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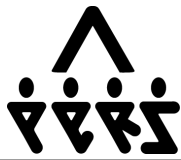
Special Board Meeting Agenda

Location: By phone: 701.328.0950 Conference ID: : 868 551 587#
Date: **Monday, August 31, 2026**
Time: 11:30 A.M. [Join the meeting now](#)

I. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE CONSIDERATION

II. DEFERRED COMPENSATION / DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

- A. JP Morgan US SMID Core Fund Replacement – Derrick (Board Action)



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JP Morgan US SMID Core Fund Replacement

TO: NDPERS Board

FROM: Derrick Hohbein

DATE: August 31, 2026

The JP Morgan US SMID Core Fund will be liquidated effective November 4, 2026, as outlined in the notice received from JP Morgan on August 21, 2026 (Attachment 1). This change affects the investment lineup for both the 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Companion Plan administered through Empower.

Currently, approximately 700 participants between the two plans hold investments in this fund. Staff have confirmed that participants will not incur any fees associated with the liquidation. If a replacement fund is selected, existing balances will transfer overnight once the new fund is established, and future contributions previously directed to the JP Morgan fund will automatically be routed to the replacement fund.

Representatives from Callan and Empower are joining the meeting and are available to address any questions the Board may have.

Investment Subcommittee Recommendation

The NDPERS Investment Subcommittee recommends replacing the JP Morgan US SMID Core Fund Replacement with the BlackRock Systematic Active Russell 2500 Alpha Tilts fund as soon as administratively possible, and no later than the November 4, 2026 liquidation date.

Board Action Requested:

Choose a fund to replace the JP Morgan US SMID Core Fund in the fund lineup of both the 401(a) DC Plan and 457(b) Deferred Compensation Companion Plan with Empower.

J.P. MORGAN U.S. EQUITY FUNDS

JPMorgan SMID Cap Equity Fund
(the “Fund”)
(All Share Classes)
(a series of JPMorgan Trust II)

**Supplement dated August 17, 2026 to the current Summary Prospectuses,
 Prospectuses and Statement of Additional Information, as supplemented**

NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION OF THE JPMORGAN SMID CAP EQUITY FUND. The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of JPMorgan Trust II has approved the liquidation and dissolution of the Fund on or about November 10, 2026 (the “Liquidation Date”). Effective immediately, in connection with the liquidation and dissolution, the Fund may depart from its stated investment objective and strategies as it increases its cash holdings in preparation for its liquidation. On the Liquidation Date (for settlement the date after the Liquidation Date), the Fund shall distribute pro rata to its shareholders of record all of the assets of the Fund in complete cancellation and redemption of all of the outstanding shares of beneficial interest, except for any proceeds from any securities that cannot be liquidated on the Liquidation Date, cash, bank deposits or cash equivalents in an estimated amount necessary to (i) discharge any unpaid liabilities and obligations of the Fund on the Fund’s books on the Liquidation Date, including, but not limited to, income dividends and capital gains distributions, if any, payable through the Liquidation Date, and (ii) pay such contingent liabilities as the officers of the Fund deem appropriate subject to ratification by the Board. Income dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, may be paid on or prior to the Liquidation Date. Effective October 1, 2026, Distribution (Rule 12b-1) Fees on Fund shares will be waived.

If you have a Fund direct IRA account, your shares will be exchanged for Morgan Shares of the JPMorgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund unless you provide alternative direction prior to the Liquidation Date. For all other IRA accounts, the proceeds will be invested based upon guidelines of the applicable Plan administrator. Upon liquidation, shareholders may purchase any class of another J.P. Morgan Fund for which they are eligible with the proceeds of the liquidating distribution. Shareholders will be permitted to use their proceeds from the liquidation to purchase Class A Shares of another J.P. Morgan Fund at net asset value within 90 days of the liquidating distribution, provided that they remain eligible to purchase Class A Shares. If shareholders of Class C Shares purchase Class C Shares of another J.P. Morgan Fund within 90 days of the liquidating distribution, no contingent deferred sales charge will be imposed on those new Class C Shares. At the time of the purchase you must inform your Financial Intermediary or the J.P. Morgan Funds that the proceeds are from the Fund.

PURCHASES OF FUND SHARES FROM NEW SHAREHOLDERS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 21, 2026.

PURCHASES OF ADDITIONAL SHARES FROM EXISTING SHAREHOLDERS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 4, 2026, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLANS AND AUTOMATIC PURCHASES.

**INVESTORS SHOULD RETAIN THIS SUPPLEMENT WITH THE SUMMARY
 PROSPECTUSES, PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

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August 2026
**North Dakota Public
Employees' Retirement System**
Investment Manager Search
SMID Core

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SMID Core Manager Evaluation

The following investment manager organizations have submitted information to Callan regarding their investment management capabilities. The information has been summarized in this report for the consideration of North Dakota Public Employees' Retirement System.	Investment Manager	Strategy
	BlackRock	Systematic Active Russell 2500 Alpha Tilts
	Jennison Associates LLC	Jennison SMid Cap Core Equity
	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	Integrated US Small & Mid-Cap Core Equity

The investment manager candidates presented in this report were culled from a group of prescreened institutional pooled vehicles that have been passed through Callan's due diligence process.

The investment manager organizations contained herein have submitted information to Callan regarding their investment management capabilities, for which information Callan has not necessarily verified the accuracy or completeness of or updated. The information provided to Callan has been summarized in this report for your consideration. Unless otherwise noted, performance figures reflect a commingled fund or a composite of discretionary accounts. All written comments in this report are based on Callan's standard evaluation procedures which are designed to provide objective comments based upon facts provided to Callan. The appropriateness of the candidate investment vehicle(s) discussed herein is based on Callan's understanding of the client's portfolio as of the date hereof. Certain operational topics may be addressed in this investment evaluation for information purposes. Unless Callan has been specifically engaged to do so, Callan has not conducted due diligence of the operations of the candidate or investment vehicle(s), as may be typically performed in an operational due diligence evaluation assignment. The investment evaluation and any related due diligence questionnaire completed by the candidate may contain highly confidential information that is covered by a non-disclosure or other related agreement with the candidate which must be respected by the client and its representatives. The client agrees to adhere to the conditions of any applicable confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement.

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Proposed Vehicle Information

Manager Summary Matrix

	Organization/Team	Strategy/Portfolio	Summary Opinion
BlackRock Systematic Active Russell 2500 Alpha Tilts	- Publicly traded company (NYSE ticker: BLK), headquartered in New York, NY. - The Portfolio Management Group "PMG" includes seven "portfolio management businesses" alongside four existing units: ETF and Index Investments, Global Trading & Transition Management, the BlackRock Investment Institute and BlackRock Sustainable Investing. - The business lines under PMG are: Fundamental Fixed Income; Municipals and Financial Institutions; Index Fixed Income and Liability Driven Investments; Fundamental Equities; Systematic Investments; Multi-Asset Strategies & Solutions business; Global Lending, Liquidity and the Private Investors business. - Raffaele Savi and Jeff Shen have served as co-heads of the SAE Equity platform since Ken Kroner retired in 2016. - Travis Cooke is the lead PM responsible for day-to-day management of U.S. strategies and Rich Mathieson is also a named PM for the SAE Russell 2500 mutual fund (Advantage Series); supported by over 130 research professionals.	- Quantitative approach; three broad signal categories: fundamentals, sentiment, and macro. - Differentiator is the team's focus on the implementation of big data analysis and insights into the model outside of traditional factors such as value, momentum, low volatility, and quality. - Low tracking error (~2-3%); sector weights +/- 2% of benchmark. - Highly diversified: ~600 holdings; turnover ~80-150%.	- BlackRock SAE platform incurred multiple changes between 2009 to 2016, but has settled into stable leadership since 2016. - The team is well-resourced and has a long history of successful quantitative investing in the small cap asset class. - Proprietary technology, breadth of resources, and differentiated use of non-traditional big data provide repeatable alpha advantage. - Performance pattern differentiated from peer managers across different market cycles.

Manager Summary Matrix

	Organization/Team	Strategy/Portfolio	Summary Opinion
Jennison Associates LLC Jennison SMid Cap Core Equity	- Jennison is a wholly owned subsidiary of PGIM and operates via revenue sharing agreement; PGIM is owned by PGIM Holding Co, which is owned by publicly traded Prudential Financial (ticker NYSE: PRU). - The Small/Mid Cap Core portfolio is co-managed by Jason Swiatek (joined the team in 2004) and Jonathan Shapiro (promoted to PM in 2018). Swiatek is also head of the small and mid-cap equity team, succeeding former co-portfolio manager, John Mullman, who retired from the firm in 1Q 2021. - Portfolio managers are supported by a team of small cap analysts with specific sector coverage. One Industrials analyst voluntarily departed team effective 1Q 2025; coverage absorbed by existing team.	- Team seeks companies with attractive valuations and solid earnings growth on an intermediate-term basis; team philosophy is to buy businesses rather than just stocks. - Fundamental, bottom-up process with each analyst covering 60-80 names in their respective coverage areas and assigning price targets. - Look for steady growers with 10-25% growth, a moat, and proven management teams. - Diversified portfolio of ~130 names; ~40-50% turnover.	- Jeff Becker, the firm's CEO since 2016, retired from his post at the end of 2025. Ken Moore, Jennison's Chief Operating Officer since 2012, succeeded Becker as the firm's fifth CEO, effective January 1, 2026. As a result of this leadership transition, there will be no changes to investment teams and operational procedures. - Portfolio tends to have a style bias to growth compared to the Russell 2500 Index; weighted median market cap tends to be in line relative to the index. - Focus on risk reward; higher standard deviation and beta; high upside capture but also lower downside protection.

Manager Summary Matrix

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T. Rowe Price Integrated US Small & Mid-Cap Core Equity	- Publicly traded, Baltimore-based asset management firm founded by Thomas Rowe Price, Jr. in 1937. - Effective 1Q2022, firm split into two organizations: T. Rowe Price Associates (TRPA) and T. Rowe Price Investment Management (TRPIM). TRPIM houses six strategies and their respective teams. - Effective January 2024, Eric Veiel, CIO and head of Global Equity, became head of Global Investments (role formerly held by Rob Sharps prior to becoming CEO). - Effective June 1, 2026, Eric L. Veiel will become President of T. Rowe Price while continuing to serve as Head of Global Investments and CIO. CEO Rob Sharps will remain Chair and CEO. - Sbastien Page will become Co-Head of Global Investments alongside Veiel effective June 1. The firm noted the new co-head structure is intended to support continuity, collaboration, and additional leadership capacity across the investment platform. - Veiel's expanded responsibilities will include helping execute firmwide strategic initiatives, particularly around AI adoption and operational efficiency, with increased coordination across Investments, Distribution, and Technology/Data/Operations teams. - Effective October 1, Wyatt Lee will become Head of Global Multi-Asset while continuing as Head of Target Date Strategies. T. Rowe stated there will be no changes to the management of the target date strategies. - Wyatt Lee will also join the firm's Management Committee effective January 1, 2027. - TRP Integrated platform was incepted in 2007 with Small Cap Growth; five additional strategies on the Integrated platform have launched since 2016. - Peter Stourmaras was hired in 2020 to lead Integrated Equity Team; David Corris joined in 2021 as lead PM on Small and SMID strategies; supported by large team of researchers and portfolio managers. - Active US Core strategy overseen by Andrew Tang, Jordan Pryor, Joseph Wolfe, and Laurence Taylor. - All strategies supported by dedicated eight-member quantitative analyst team.	- Systematic approach combined with insights from TRP research platform; model ranks securities on: valuation (40-45%); profitability & capital allocation + earnings quality (40%); and positive price momentum and estimate revisions (15%). - Portfolio is constructed using model input and fundamental research overlay in harder to model industries (e.g. AI, space, REITs, biotech, software, etc.). - Diversified portfolio: ~200-400 holdings; low turnover <50% annually, target tracking error of 2.0%-4.0% relative to Russell 2500 Index.	- During 2Q25, T. Rowe Price announced that the firm was conducting firm-wide layoffs of roughly 400 employees. Leadership appointments and transitions will also be monitored as organization experiences continued business pressure from outflows. - Steph Jackson, head of TRPIM and Management Committee member, will retire from the firm in 2026. Steven Krichbaum will succeed Jackson as head of TRPIM on January 1, 2027. Krichbaum was most recently the TRPIM director of equity and fixed income research. - Unique combination of systematic investing and fundamentally generated analyst insight for industries deemed difficult to model (e.g. biotech, REITs, etc.). - Portfolio will tend to struggle in speculative / aggressive markets and perform well in down / choppy markets; volatility overall mitigated by risk controlled process.

