# Davis All-Cap SMA Portfolio

Winter Update 2025

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## **Portfolio Commentary**

### **Key Takeaways**

- The U.S. stock market delivered another strong performance in 2024 with the S&P 1500 Index returning 23.95% over the period.
- The bull market in stocks and U.S. economic expansion remain in place despite repeated predictions from certain strategists of an imminent reversal in both. However, the S&P 1500 Index has become increasingly concentrated in high-valuation stocks, which present risks.
- In this environment, Davis All-Cap SMA portfolio is unique in that it represents a select list of high-conviction ideas that have delivered stronger earnings growth than the benchmark at a far lower valuation. We believe the portfolio is attractively positioned on multiple fronts.

# Market Perspectives: Concentration Risk

In the most recent economic readings, U.S. gross domestic product is growing at 3.1% while the inflation rate has moderated to 2.9%. Inflation is not quite at the Federal Reserve's target level of 2% but the Fed has nonetheless seen reason to adopt a slightly more accommodative posture than was the case during the COVID and post-COVID periods.

Unemployment is hovering at slightly above 4%, which is an indication of a relatively tight labor market, and consumer spending has remained resilient. This is despite repeated pronouncements over the last several years from certain strategists that the current bull market in stocks and the U.S. economic expansion were due for imminent reversal. Those predictions have not materialized and we believe that both the markets and the economy appear sound relative to history.

It is worth noting at the same time that the S&P 1500 Index has become increasingly concentrated in high-valuation stocks, particularly in the technology sector, and this does present risks. That said, investors have no obligation to own the S&P 1500 Index as currently constituted. It is, after all, an index *portfolio* and not the entire market of available opportunities. We advise clients to look beyond the so-called Magnificent Seven stocks to identify attractive businesses whose valuations remain far more reasonable.

In this regard, the market is offering a meaningful number of different options. Some of these appear far more attractive to us than others, and it is up to investment managers and investors to choose from them in a conscious, thoughtful way. In our view, the broad stock market continues to offer good value in a range of areas, but investors must be more selective to capture those opportunities while avoiding or keeping in check exposure to more highly appreciated securities.

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### **Portfolio Review:**

### Four Economic Themes

The overall positioning of Davis All-Cap SMA portfolio can be described by its contrast with the S&P 1500 Index in terms of number of portfolio holdings, historical earnings per share growth, and forward price-to-earnings (P/E) multiples as follows:

### Selective, Attractive Growth, Undervalued<sup>1</sup>

	Portfolio	Index
Holdings	29	1,506
EPS Growth (5 Year)	18.2%	17.6%
P/E (Forward)	13.5x	24.3x

As shown above, what makes our portfolio rather unique in today's environment is that it represents a finite and select list of our highest conviction ideas (versus an entire broad market portfolio) that have been able to deliver five-year earnings per share growth above the benchmark. At the same time, the portfolio is trading at a far lower forward P/E multiple than the S&P 1500 Index. Combining these metrics, we believe that our portfolio is more attractively positioned than an unmanaged index on multiple fronts.

The portfolio's themes include businesses in four main areas of the economy: (1) dominant healthcare companies (predominantly healthcare services that are both cheap and underestimated in our view), (2) leading technology-related companies, (3) durable financial services, and (4) industrials, where a subtheme is the continued rapid adoption of electrification across industries.

The balance of the portfolio represents more individualized investment opportunities in areas such as copper production, offline and online gaming, and energy production, among others.

Healthcare, our largest sector allocation currently, has been a headwind to recent performance overall and is without question under a cloud. We believe that the healthcare businesses we own, which include Quest Diagnostics among others, are attractive relative to our expectations for normalized earnings power and margins.

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The pie for healthcare spending continues to grow overall in the U.S. economy. We have selected on a bottom-up basis those companies we feel are bestpositioned to benefit from the inexorable, long-tailed demographic reality that we have an aging population. That stated, individual company results can be lumpy at times—for example, when costs move differently from revenues. Market share shifts take place, favoring some for a time versus others. For these reasons, we own a basket of healthcare companies. We like the current valuations and low expectations built into their share prices, and consider that owning a handful of companies in the sector may help us diversify individual company risk. Overall, we believe we have meaningful exposure to the whole pie but have diversified that exposure by company.

