# OUSMX Index Overview Q3 2024

# **OUSMX Index Summary**

#### Starting Universe: 2500 Small/Mid-Cap U.S. stocks (by mkt cap)

Scoring: Quality, Volatility and Yield Selection & Weighting: Select ~100 by score adjusted mkt cap

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~100 Quality Small/Mid-Cap Dividend Companies

#### Quality

- Profitability (ROA)
- Leverage (Net-Debt-to-EBITDA)
- Dividend Quality
  - Dividend Growth (5-year)
  - Dividend Coverage

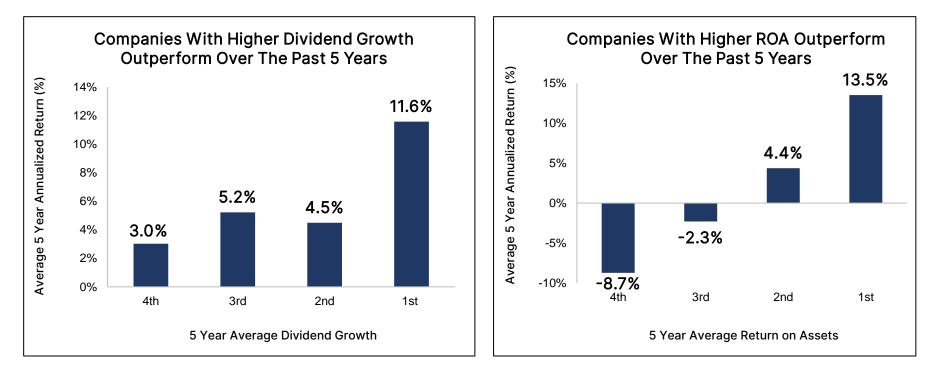
#### Volatility

- 5-year weekly standard deviation Yield
- TTM regular cash dividends

#### Risk controls:

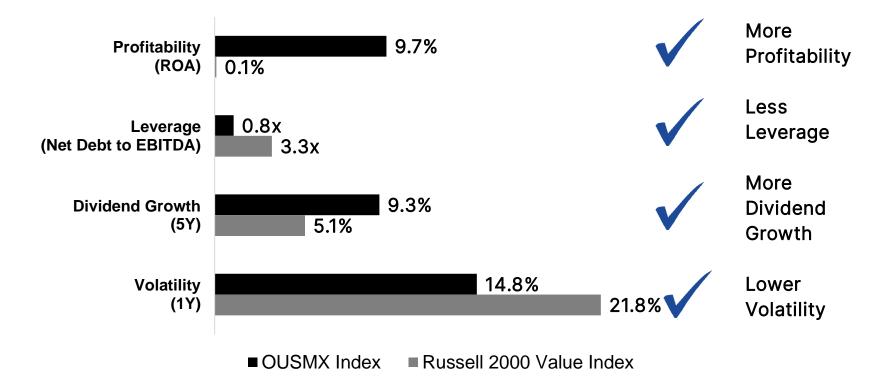
- 2% single stock cap
- Sector weighting and count limits

# Dividend Quality & Profitability: Potential Key to Finding Winners



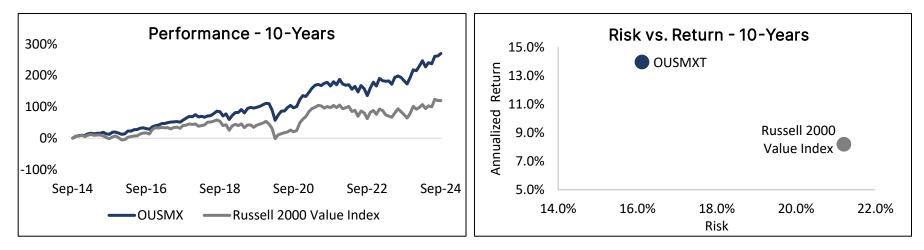
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Data as of 03/31/2024. ROA: Return on Assets. Companies in the Russell 2000 Index.

### Index Portfolio Metrics



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Data as of 09/30/2024. OUSMX Index: O'Shares U.S. Small-Cap Quality Dividend Total Return Index.

### Index Performance and Risk Metrics

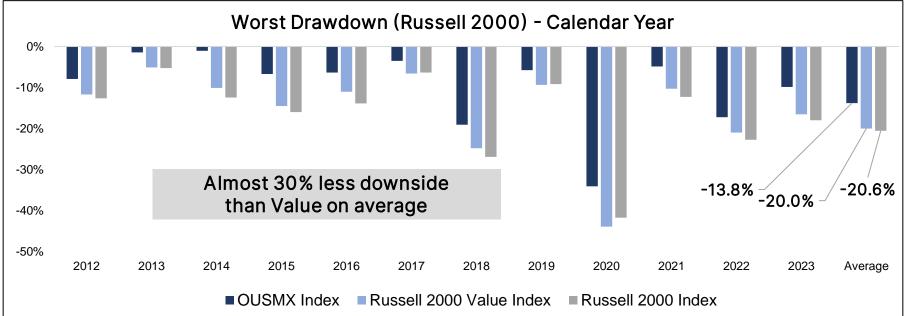


		Perfo	Risk Metrics (10Y)				
	1	3	5	10	S/I	Volatility	Return/Risk
OUSMX Index	30.5%	11.6%	13.3%	14.0%	12.3%	16.1%	0.87
Russell 2000 Value Index	25.9%	3.7%	9.2%	8.2%	7.2%	21.2%	0.39