Proposed Vehicle Information

	Product / Vehicle AUM (\$mm)	Minimum Account Size (\$mm)	Proposed Fee on \$7.5mm (%)	Comments
BlackRock Mut Fnd (K; MKSPX)	6,263 / 1,154	5	0.43 (all-in)	- also offering a CIT with a \$7.5m minimum @ 40bps
Jennison Mut Fnd (R6; PJSQX)	5,376 / 3,526	0	0.69 (all-in)	- also offering a CIT available at \$5m minimum @ 60bps
T. Rowe Mut Fnd (I; TQSIX)	3,277 / 1,930	1	0.69 (all-in)	- no CIT available at this mandate size



Candidate Firm Information

Candidate Firm Summary

	BlackRock	Jennison Associates LLC	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
Headquarters	New York, NY	New York, NY	Baltimore, MD
Ownership / Parent	Publicly Owned None	Publicly Owned Prudential Financial, Inc.	Publicly Owned T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.
Total Firm Assets (\$mm)	15,344,624	212,748	1,826,100
Have any open regulatory exams/investigations been escalated to enforcement?	No	No	No
Date of Last SEC Exam	12/31/2024	03/14/2025	09/01/2020
GIPS Compliant	Yes	Yes	Yes
E&O Insurance	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disaster Recovery Plan in Place	Yes	Yes	Yes

Total Firm Assets Under Management

Total Firm Assets by Type (\$mm) as of June 30, 2026

	Corporate	Public(Govt)	Sub-Advised	Other	Total Org Assets
BlackRock	4,034,735	2,138,920	288,887	8,882,083	15,344,624
Jennison Associates LLC	33,458	9,993	150,915	18,382	212,748
T. Rowe Price	1,416,850	62,556	178,819	167,876	1,826,100



Candidate Product Information

Candidate Product Summary

	BlackRock	Jennison Associates LLC	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
Product Name	Systematic Active Russell 2500 Alpha Tilts	Jennison SMid Cap Core Equity	Integrated US Small & Mid-Cap Core Equity
Product Benchmark	Russell:2500 Index	Russell:2500 Index	Russell:2500 Index
Proposed Vehicle	Mut Fnd	Mut Fnd	Mut Fnd
Product / Vehicle Inception	1978 / 1978	1980 / 1980	2016 / 2016
Total Product / Vehicle Assets (\$mm)	6,263 / 1,154	5,376 / 3,526	3,277 / 1,930
Number of Holdings	853	121	366
Issue Diversification	146	33	94
Annual Turnover	65%	75%	67%
Combined Z-Score*	0.09 (51st)	0.20 (38th)	0.04 (62nd)
Weighted Median Market Cap (\$b)*	9.07 (46th)	7.42 (59th)	9.14 (42nd)
Non-US Exposure	1.93%	5.30%	4.11%

*Ranking vs Callan Small/MidCap Core Mutual Funds in parenthesis

Product Level Investment Professionals

	Product Level Resources				Gained (5 Yr)		Lost (5 Yr)	
	Portfolio Managers	Central Research Analysts	Dedicated Fundamental Analysts	Quantitative Analysts	Portfolio Managers	Dedicated Fundamental Analysts	Portfolio Managers	Dedicated Fundamental Analysts
BlackRock	26		44		11 (42%)	3 (7%)	3 (12%)	3 (7%)
Jennison	2		8		0 (0%)	3 (38%)	0 (0%)	2 (25%)
T. Rowe	2	10			1 (50%)	0	0 (0%)	0

Key Investment Professionals

BlackRock

Key Professionals	Started with Product	Joined Firm	Investment Experience
Travis Cooke - PM	2019	1999	1998
Raffaele Savi - PM	2019	2006	1997

Jennison

Key Professionals	Started with Product	Joined Firm	Investment Experience
Jason Swiatek - PM	2004	2000	1995
Jonathan Shapiro - PM	2006	2006	1995

T. Rowe

Key Professionals	Started with Product	Joined Firm	Investment Experience
Prashant Jeyaganesh - PM	2017	2006	2006
David Corris - PM	2021	2021	2003

Product Assets Under Management

Product Assets by Vehicle (\$mm) as of June 30, 2026

	Separate Account	Commingled	MF Institutional	MF Retail	Total
BlackRock	2,029	3,080		1,154	6,263
Jennison	155	1,695	3,526		5,376
T. Rowe	142	1,205		1,930	3,277

Product Asset Turnover

Product Asset Turnover (\$mm) as of June 30, 2026

	Total Product Assets	Largest Account	Total Accounts	5-Year Net Asset Growth*	2025 Assets	2024 Assets	2023 Assets	2022 Assets	2021 Assets
BlackRock	6,263	1,618	43	3,764	3,091	2,258	1,660	1,131	1,131
Jennison	5,376	3,486	68	1,104	4,560	4,251	3,702	2,956	2,469
T. Rowe	3,277	1,930	4	2,303	1,493	739	457	311	260

* Net Asset Growth measures net asset flows by removing the performance impact on reported asset growth, thereby isolating growth due to net asset flows into or out of the product. This calculation is based upon each product's beginning and ending assets as well as the representative product return.

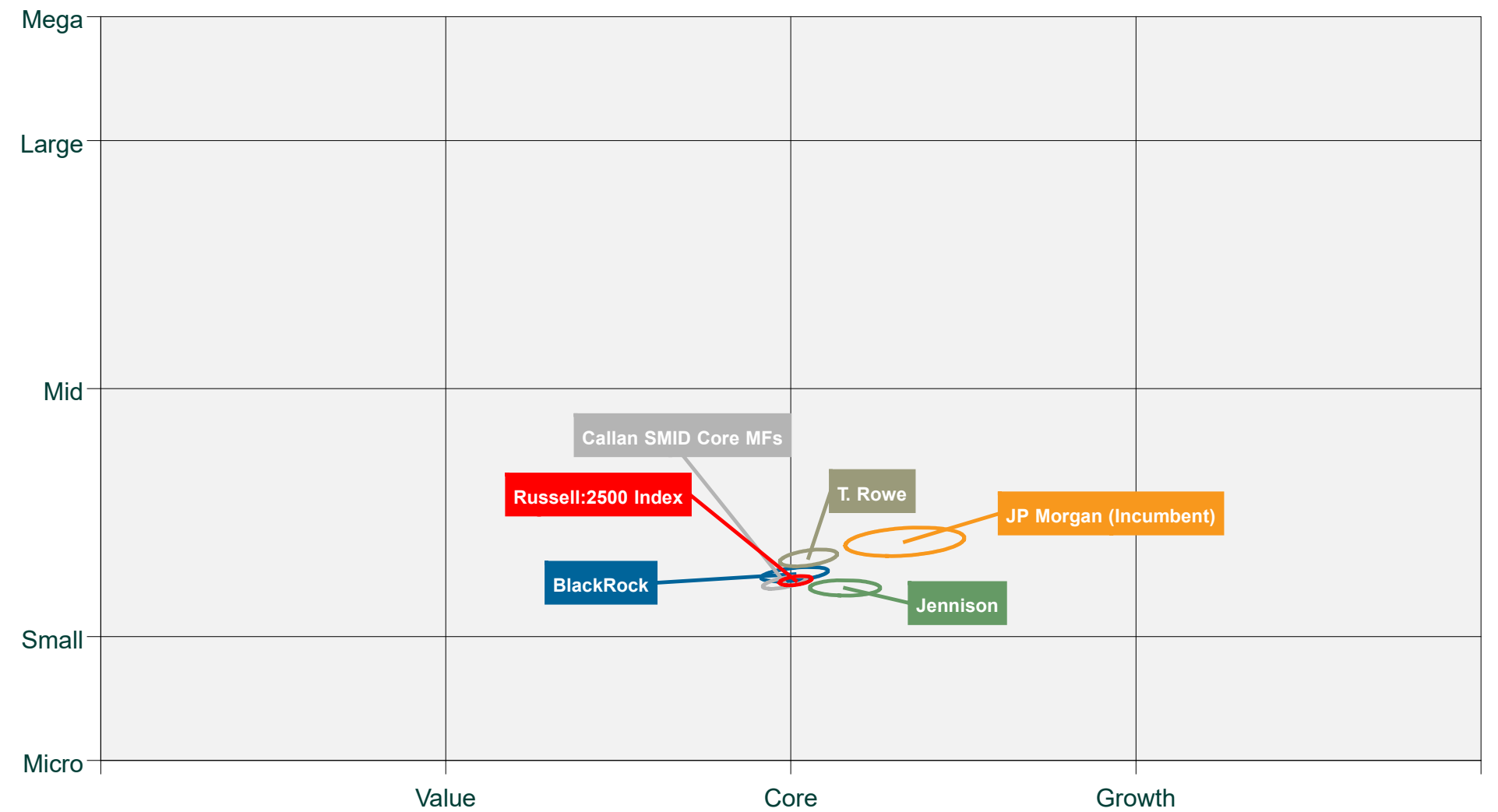


Candidate Portfolio Characteristics

Style Map

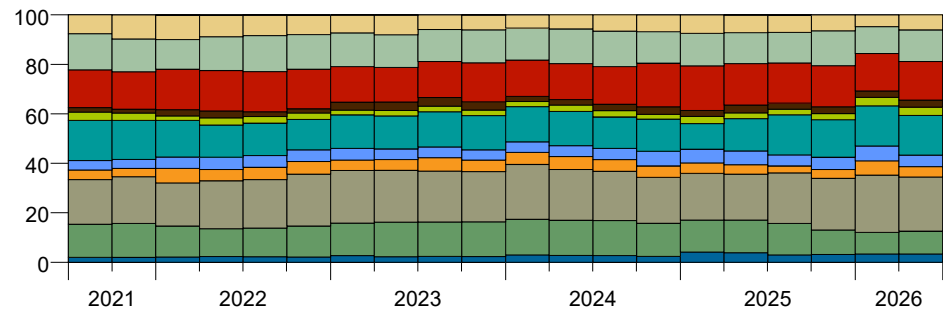
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Style Map for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026