<sup>1.</sup> Five-year EPS Growth Rate (5-year EPS) is the average annualized earnings per share growth for a company over the past 5 years. The values shown are the weighted average of the 5-year EPS of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. Approximately 3.80% of the assets of the Portfolio are not accounted for in the calculation of 5-year EPS as relevant information on certain companies is not available to the Advisors' data provider. Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E) Ratio is a stock's price at the date indicated divided by the company's forecasted earnings for the following 12 months based on estimates provided by the Fund's data provider. These values for both the Fund and the Index are the weighted average of the stocks in the portfolio or Index.

Leading technology-related companies delivered very strong results in 2024 overall. An exception was Applied Materials which was down during the year. We believe the company is attractive based on the fact that it is uniquely positioned within the manufacturing base of the semiconductor industry, an industry that is likely to continue growing very rapidly. We anticipate that the earnings power of our technology holdings should expand considerably over time, if not in straight-line fashion then on a normalized basis. We base our view on the monumental, global scale of the addressable markets in which these companies operate, their respective leadership positions competitively, their vast internal financial resources, constant innovation and cutting-edge products, their human capital, and the specific economics of the business models they represent, in particular their return on invested capital.

Within **financial services**, we have selected businesses where we have high confidence in their per-share total return potential as well as their durability through full economic cycles. Representative holdings include U.S. Bancorp, among others.

Industrial businesses in the portfolio currently include Wesco International, a global distributor of electrical and communications supplies and equipment.

Overall, the common thread that runs through the entire portfolio is a strong focus on durability, earnings growth potential over the long term, and attractive current valuation.

### **Outlook:**

# Favoring Active Management and Selectivity

As part of investing for the long run and through different phases of market cycles, investors may at times have to operate in a market environment like we have today with major stock indices trading at high valuations relative to history and showing a degree of concentration that may be a reason for pause.

We have a constructive view based on the simple fact that one need not follow an index portfolio. In other words, today's setup argues in favor of active management and selectivity, above all, and we feel Davis All-Cap SMA portfolio is well-positioned for the long term. At 2024 year-end, the portfolio held 29 high-conviction investments with an average five-year earnings per share growth rate of 18.2% and an average forward P/E of 13.5x (or a 44% discount relative to the S&P 1500 Index).

For more than 50 years we have navigated a constantly changing investment landscape guided by one North Star: to grow the value of the funds entrusted to us. We are pleased to have achieved strong results thus far and look forward to the decades ahead. With more than \$2 billion of our own money invested in our portfolios, we stand shoulder to shoulder with our clients on this long journey.<sup>2</sup> We are grateful for your trust and are well-positioned for the future.

<sup>2.</sup> As of 12/31/24, Davis Advisors, the Davis family and Foundation, and our employees have more than \$2 billion invested alongside clients in similarly managed accounts and strategies.



## **Davis All-Cap SMA Portfolio**

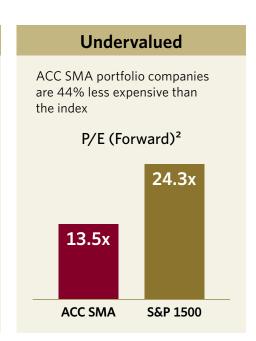
### Selective. Attractive Growth. Undervalued.

What gives us confidence that Davis All-Cap Value SMA (ACC SMA) Portfolio may build wealth for our shareholders in the years and decades to come? The compelling attributes of our businesses.

By being highly selective and rejecting the vast majority of companies in the index, the companies of Davis All-Cap SMA Portfolio have grown more than the index, yet are 44% less expensive. In fact, this gap between price and value is among the widest we have ever seen. We believe this sets the stage for attractive returns in the years ahead.







As of 12/31/24. The Attractive Growth and Undervalued reference in this piece relates to underlying characteristics of the portfolio holdings. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio's performance will be positive as equity markets are volatile and an investor may lose money. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.** Performance may vary. **1.** Five-year EPS Growth Rate (5-year EPS) is the average annualized earnings per share growth for a company over the past 5 years. The values shown are the weighted average of the 5-year EPS of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. The 5-year EPS of the S&P 1500 is 17.6%. Approximately 3.80% of the assets of the Portfolio are not accounted for in the calculation of 5-year EPS as relevant information on certain companies is not available to the Portfolio's data provider. **2.** Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E) Ratio is a stock's price at the date indicated divided by the company's forecasted earnings for the following 12 months based on estimates provided by the Advisor's data provider. These values for both the Portfolio and the Index are the weighted average of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. The Forward P/E of the S&P 1500 is 24.3x.

