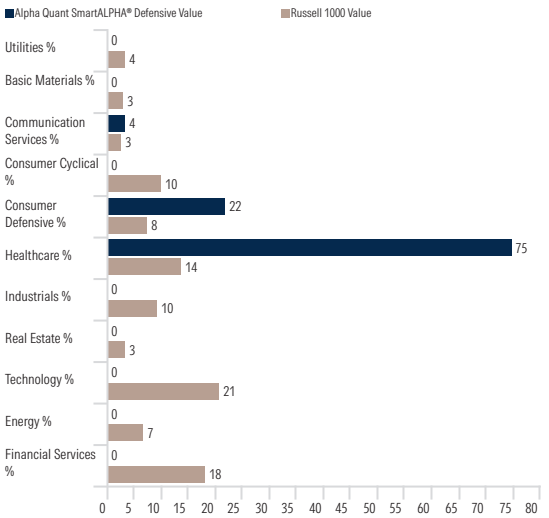
	Inv		R1000 Value
	Gross	Net	
Std Dev	13.07	13.07	14.53
Sharpe Ratio	0.63	0.55	0.67
Alpha	1.61	0.51	0.00
Beta	0.69	0.69	1.00
Tracking Error	9.64	9.64	0.00
Up Capture Ratio	79.27	76.47	100.00
Down Capture Ratio	73.38	75.99	100.00

Top 10 Holdings

Portfolio Date: 9/30/2026

	Portfolio Weighting %
Gilead Sciences Inc	5.22
Centene Corp	4.76
Biogen Inc	4.49
Incyte Corp	4.21
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	4.15
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co	4.07
Merck & Co Inc	4.06
Viatris Inc	4.06
Quest Diagnostics Inc	3.97
Cardinal Health Inc	3.68

Sector Exposure Relative to Benchmark



Source: Morningstar Direct

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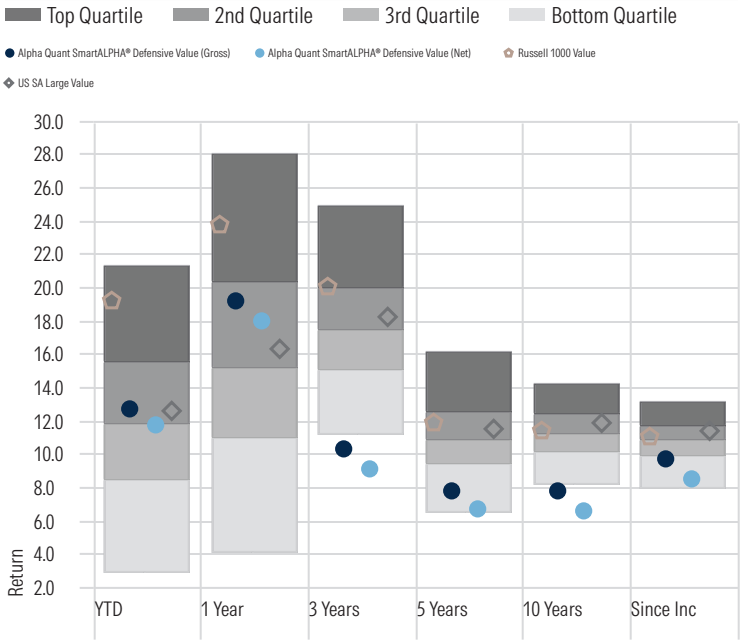
Trailing Returns

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



Risk-Reward

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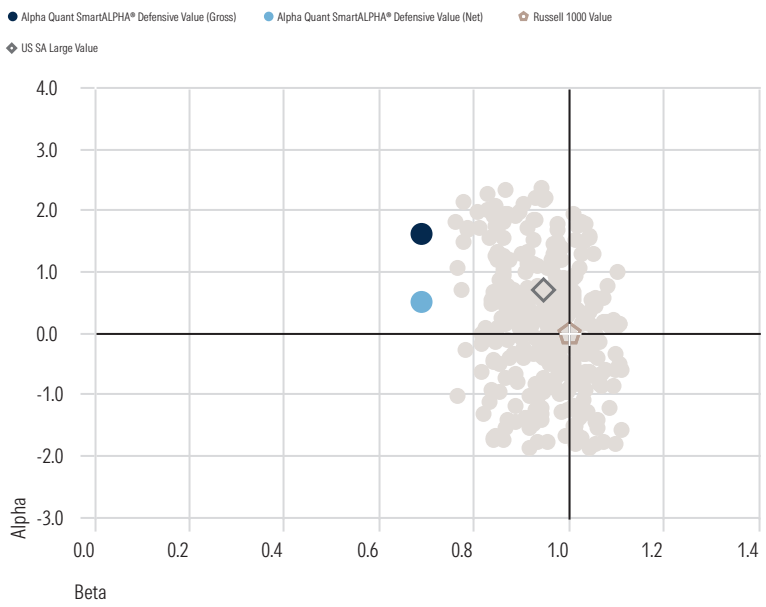

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Source: Morningstar Direct