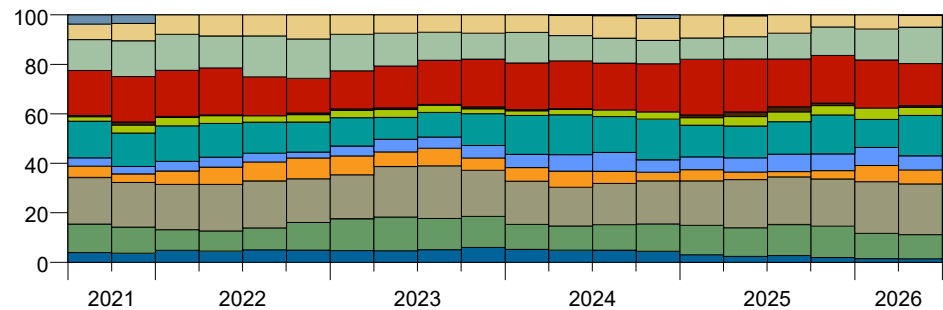


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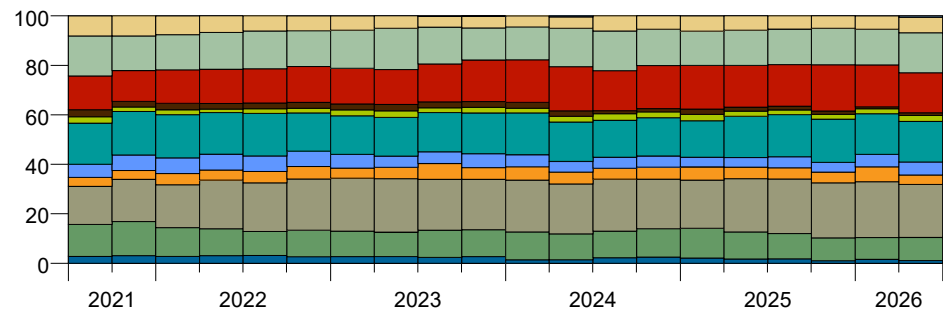
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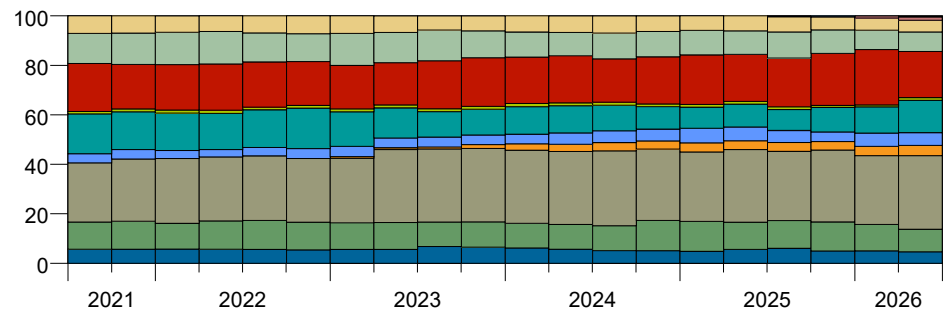
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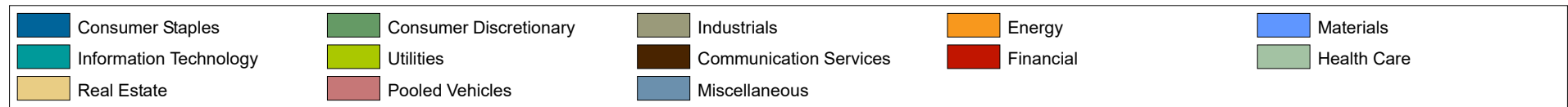
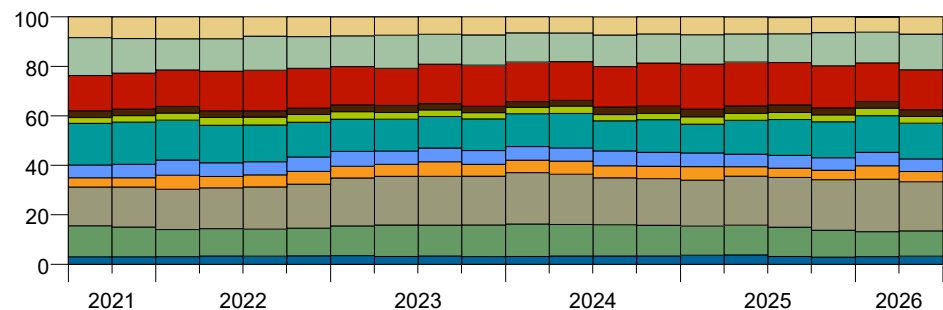
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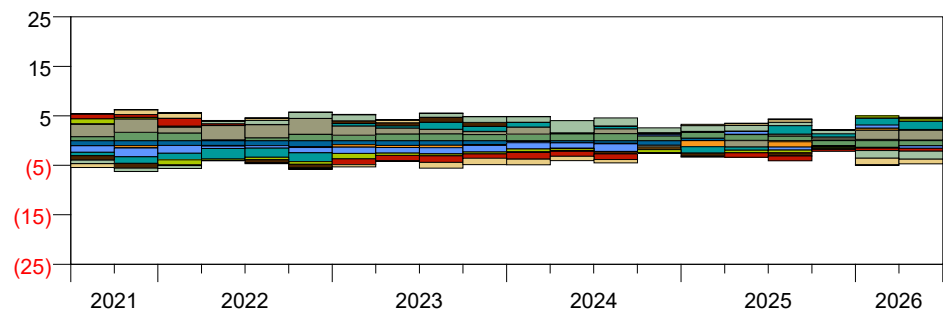


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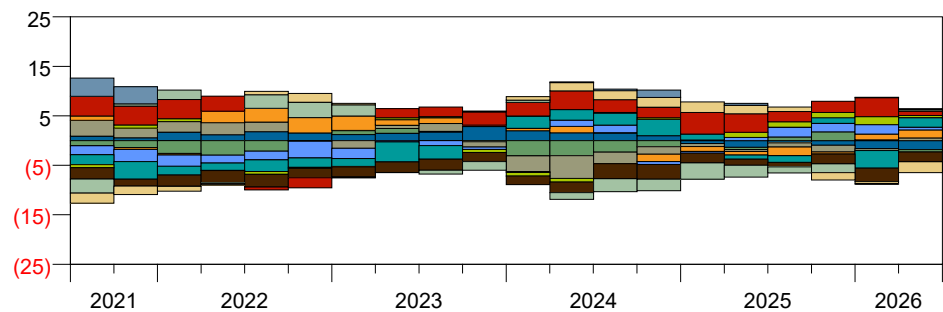


Sector Allocation Relative to Russell:2500 Index

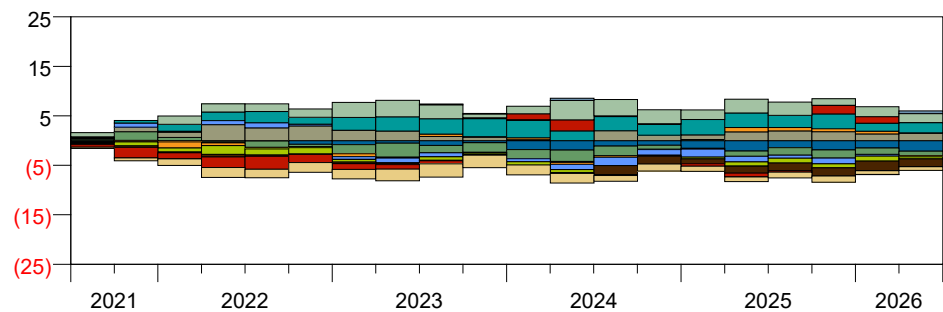
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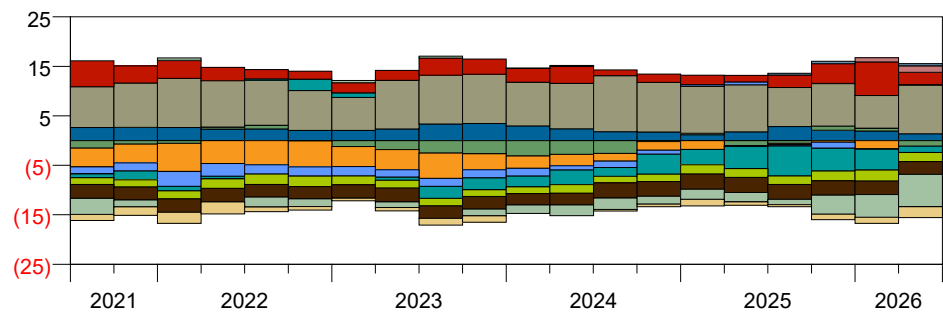
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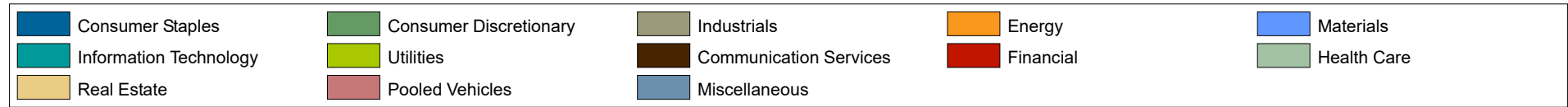
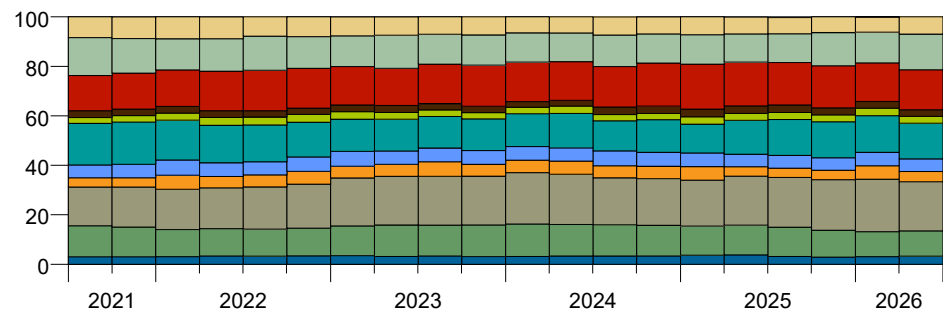
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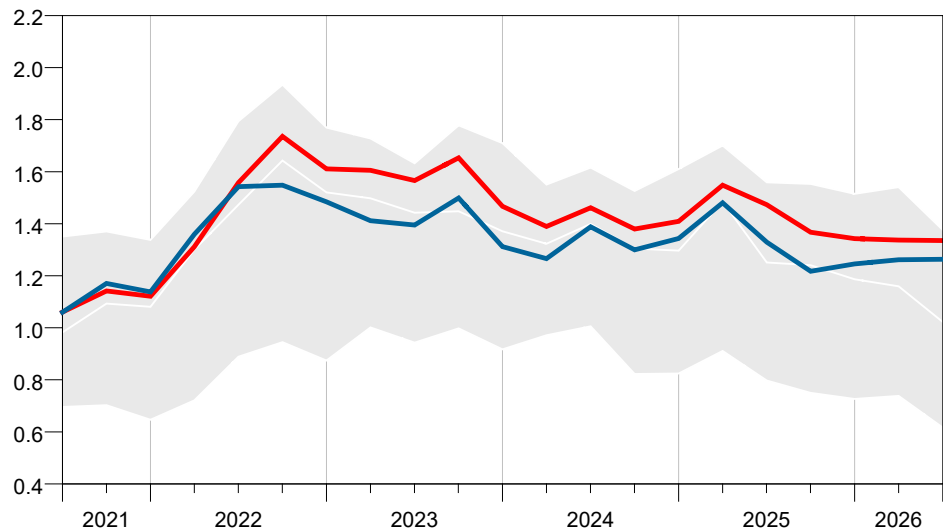
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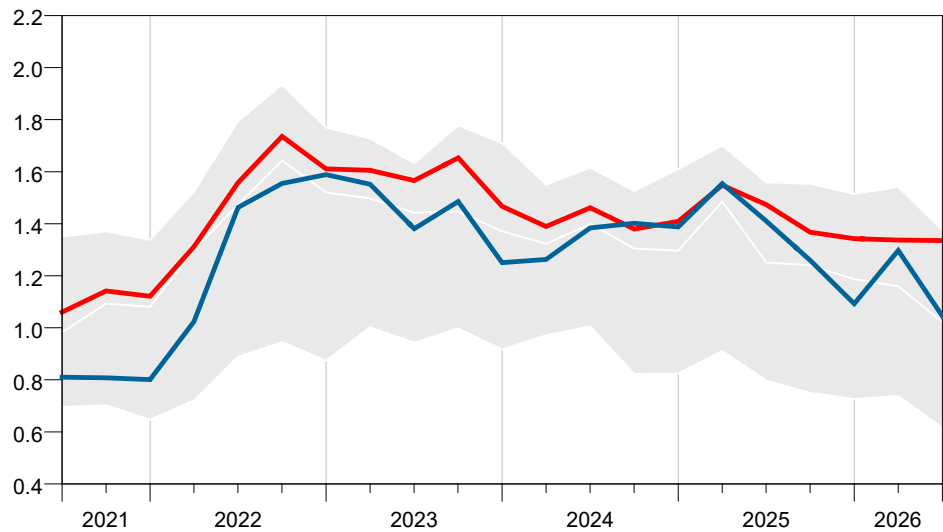
Dividend Yield

