

# Small Cap Value Trust

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## Investment Information

**Investment Strategy** from investment's prospectus

The investment seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in small-cap companies that are believed to be undervalued by various measures and offer good prospects for capital appreciation. It invests primarily in a diversified mix of common stocks of U.S. small-cap companies. The fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in foreign securities (with no more than 5% in emerging market securities).

### Morningstar Category: Small Value

Small-value portfolios invest in small U.S. companies with valuations and growth rates below other small-cap peers. Stocks in the bottom 10% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as small cap. Value is defined based on low valuations (low price ratios and high dividend yields) and slow growth (low growth rates for earnings, sales, book value, and cash flow).

### Operations and Management

Fund Inception Date 08-31-99  
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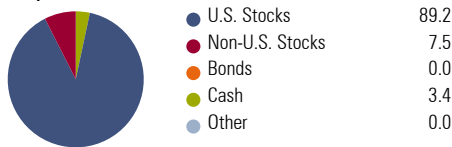
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## Portfolio Analysis

Composition as of 12-31-20



Top 10 Holdings as of 12-31-20

Company	% Assets
Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc	2.53
Tyman PLC Ordinary Shares	2.37
TriMas Corp Ordinary Shares	2.34
Huron Consulting Group Inc Ordinary Shares	1.92
Belden Inc Ordinary Shares	1.88
Kemper Corp	1.83
Valmont Industries Inc Ordinary Shares	1.80
Element Solutions Inc	1.78
Mueller Industries Inc Ordinary Shares	1.73
Neenah Inc	1.72

Total Number of Stock Holdings	91
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Annual Turnover Ratio %	19.00

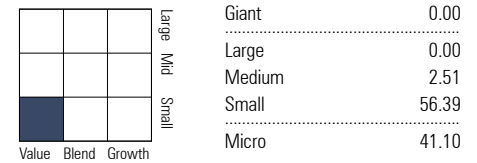
Risk Measures as of 12-31-20	Port Avg	Rel S&P 500	Rel Cat
3 Yr Std Dev	25.66	1.36	0.93
3 Yr Beta	1.19	—	0.91
3 Yr Sharpe Ratio	0.12	0.17	0.71
3 Yr Alpha	-13.19	—	1.00
3 Yr R-squared	76.55	—	0.95

## Principal Risks as of 12-31-20

Foreign Securities, Loss of Money, Not FDIC Insured, Value Investing, Market/Market Volatility, Equity Securities, ETF, Industry and Sector Investing, IPO, Other, Management, Small Cap, Mid-Cap, Financials Sector, Real Estate/REIT Sector

Refer to the [John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust prospectus](#) for details on these risks.

Morningstar Equity Style Box™ as of 12-31-20



Morningstar Equity Sectors as of 12-31-20

Sector	% Fund
Cyclical	47.19
Basic Materials	6.64
Consumer Cyclical	9.87
Financial Services	20.79
Real Estate	9.89
Sensitive	39.28
Communication Services	0.00
Energy	4.08
Industrials	28.59
Technology	6.61
Defensive	13.54
Consumer Defensive	6.36
Healthcare	3.80
Utilities	3.38

Portfolio Statistics as of 12-31-20	Port Avg	Rel S&P 500	Rel Cat
P/E Ratio	16.11	0.71	1.17
P/B Ratio	1.46	0.40	1.05
P/C Ratio	9.75	0.65	1.38
GeoAvgCap (\$mil)	1,876.48	0.01	0.85

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## Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box reveals a fund's investment style as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend, or growth).

For fixed-income funds, the vertical axis shows the credit quality of the long bonds owned and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by a bond's effective duration.

Morningstar seeks credit rating information from fund companies on a periodic basis (e.g., quarterly). In compiling

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For credit quality, Morningstar combines the credit rating information provided by the fund companies with an average default rate calculation to come up with a weighted-average credit quality. The weighted-average credit quality is currently a letter that roughly corresponds to the scale used by a leading NRSRO. Bond funds are assigned a style box placement of "low", "medium", or "high" based on their average credit quality. Funds with a low credit quality are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be less than "BBB-"; medium are those less than "AA-", but greater or equal to "BBB-"; and high are those with a weighted-average credit quality of "AA-" or higher. When classifying a bond portfolio, Morningstar first maps the NRSRO credit ratings of the underlying holdings to their respective default rates (as determined by Morningstar's analysis of actual historical default rates). Morningstar then averages these default rates to determine the average default rate for the entire bond fund. Finally, Morningstar maps this average default rate to its corresponding credit rating along a convex curve.

For interest-rate sensitivity, Morningstar obtains from fund companies the average effective duration. Generally, Morningstar classifies a fixed-income fund's interest-rate sensitivity based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI), which is currently three years. The classification of Limited will be assigned to those funds whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI's average effective duration; funds whose average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI will be classified as Moderate; and those that are at 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as Extensive.

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(i) Limited: 4.5 years or less; (ii) Moderate: more than 4.5 years but less than 7 years; and (iii) Extensive: more than 7 years.

In addition, for non-US taxable and non-US domiciled fixed income funds static duration breakpoints are used:

(i) Limited: less than or equal to 3.5 years; (ii) Moderate: greater than 3.5 and less than equal to 6 years; (iii) Extensive: greater than 6 years.

## Investment Risk

The John Hancock Life Insurance Companies do not provide advice regarding investment allocations that may be appropriate for you. While all variable portfolios are subject to market risk, allocating assets to a small number of investment options that concentrate portfolio investments in particular business or market sectors will subject you policy's cash value to increased risk and volatility. Examples of

business or market sectors where this risk may be particularly high include: technology-related businesses (including internet-related businesses), small-cap securities, foreign countries and foreign securities, high-yield bonds, and real estate securities. Before investing in such a portfolio, consult the current prospectus for complete information on its investments and the applicable risk p, and contact your financial advisor to discuss.

## Risk Measures

*Standard deviation* is a statistical measure of the volatility of the fund's returns.

*Beta* is a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements. A portfolio with a beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market, and a portfolio with a beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market.

*Sharpe Ratio* uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.

*Alpha* measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk (as measured by beta).

*R-squared* reflects the percentage of a fund's movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark index, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and the benchmark.

## Portfolio Statistic Definitions

*P/E Ratio* Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio is a stock's current price divided by the company's trailing 12-month earnings per share.

*P/B Ratio* Price/Book (P/B) Ratio is the weighted average of the price/book ratios of all the stocks in a portfolio.

*P/C Ratio* Price/Cash (P/C) Ratio represents the weighted average of the price/cash-flow ratios of the stocks in a portfolio.

*GeoAvgCap* Geometric Average Cap is the geometric mean of the market capitalization for all of the stocks the portfolio owned.

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