# **Davis All-Cap SMA Holdings**

December 31, 2024



## High Conviction. Different from the Index.

Holdings	Portfolio (%)	S&P 1500 (%)
Capital One Financial	7.0	0.1
Meta Platforms	7.0	2.4
Quest Diagnostics	7.0	< 0.1
Viatris	6.9	< 0.1
Markel Group	5.4	_
Teck Resources	4.7	_
U.S. Bancorp	4.6	0.1
Applied Materials	4.0	0.3
MGM Resorts	3.9	< 0.1
Humana	3.9	0.1
Wesco International	3.9	< 0.1
Cigna Group	3.8	0.1
CVS Health	3.8	0.1
Owens Corning	3.7	< 0.1
Berkshire Hathaway	3.6	1.5
Solventum	3.3	< 0.1
Johnson Controls International	2.5	0.1
UnitedHealth Group	2.1	0.9
Alphabet	1.9	3.7
AGCO	1.8	< 0.1
Darling Ingredients	1.7	< 0.1
SAP	1.7	_
Texas Instruments	1.7	0.3
Amazon.com	1.6	3.8
Oracle	1.6	0.5
Microsoft	1.3	5.8
Tyson Foods	1.1	< 0.1
IAC	0.7	< 0.1
Clear Secure	0.5	_
Cash	3.3	_
Total	100%	

The listed securities are representative of a model Davis All-Cap SMA Portfolio as of the indicated date. Portfolio holdings may change over time. Individual accounts may contain different securities. There is no assurance that any securities listed herein will remain in an individual account at the time you receive this report. The securities listed for the S&P 1500 are not representative of the entire portfolio, which consists of 1,506 securities. The information provided should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any particular security. There can be no assurance that an investor will earn a profit and not lose money.

### **Davis All-Cap SMA**

December 31, 2024



Davis AII-Cap SMA is a portfolio of small, medium and large companies selected using the time-tested Davis Investment Discipline. As one of the largest investors in the strategy, we have a unique commitment to client stewardship.\*

#### Unique Attributes of Davis All-Cap SMA Portfolio

#### Equity-Focused Research Firm:

Established in 1969, Davis is a leading specialist in equity investing. Our primary focus on research and unique investment discipline has built wealth for our clients over the long term.

#### Portfolio of Best of Breed Businesses:

Utilizing rigorous independent research, we invest in durable, well-managed businesses with sustainable competitive advantages and attractive long-term growth prospects selling at a discount to their true value.

#### Flexible, Opportunistic Approach:

The portfolio can opportunistically invest across all market caps, sectors and industries. We believe in a bottom-up stock selection process and in not mirroring the benchmark index. Active Share = 83%.

#### We Are One of the Largest Investors:

We have a unique commitment to stewardship, generating attractive long-term results and managing risks.

Selective, Attractive Growth, Undervalued <sup>†</sup>		Portfolio	Index
Selective	Holdings	29	1,506
Attractive Growth	EPS Growth (5 Year)	18.2%	17.6%
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#### **Experienced Management**

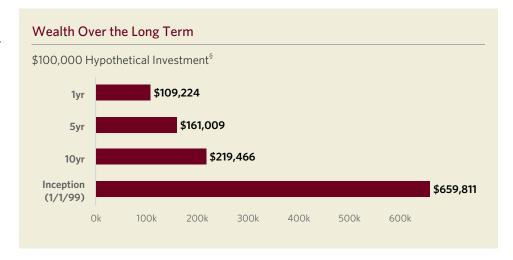
The research team has an average of 26 years investment experience.

Sectors**	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
Health Care	31.9	10.1
Financials	21.3	14.0
Industrials	12.3	9.1
Information Technology	11.2	30.8
Communication Services	9.9	8.8
Consumer Discretionary	5.7	11.5
Materials	4.9	2.2
Consumer Staples	2.9	5.4
Energy	_	3.3
Real Estate	_	2.5
Utilities	_	2.3

#### Market Capitalization (% of Equities)

Large	64.3
Mid	32.7
Small	3.0

Top 10 Holdings <sup>‡</sup>	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
Capital One Financial	7.0	0.1
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Quest Diagnostics	7.0	< 0.1
Viatris	6.9	< 0.1
Markel Group	5.4	_
Teck Resources	4.7	_
U.S. Bancorp	4.6	0.1
Applied Materials	4.0	0.3
MGM Resorts	3.9	< 0.1
Humana	3.9	0.1



Net average annual total returns as of December 31, 2024, for Davis Multi-Cap Equity SMA Composite with a 3% maximum wrap fee: 1 year, 9.22%; 5 years, 10.00%; 10 years, 8.18%; and Inception, 7.53%. The performance presented represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends. Investment return and principal value will vary so that an investor may lose money. For current, quarterly returns, please ask your financial advisor to contact Davis Advisors. Current performance may be higher or lower.