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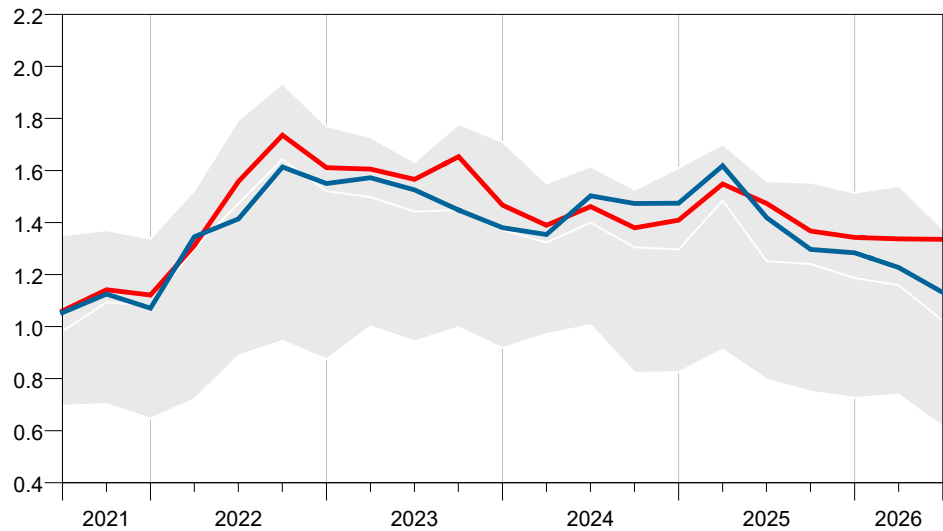
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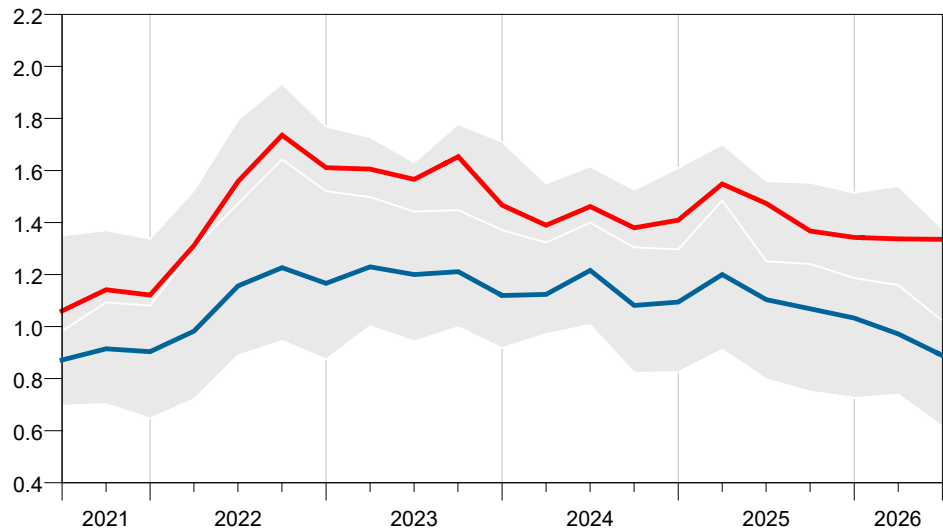
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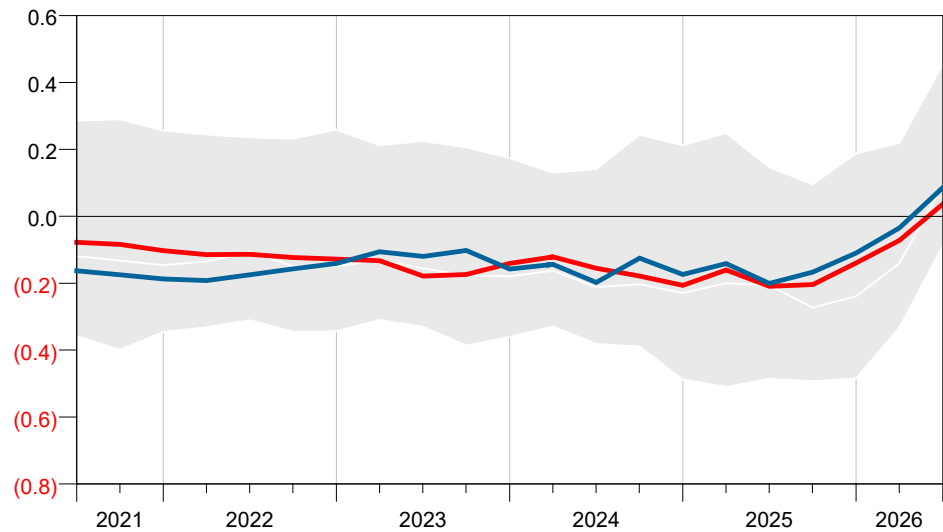
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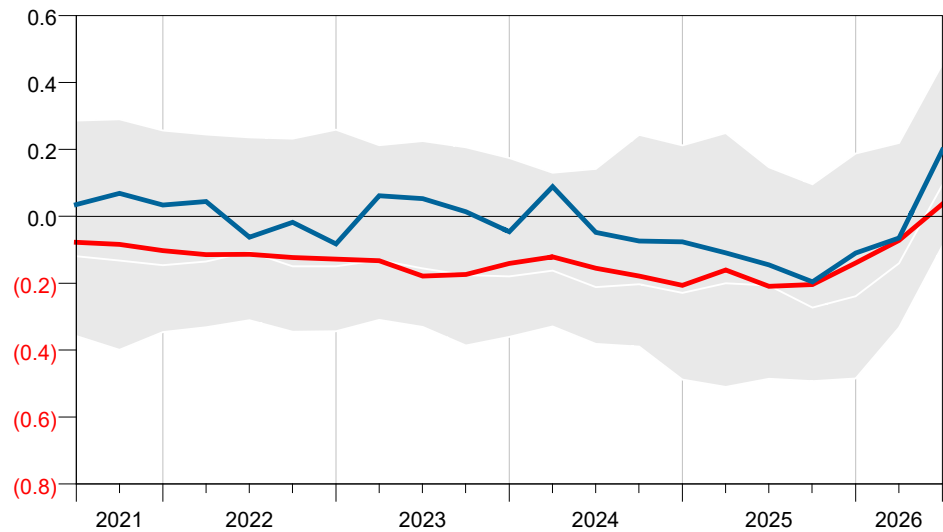
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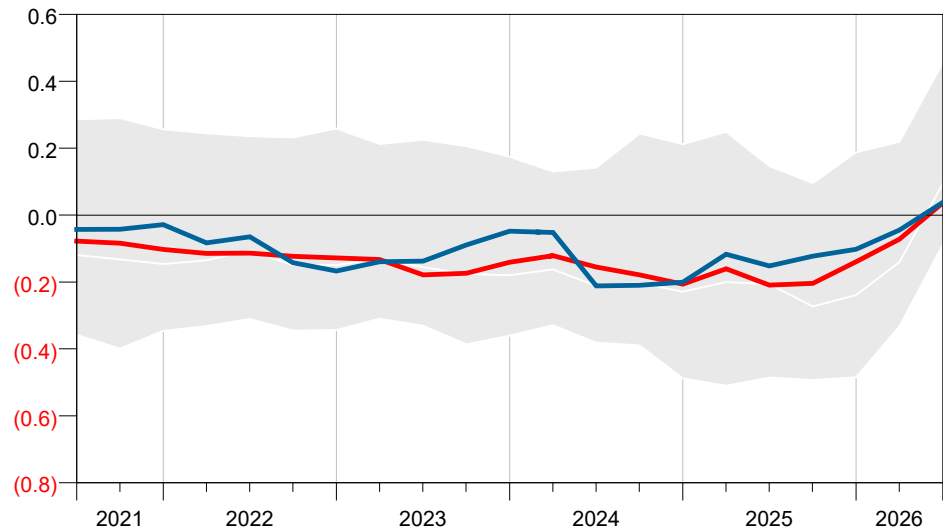
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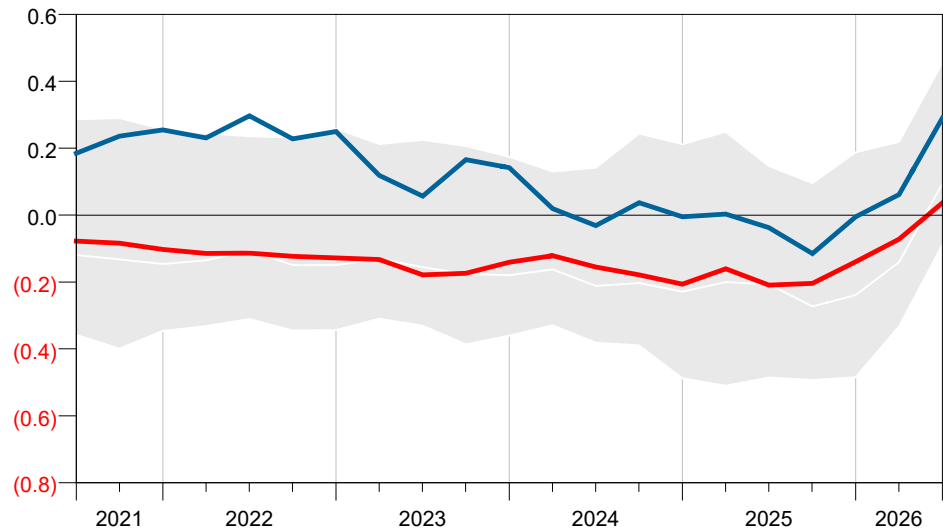
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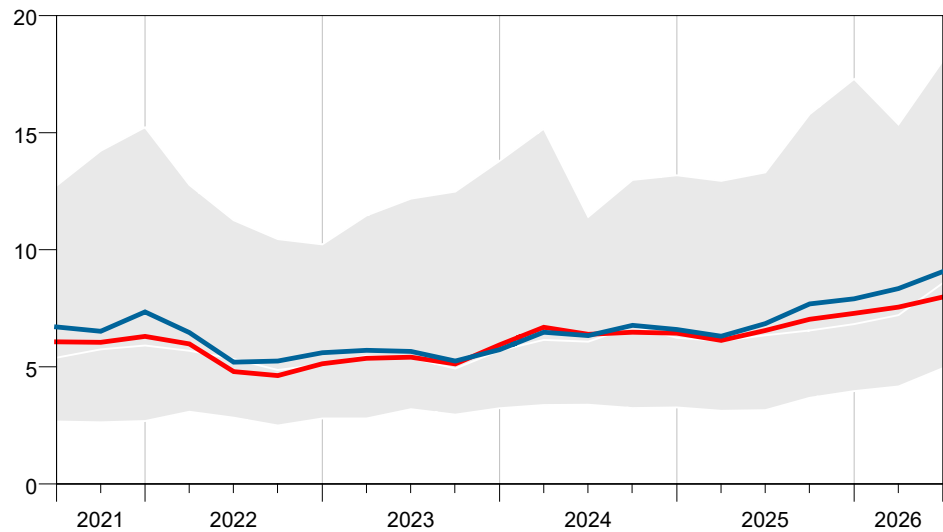
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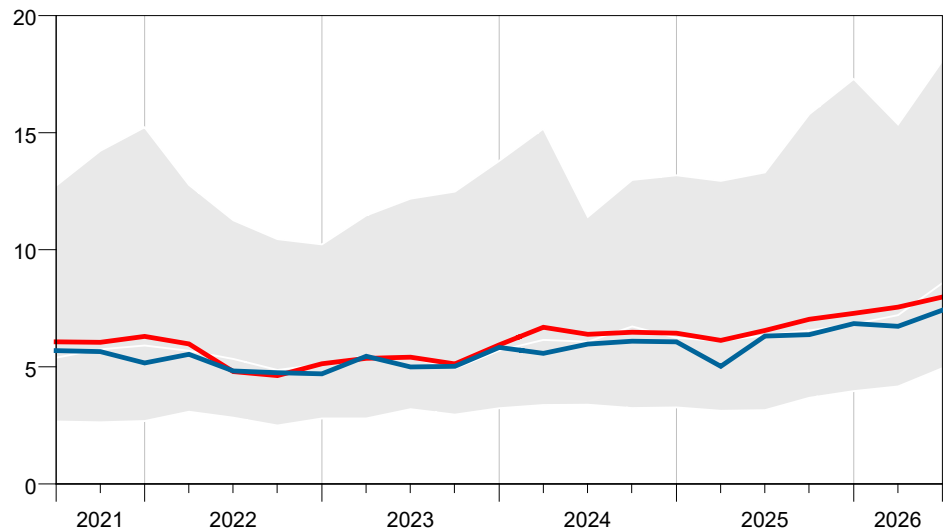
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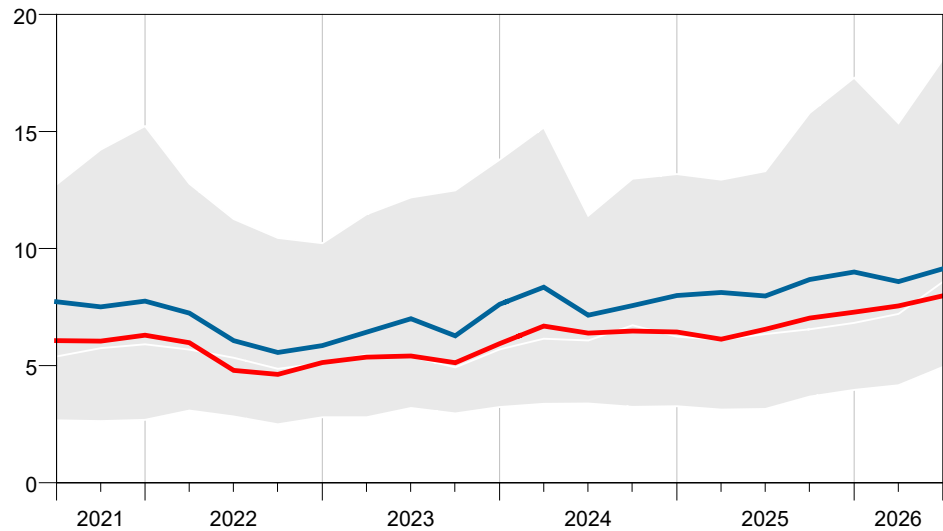
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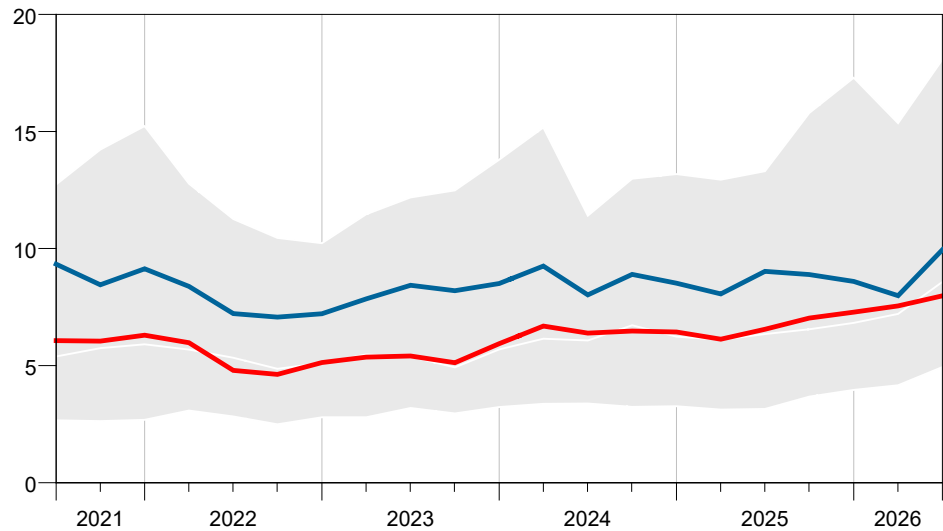
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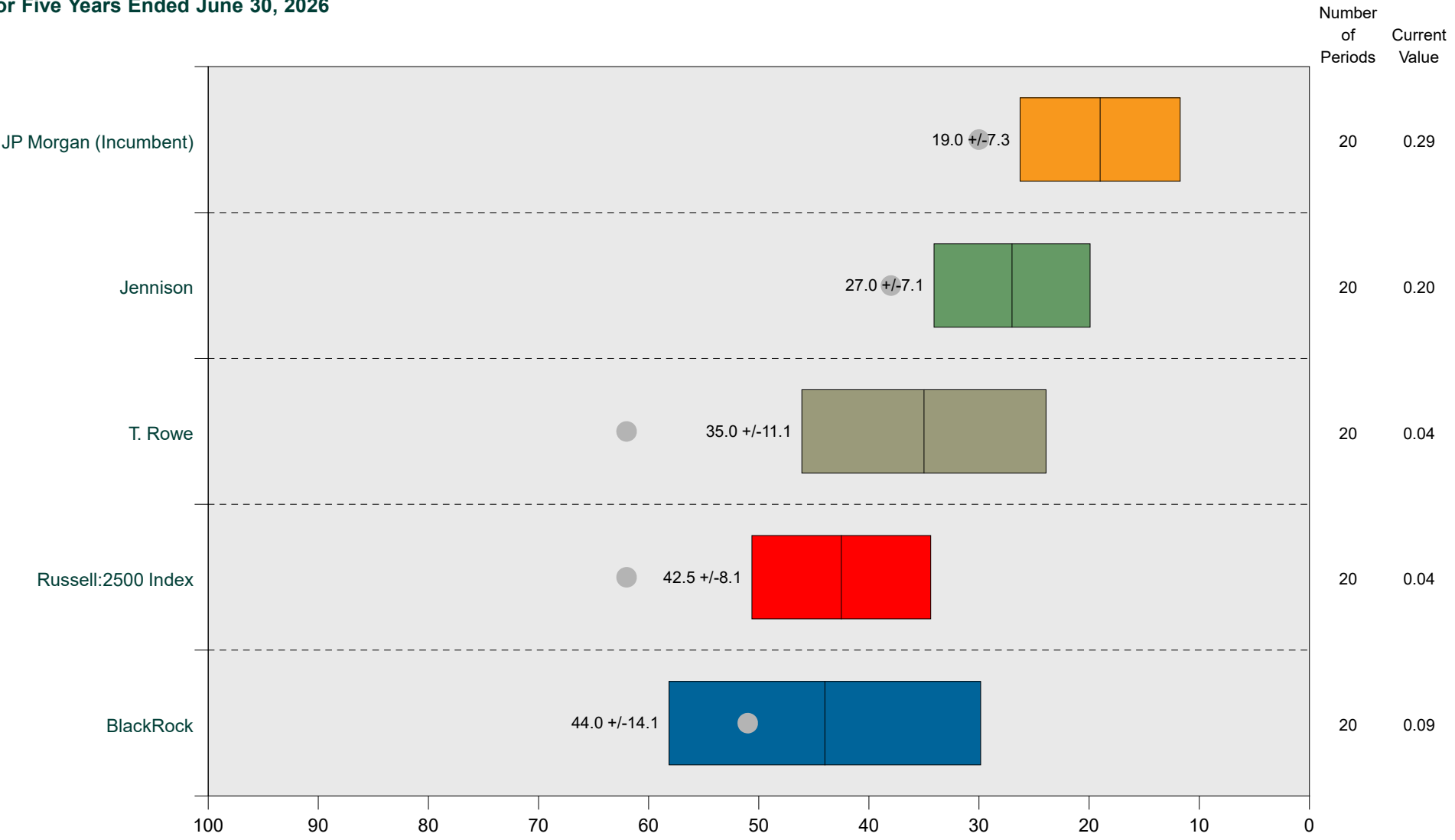
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Historical Rankings - Combined Z Score