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Data from 12/31/2011 - 09/30/2024. OUSMX Index: O'Shares U.S. Small-Cap Quality Dividend Total Return Index. The performance data presented with respect to the O'Shares U.S. Small-Cap Quality Dividend Total Return Index (the "Index") prior to 05/22/2020 represents pre-inception index performance data ("PIP data") to illustrate how the Index may have performed had it been in existence prior to 05/22/2020. PIP data is based on a criteria applied retroactively with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected its performance and cannot account for all financial risk that may affect the actual performance. While an investor cannot invest directly in the Index, for purposes of showing the PIP data herein, all PIP information represents the Index information. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

# Historical Risk Scenarios

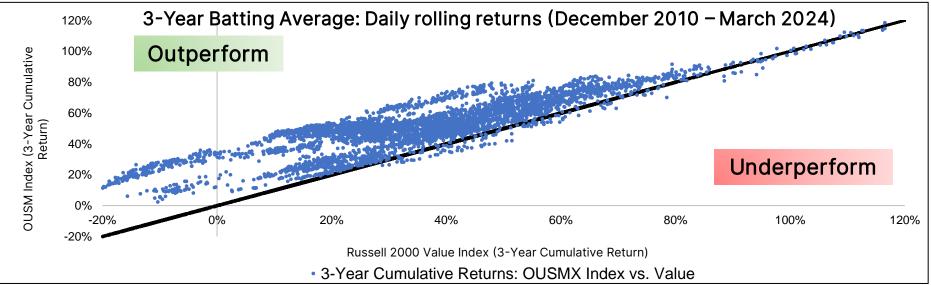
Calendar Year Stress Events: OUSMX Index vs. Russell 2000 Value and Russell 2000



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### 3-Year Batting Average: OUSMX Index vs. Value

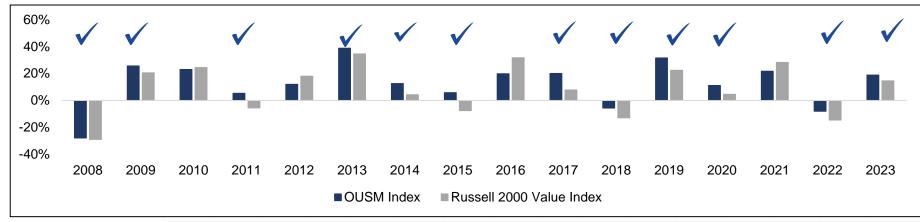
# Any 3-year holding period: OUSMX Index outperformed Russell 2000 Value 95% of the time



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#### Index Calendar Year Returns

Index Calendar Year Returns: OUSMX Index vs. Russell 2000 Value



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OUSMX Index	-27.4%	26.1%	23.4%	5.8%	12.4%	39.3%	13.0%	6.2%	20.2%	20.6%	-5.1%	32.1%	11.6%	22.1%	-7.5%	18.9%
Russell 2000 Value Index	-29.0%	20.5%	24.5%	-5.5%	18.1%	34.5%	4.2%	-7.5%	31.7%	7.8%	-12.9%	22.4%	4.6%	28.2%	-14.5%	14.6%

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### Sector Allocation

Sector	OUSMX	Russell 2000 Value	+/-
Industrials	23.0%	12.6%	10.4%
Financials	22.5%	29.7%	-7.2%
Consumer Discretionary	18.9%	9.3%	9.7%
Information Technology	14.7%	5.9%	8.8%
Health Care	9.4%	9.2%	0.2%
Consumer Staples	4.9%	2.1%	2.8%
Utilities	3.6%	5.0%	-1.3%
Communication Services	2.9%	3.5%	-0.6%
Real Estate	0.0%	10.7%	-10.7%
Energy	0.0%	7.0%	-7.0%
Materials	0.0%	5.2%	-5.2%
Total	100%	100%	0%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Data as of 11/13/2024.

# Index and Financial Terms

1st Quartile: Contains the top 25% of companies in the Russell 2000 based on average 5-year dividend growth / ROA 2nd Quartile: Contains the top 25%-50% of companies in the Russell 2000 based on average 5-year dividend growth / ROA 3rd Quartile: Contains the top 50%-75% of companies in the Russell 2000 based on average 5-year dividend growth / ROA 4th Quartile: Contains the bottom 25% of companies in the Russell 2000 based on average 5-year dividend growth / ROA

Dividend Growth 5Y: Growth rate over five years in net dividend per share.

Leverage: An investment strategy of using borrowed money —specifically, the use of various financial instruments or borrowed capital—to increase the potential return of an investment.

Net Debt to EBITDA: Measure computes the company's ability to pay off its debt by utilizing the earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA).

Profitability (ROA): Indicator of how profitable a company is relative to its Total assets, in percentage. Calculated as (Trailing 12M Net Income/ Average Total Assets). Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Russell 2000 Value Index. Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

Russell 2000: Represented by Russell 2000 Index. The Russell 2000 is comprised of the smallest 2000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index, representing approximately 8% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization.

Upside/Downside Capture Ratio: Measure to demonstrate relative performance against a broad benchmark during periods of market strength or weakness. Reference benchmark: Russell 2000. Performance is measured as mean return.

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