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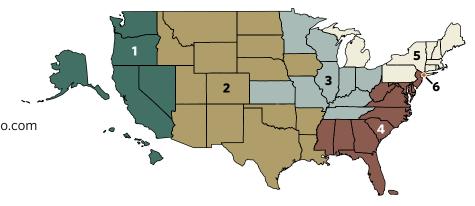
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The Davis All-Cap Equity is represented by Davis Advisors' Multi-Cap Equity Composite.

Performance shown from 1/1/99, through 12/31/05, is the Davis Advisors' Multi-Cap Composite which includes all actual, fee-paying, discretionary Multi-Cap investing style institutional accounts, mutual funds, and wrap accounts under management including those accounts no longer managed. Effective 1/1/98, a minimum account size of \$3,500,000 was established. Accounts below this minimum are deemed not to be representative of the Composite's intended strategy and as such are not included in the Composite. A time-weighted internal rate of return formula is used to calculate performance for the accounts included in the Composite. For the net

of advisory fees performance results, custodian fees are treated as cash withdrawals and advisory fees are treated as a reduction in market value. For mutual funds, the Composite uses the rate of return formula used by the open-end mutual funds calculated in accordance with the SEC guidelines adjusted to treat mutual fund expenses other than advisory fees as cash withdrawals; sales charges are not reflected.

Effective 1/1/11, Davis Advisors created a Multi-Cap (SMA) Composite which excludes institutional accounts and mutual funds. Performance shown from 1/1/06, through 12/31/10, the Davis Advisors' Multi-Cap SMA Composite includes all eligible wrap accounts with a minimum account size of \$3,500,000 from inception date for the first full month of account management and includes closed accounts through the last day of the month prior to the account's closing. For the performance shown from 1/1/11, through the date of this material, the Davis Advisors' Multi-Cap SMA Composite includes all eligible wrap accounts with no account minimum from inception date for the first full month of account management and includes closed accounts through the last day of the month prior to the account's closing. Wrap account returns are computed net of a 3% maximum wrap fee. For the gross performance results, custodian fees and advisory fees are treated as cash withdrawals. A list of Davis Advisors' Composites is available upon request.

This material discusses companies in conformance with Rule 206(4)-1 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and guidance published thereunder. Six companies are discussed and are chosen as follows: (1-4) current holdings based on December 31 holdings; (5) the first new position; and (6) the first position that is completely closed out. Starting at the beginning of the year, the holdings from a Multi-Cap Equity model portfolio are listed in descending order based on percentage owned. Companies that reflect different weights are then selected. For the first quarter, holdings numbered 1, 6, 11, and 16 are selected and discussed. For the second quarter, holdings numbered 2, 7, 12, and 17 are selected and discussed. This pattern then repeats itself for the following quarters. If a holding is no longer in the portfolio then the next holding listed is discussed. No more than two of these holdings can come from the same sector per piece. None of these holdings can be discussed if they were discussed in the previous three quarters. If there were no purchases or sales, the purchases and sales are omitted from the material. If there were multiple purchases and/or sales, the purchase and sale discussed shall be the earliest to occur. Other than the recent buy and sell, any company discussed must constitute at least 1% of the portfolio as of December 31.

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foreign country risk, foreign currency risk, headline risk, large-capitalization companies risk, manager risk, mid- and small-capitalization companies risk, and stock market risk. See the ADV Part 2 for a description of these principal risks.

The ranges reflected for large, mid, and small cap reflect the current ranges utilized by the S&P Composite 1500 Market Cap Guidelines, as may be amended from time to time. The current ranges are: large-capitalization, over \$18 billion; mid-capitalization, between \$6.7 billion and \$18 billion; small-capitalization, under \$6.7 billion.

We gather our index data from a combination of reputable sources, including, but not limited to, Lipper, Wilshire, and index websites.

The S&P 1500 Index is comprised of the S&P 500, MidCap 400, and SmallCap 600, which together represent approximately 90% of the U.S. equity market. Investments cannot be made directly in an index