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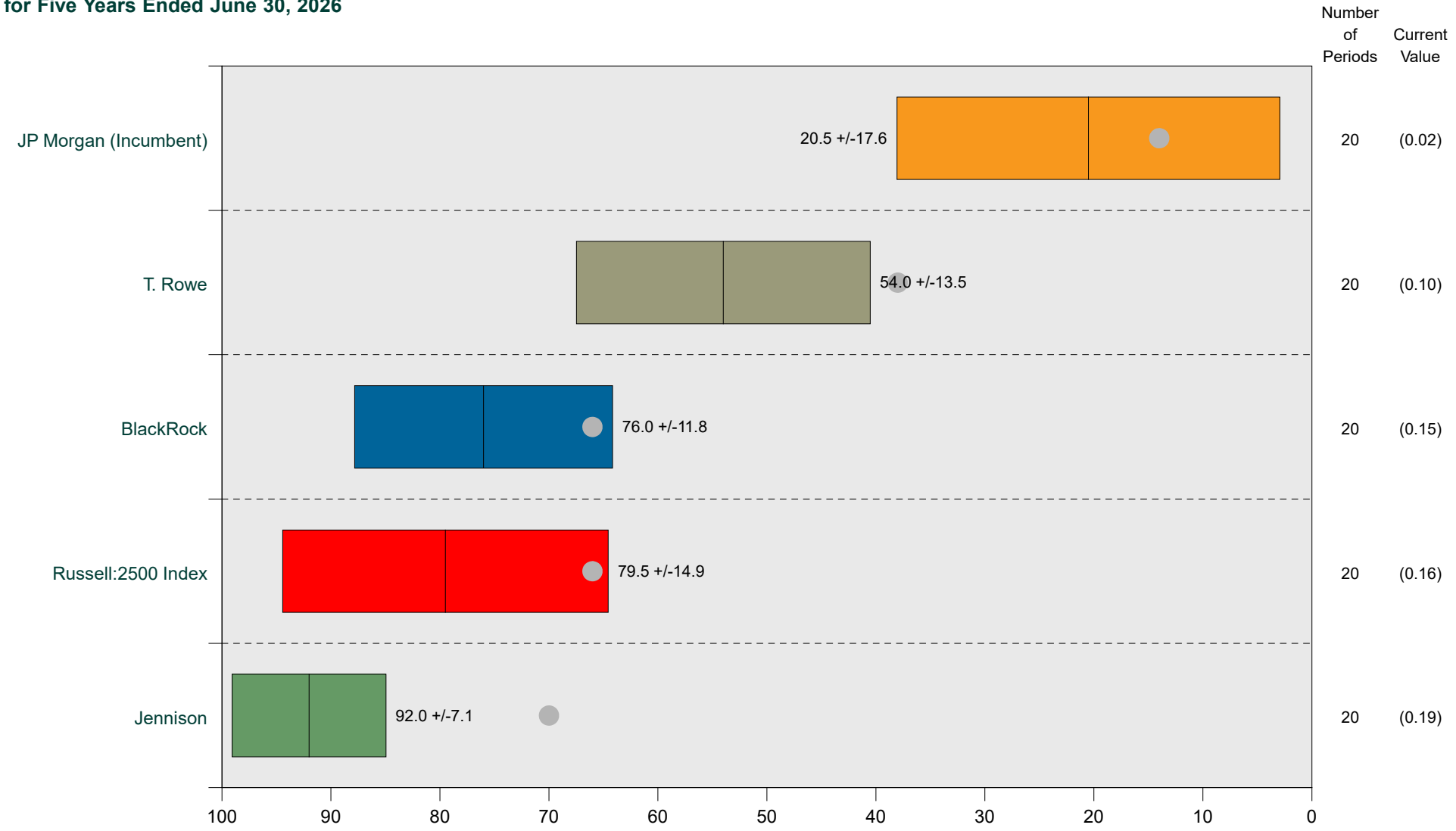
Combined Z Score Against Callan SMID Core MFs
for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



