Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index
Reporting Date: 31 December 2023
Composite Inception Date: 01 August 2015
Reporting Currency: Pound Sterling

Composite Description

The composite returns represent the total returns of all fully discretionary portfolios with a US Systematic Small Cap Equity mandate. The Lazard US Systematic Small Cap Equity strategy seeks to generate strong relative returns over a full market cycle by combining fundamental insights and quantitative techniques into a fully systematic process. The number of security holdings in a portfolio may have a material impact on portfolio performance.

Calculation of Performance Returns

Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request. The composite returns are reported net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains. The composite returns presented represent past performance and is not a reliable indicator of future results, which may vary. A complete list and description of all Lazard composites and pooled funds is available upon request. Performance data prior to June 2019 represents the strategy managed by the Systematic team at a prior firm and comprise substantially of all the investment decision makers of that team. The Systematic team employs a substantially similar investment strategy to manage this US Systematic Small Cap strategy as it did at its prior firm.

Fee Schedule

Lazard's standard fee schedule for US Systematic Small Cap Equity accounts is 0.75% on the first $100 million and 0.60% on the balance. (This fee schedule may be presented in non-U.S. local currency equivalents based on prevailing exchange rates.) The management fee for the pooled fund is 1.00% and a 0.30% fund expense. Actual account fees, inclusive of performance-based fees and VAT (if applicable) are used in the construction of composite net of fee performance unless otherwise noted. Net of fee performance for any fund in this composite is net of the strategy fee and any operational expenses the fund may incur.

Benchmark Information

The Russell 2000 Index is a small-cap stock market index of the bottom 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000 Index. The index is maintained by FTSE Russell, a subsidiary of the London Stock Exchange Group.

GIPS Compliance and Verification Status

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	Calendar								
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Aug 15 - Dec 15
Lazard Rate of Return (%; Gross of Fees)	14.01	-5.14	33.19	17.23	18.87	-5.09	5.90	53.56	6.02
Lazard Rate of Return (%; Net of Fees)	13.17	-5.89	31.86	16.01	17.65	-6.09	4.81	51.98	5.56
Benchmark (%; Rate of Return)	10.33	-10.41	15.88	16.26	20.68	-5.48	4.72	44.70	-2.26
Composite Standard Deviation Gross (3-yr. Ann.)	15.45	21.11	19.51	22.15	14.25	14.07	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benchmark Standard Deviation (3-yr. Ann.)	17.09	21.72	19.66	22.13	14.25	14.82	N/A	N/A	N/A
# of Portfolios	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Composite Dispersion Gross (Asset Wtd. Std. Dev.)	0.60	0.56	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Composite Assets (GBP Millions)	34.9	23.8	6.7	2.9	4.5	6.0	6.4	0.2	0.1
Total Firm Assets (GBP Billions)	149.6	140.5	164.0	155.9	155.1	139.1	152.8	135.9	108.6