Historical Rankings - Stability Score

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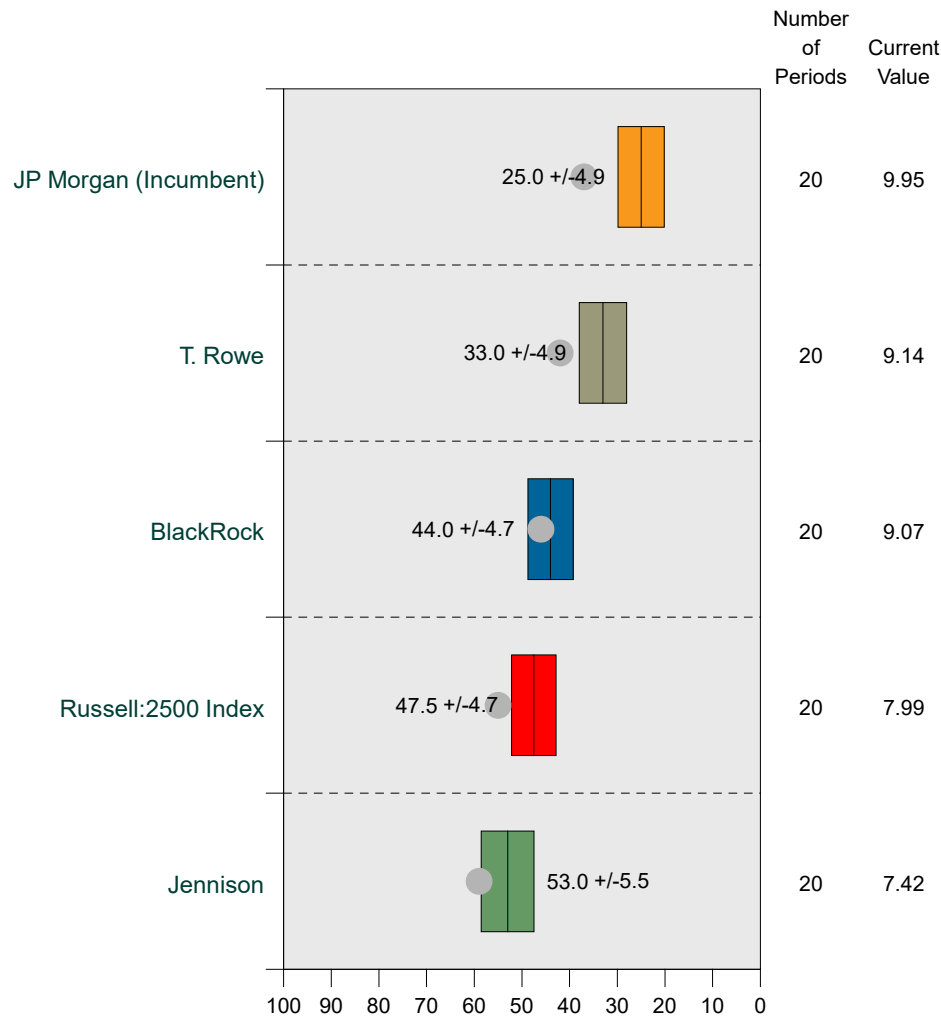
Stability Score Against Callan SMID Core MFs
for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



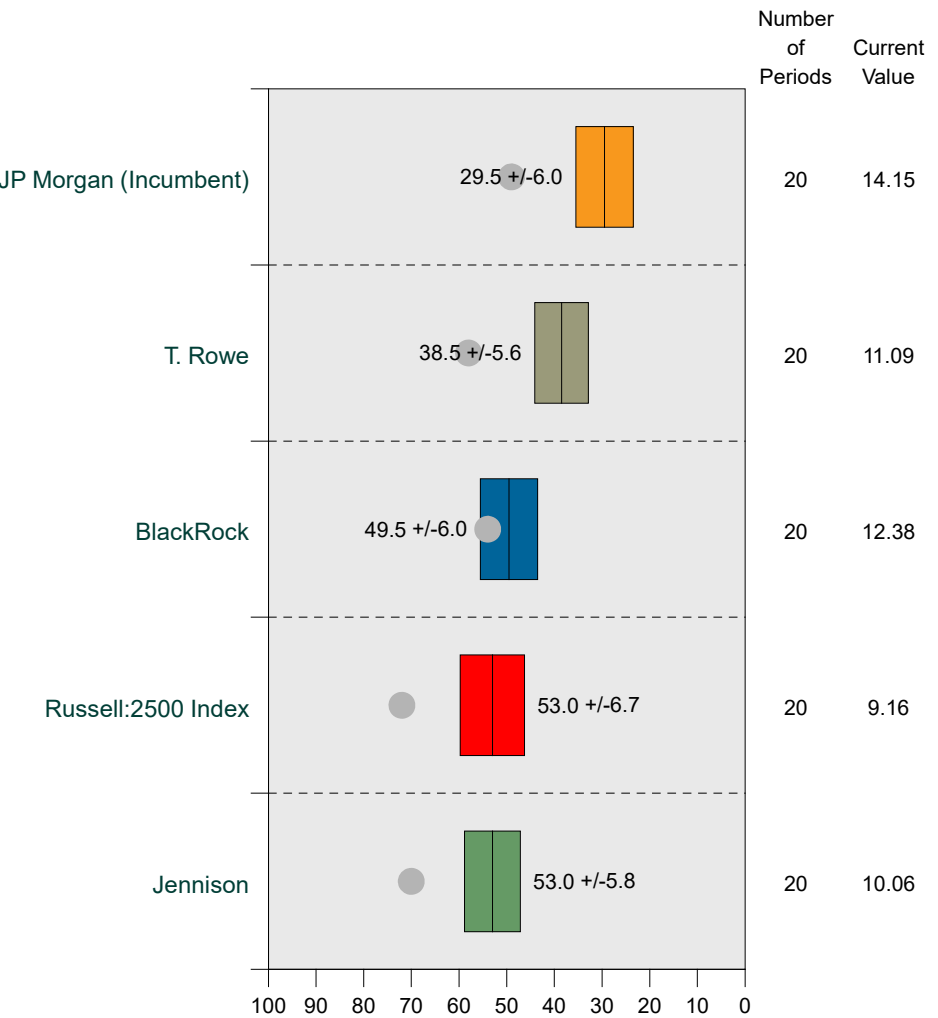
Historical Rankings - Weighted Median & Average Market Cap.

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Weighted Median Market Cap Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



Weighted Average Market Cap Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



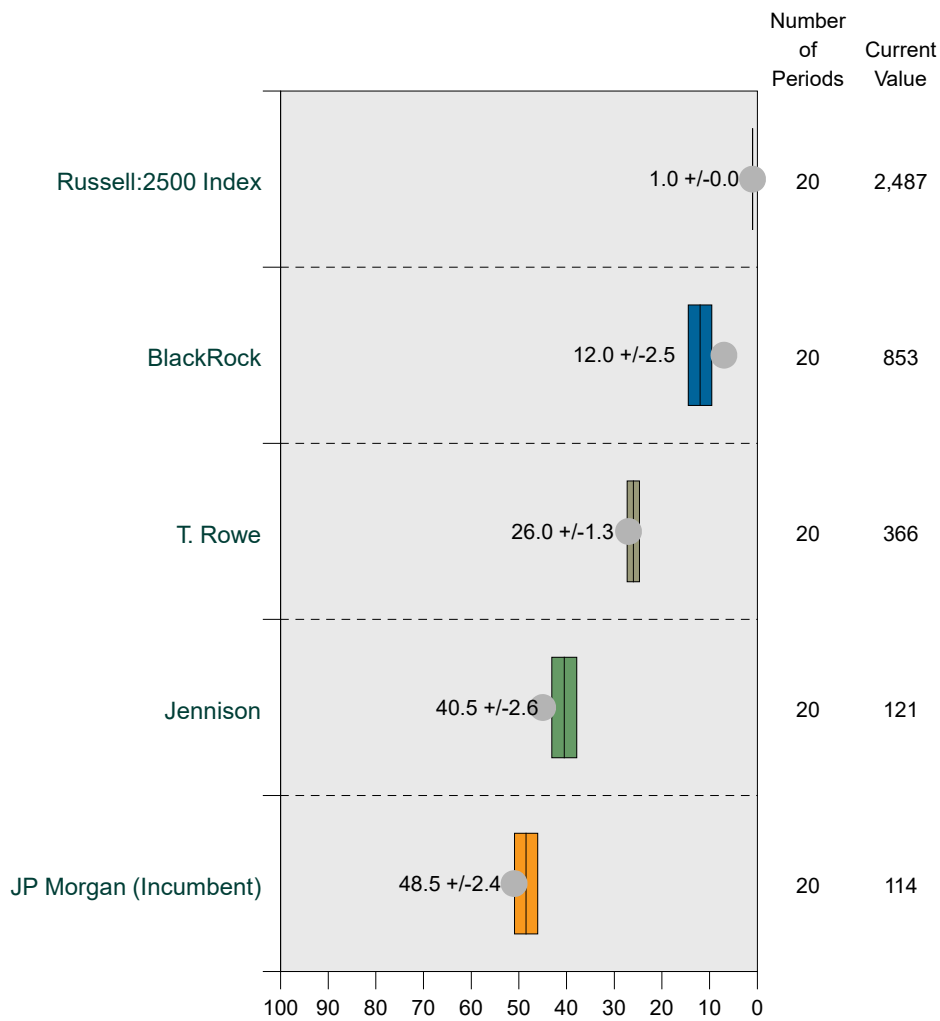
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Issue Diversification Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



Number of Holdings Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026





Candidate Performance

Returns and Peer Group Rankings - Trailing Periods

Returns for Periods Ended June 30, 2026

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Rankings in Parentheses)

	Last Quarter	Last Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Last 7 Years	Last 10 Years
BlackRock	21.10 (32)	38.50 (16)	19.58 (26)	9.50 (31)	12.58 (24)	--
BlackRock (Supplemental)	21.09 (32)	38.43 (16)	19.51 (27)	9.44 (32)	12.53 (24)	12.56 (19)
Jennison	18.32 (45)	32.59 (34)	15.36 (48)	7.63 (55)	13.01 (19)	12.64 (18)
T. Rowe	19.06 (36)	33.15 (32)	20.48 (20)	12.67 (8)	13.91 (8)	13.45 (12)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	14.64 (76)	11.15 (95)	8.37 (99)	4.15 (89)	7.61 (94)	8.03 (98)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	17.66	29.40	14.89	7.68	10.81	10.42
Russell:2500 Index	20.26 (34)	36.72 (23)	18.40 (31)	8.30 (42)	12.21 (29)	12.25 (22)

Due to the short track record of BlackRock's proposed share class, the institutional share class (MASPX) is shown as a supplemental.

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Returns and Peer Group Rankings - Calendar Years

Returns for Periods Ended June 30, 2026

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Rankings in Parentheses)

	2 Qtrs. 2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
BlackRock	24.55 (23)	11.31 (24)	12.20 (42)	18.96 (27)	(16.54) (45)	13.80 (94)	19.83 (12)	28.91 (29)	(6.43) (7)	--
BlackRock (Supplemental)	24.50 (24)	11.30 (24)	12.12 (42)	18.89 (27)	(16.59) (45)	13.77 (95)	19.80 (12)	28.85 (29)	(6.44) (7)	9.07 (92)
Jennison	19.39 (47)	7.39 (44)	14.18 (30)	12.02 (77)	(18.57) (62)	29.54 (22)	27.72 (3)	28.99 (28)	(13.07) (48)	20.03 (11)
T. Rowe	20.66 (40)	12.93 (16)	16.61 (23)	21.87 (4)	(12.99) (25)	22.14 (56)	11.92 (39)	30.43 (16)	(10.76) (18)	16.10 (34)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	12.12 (86)	(2.47) (96)	10.99 (61)	13.57 (62)	(18.82) (63)	23.70 (51)	10.44 (42)	26.46 (57)	(11.41) (28)	17.29 (22)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	18.49	5.94	11.44	15.97	(17.22)	23.55	9.81	26.36	(13.54)	14.71
Russell:2500 Index	22.71 (31)	11.91 (23)	12.00 (42)	17.42 (39)	(18.37) (61)	18.18 (84)	19.99 (12)	27.77 (39)	(10.00) (16)	16.81 (26)

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Returns and Peer Group Rankings - Rolling Three-Year Periods

Returns for Rolling Three-Year Periods Ended June 30, 2026

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Rankings in Parentheses)

	Last 3 Yrs.	3 Yrs. Ending 6/30/25	3 Yrs. Ending 6/30/24	3 Yrs. Ending 6/30/23	3 Yrs. Ending 6/30/22
BlackRock	19.58 (26)	12.35 (25)	1.33 (57)	8.11 (94)	5.29 (63)
BlackRock (Supplemental)	19.51 (27)	12.30 (26)	1.27 (58)	8.06 (94)	5.23 (64)
Jennison	15.36 (48)	9.30 (65)	0.59 (67)	18.54 (2)	10.79 (2)
T. Rowe	20.48 (20)	15.77 (6)	7.34 (4)	14.49 (35)	6.40 (45)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	8.37 (99)	8.02 (88)	0.87 (66)	11.06 (77)	6.05 (49)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	14.89	10.33	1.81	13.77	5.77
Russell:2500 Index	18.40 (31)	11.31 (35)	(0.29) (79)	12.29 (70)	5.91 (50)

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Returns and Peer Group Rankings - Rising/Declining Periods

Returns for Rising/Declining Periods for Ten Years Ended June 30, 2026

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Rankings in Parentheses)

	Rising Period 10/1/22 to 6/30/26	Declining Period 1/1/22 to 9/30/22	Rising Period 4/1/20 to 12/31/21	Declining Period 1/1/20 to 3/31/20	Rising Period 1/1/19 to 12/31/19	Declining Period 10/1/18 to 12/31/18	Rising Period 7/1/16 to 9/30/18
BlackRock	20.51 (26)	(23.27) (41)	35.86 (98)	(20.24) (1)	28.91 (29)	(14.68) (7)	--
BlackRock (Supplemental)	20.45 (26)	(23.32) (42)	35.82 (98)	(20.23) (1)	28.85 (29)	(14.66) (7)	16.64 (37)
Jennison	16.51 (57)	(24.71) (52)	71.27 (1)	(35.47) (89)	28.99 (28)	(19.47) (67)	17.32 (30)
T. Rowe	22.25 (12)	(20.68) (18)	43.55 (80)	(27.39) (16)	30.43 (16)	(17.61) (32)	17.12 (32)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	10.95 (100)	(24.21) (51)	44.68 (73)	(28.42) (26)	26.46 (57)	(16.54) (18)	13.98 (68)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	16.82	(24.05)	47.92	(31.16)	26.36	(18.77)	15.55
Russell:2500 Index	19.33 (34)	(24.01) (49)	49.36 (44)	(29.72) (31)	27.77 (39)	(18.49) (48)	18.26 (20)

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Statistics and Peer Group Rankings - Up & Down Market Capture

The table below illustrates Up Market Capture and Down Market Capture for five years versus the Callan SMID Core MFs group. A manager with an up-market capture greater than 100 has outperformed the index during the up market and a manager with a down-market capture less than 100 has outperformed the index during the down market. The Down Market Capture rankings are inverted.

Up Market Capture and Down Market Capture Relative to the Russell:2500 Index for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Rankings in Parentheses)

	Up Market Capture (%)	Down Market Capture (%)
BlackRock	103.90 (22)	95.27 (42)
Jennison	94.75 (38)	98.19 (35)
T. Rowe	109.01 (16)	75.12 (91)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	68.08 (98)	89.11 (60)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	91.19	92.95

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Excess Correlation Table

This excess correlation table shows the correlation of one portfolio's excess return to another portfolio's excess return. Excess return is the return minus a benchmark. For instance, Excess Correlation could measure the correlation of Manager A's return in excess of a benchmark with Manager B's return in excess of the same benchmark. Excess Correlation is used to indicate whether different managers outperform a market index at the same time.

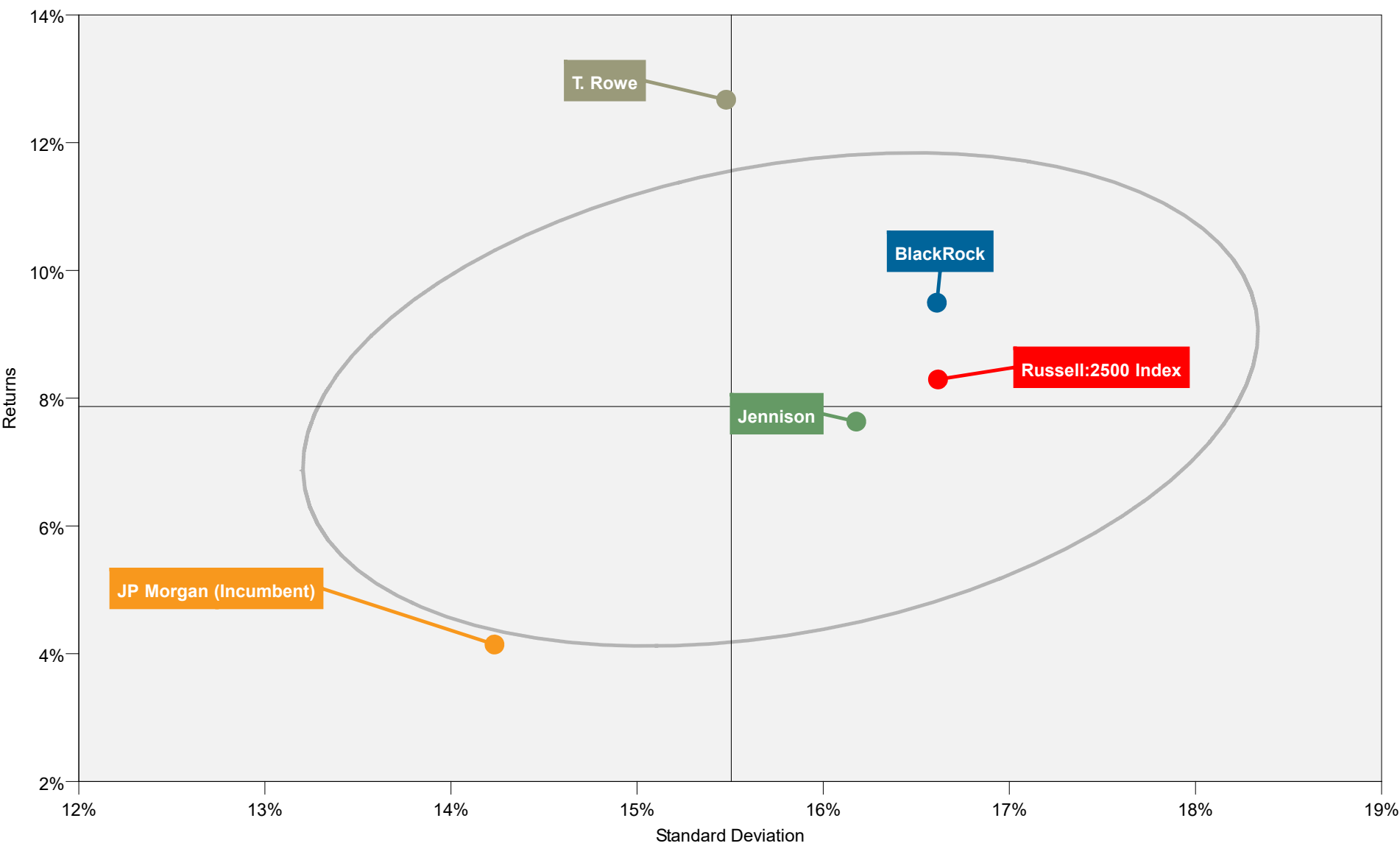
Benchmark: Russell 2500 Index for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026

BlackRock	1.00			
Jennison	0.19	1.00		
T. Rowe	0.31	0.35	1.00	
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	0.16	0.56	0.72	1.00
	BlackRock	Jennison	T. Rowe	JP Morgan (Incumbent)

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Risk/Reward Structure

Risk/Reward for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026
Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Ellipse with Median at Central Axis)



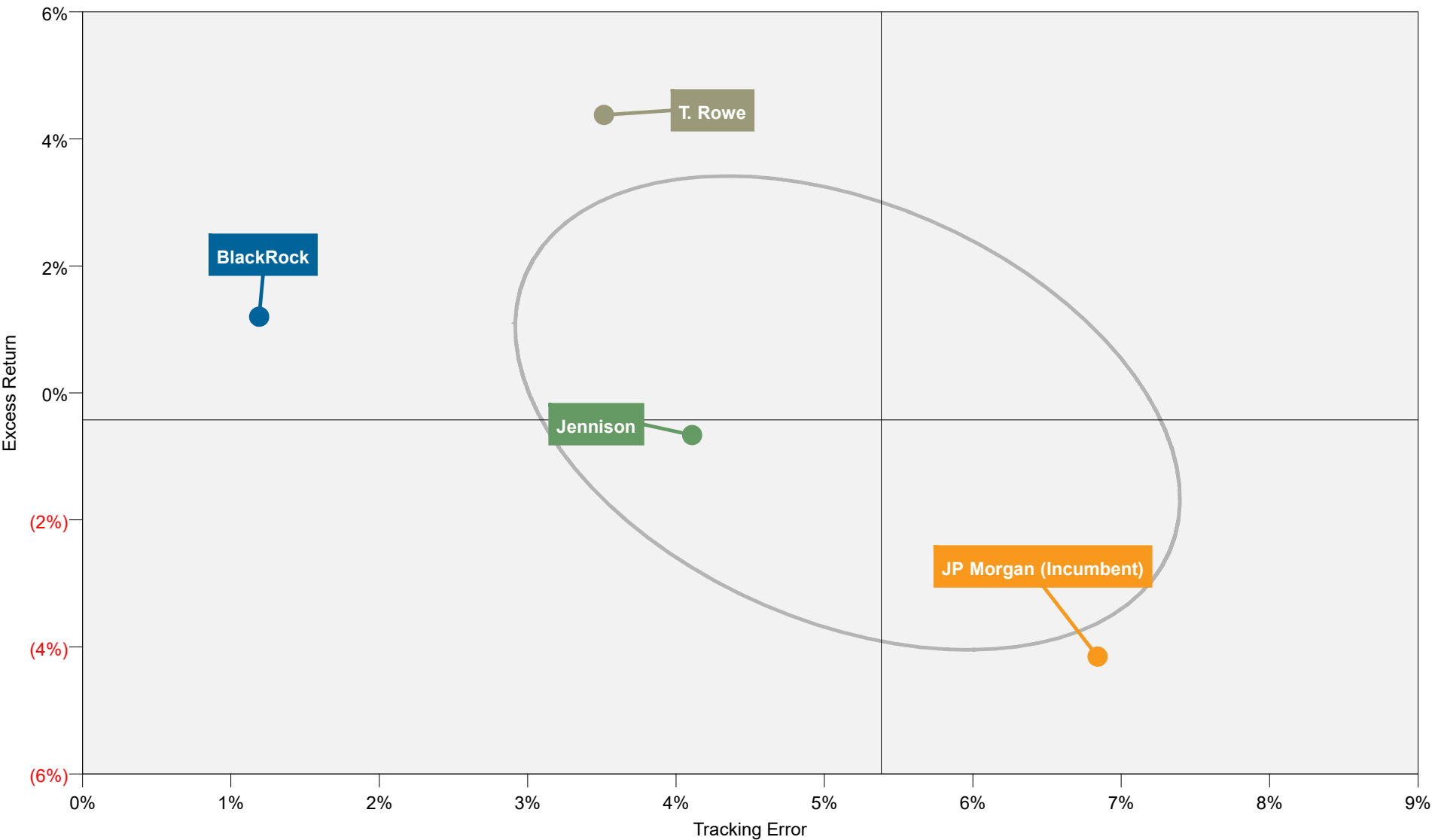
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Excess Return vs. Tracking Error

Excess Return vs Tracking Error for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026

Benchmark: Russell 2500 Index

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Risk Statistics

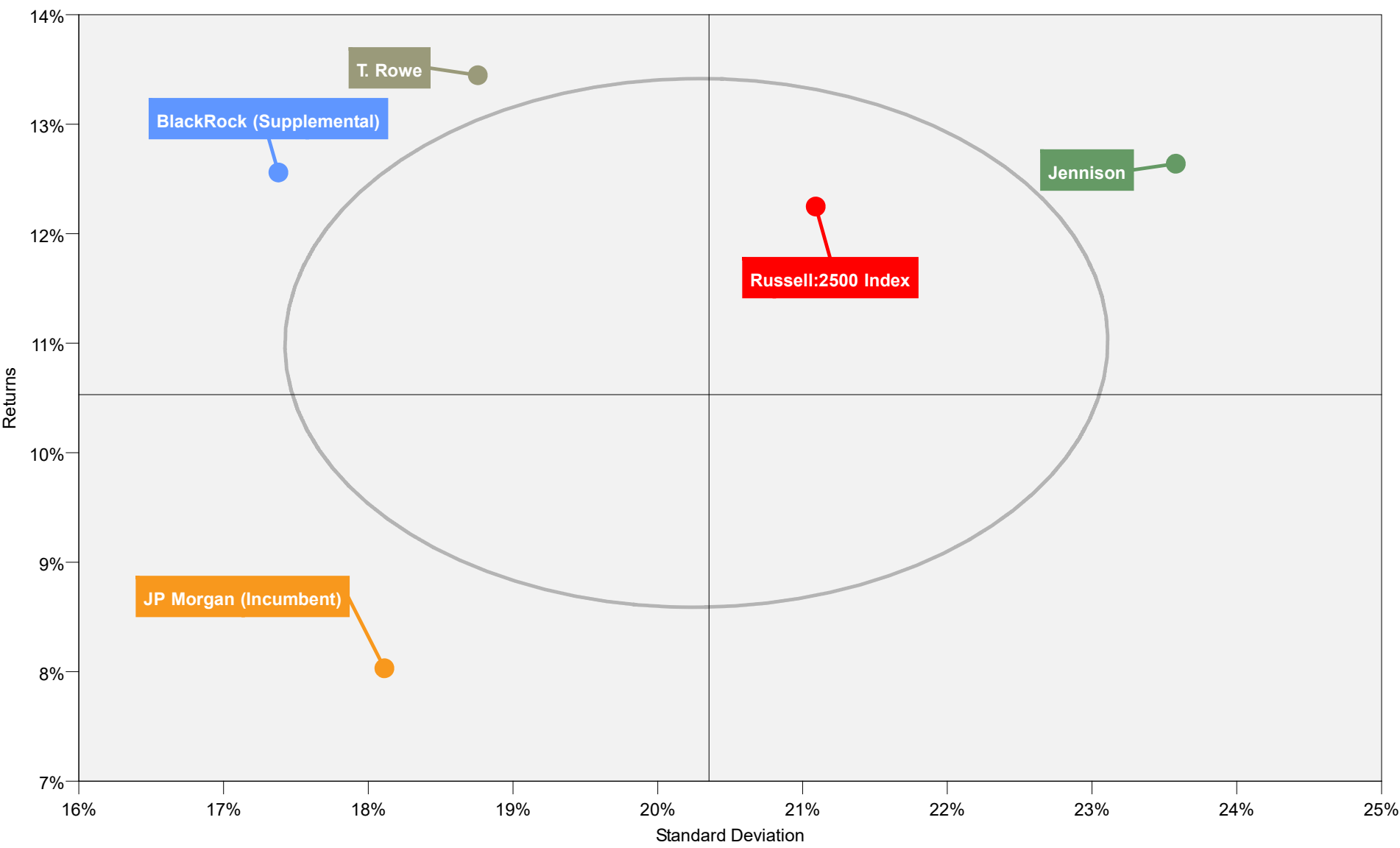
Return-Based Risk Statistics Relative to Russell:2500 Index for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026
Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Ranking in Parentheses)

	Standard Deviation	Downside Risk	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Alpha	Beta	Correlation
BlackRock	16.61 (27)	0.55 (98)	0.36 (30)	0.93 (12)	1.14 (32)	1.00 (22)	1.00 (2)
Jennison	16.18 (35)	2.84 (70)	0.25 (59)	(0.09) (57)	(0.36) (58)	0.95 (33)	0.97 (29)
T. Rowe	15.48 (52)	0.92 (92)	0.59 (4)	1.36 (8)	4.47 (5)	0.91 (40)	0.98 (20)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	14.23 (77)	6.18 (9)	0.04 (89)	(0.50) (85)	(2.99) (87)	0.78 (79)	0.91 (90)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	15.50	3.81	0.27	(0.05)	(0.16)	0.89	0.95
Russell:2500 Index	16.62 (27)	0.00 (99)	0.29 (46)	0.00 (51)	0.00 (50)	1.00 (22)	1.00 (1)

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Risk/Reward Structure

Risk/Reward for Ten Years Ended June 30, 2026
Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Ellipse with Median at Central Axis)



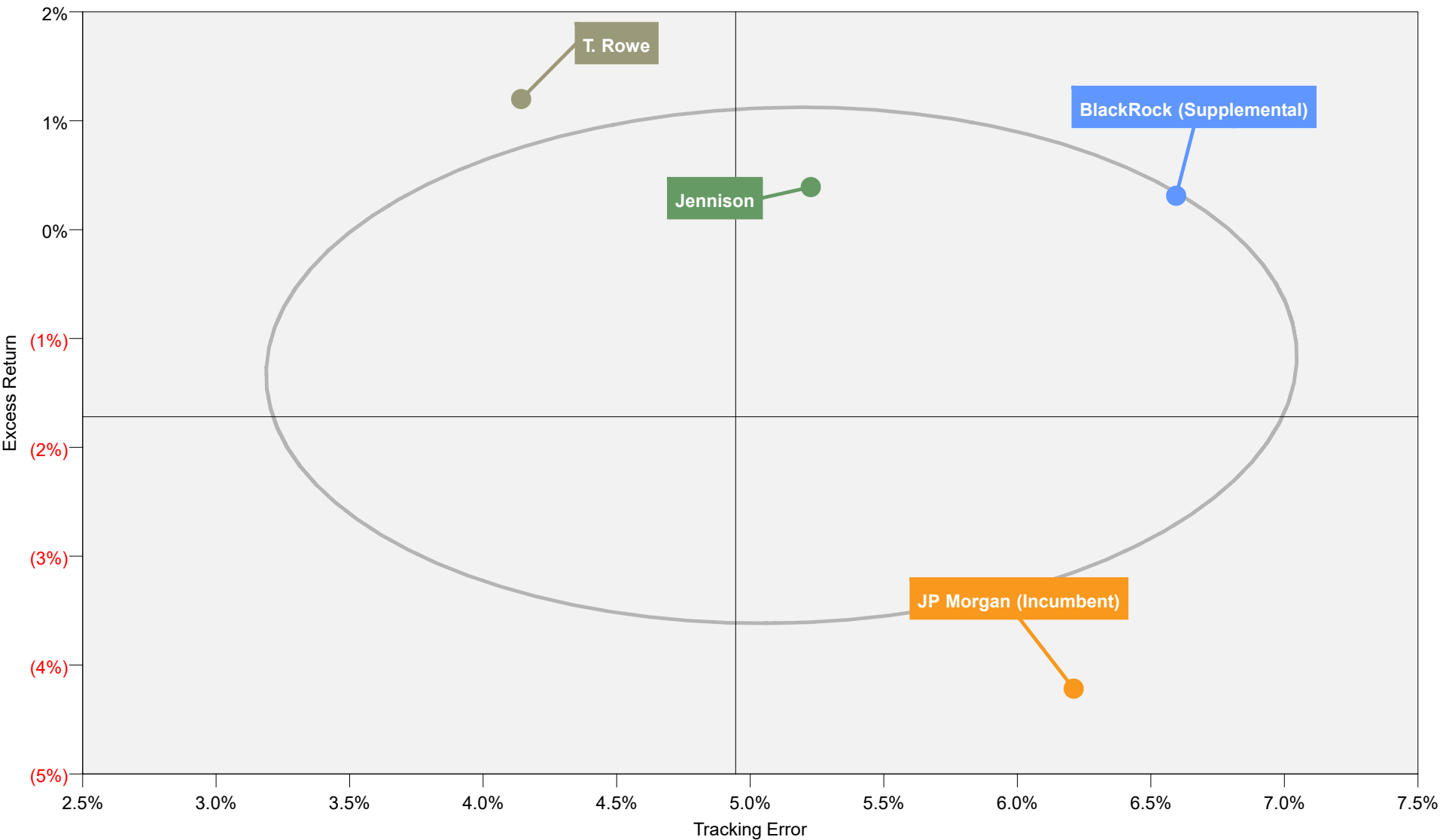
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Excess Return vs. Tracking Error

Excess Return vs Tracking Error for Ten Years Ended June 30, 2026

Benchmark: Russell 2500 Index

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Ellipse with Median at Central Axis)



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Risk Statistics

Return-Based Risk Statistics Relative to Russell:2500 Index for Ten Years Ended June 30, 2026

Group: Callan SMID Core MFs (Percentile Rankings in Parentheses)

	Standard Deviation	Downside Risk	Sharpe Ratio	Information Ratio	Alpha	Beta	Correlation
BlackRock (Supplemental)	17.38 (90)	5.33 (13)	0.59 (5)	0.41 (11)	2.01 (10)	0.79 (90)	0.96 (81)
Jennison	23.58 (2)	3.04 (75)	0.44 (46)	(0.04) (40)	(0.19) (40)	1.10 (1)	0.98 (31)
T. Rowe	18.76 (80)	2.85 (84)	0.59 (4)	0.66 (4)	2.12 (8)	0.87 (80)	0.99 (16)
JP Morgan (Incumbent)	18.11 (86)	5.95 (7)	0.31 (90)	(0.48) (80)	(2.45) (88)	0.83 (86)	0.96 (79)
Callan SMID Core MFs*	20.37	4.01	0.41	(0.19)	(0.90)	0.94	0.97
Russell:2500 Index	21.09 (31)	0.00 (100)	0.47 (36)	0.00 (38)	0.00 (38)	1.00 (25)	1.00 (1)

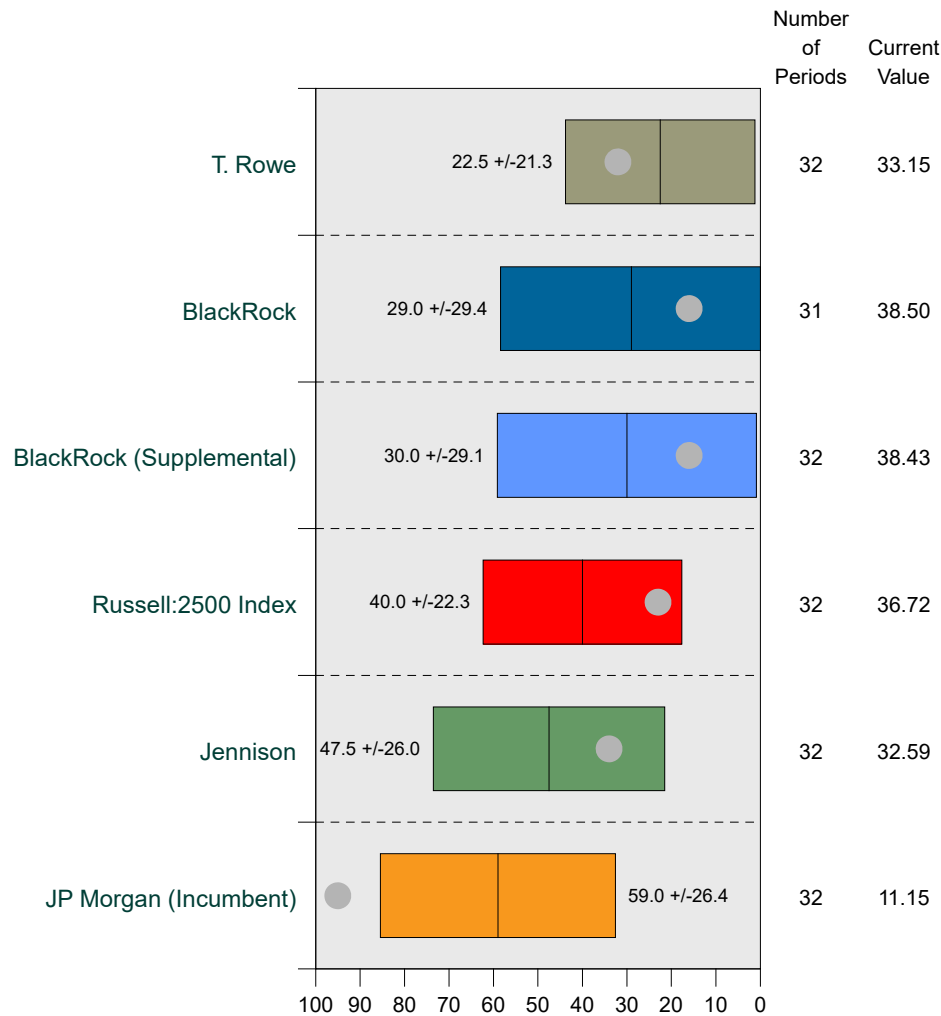
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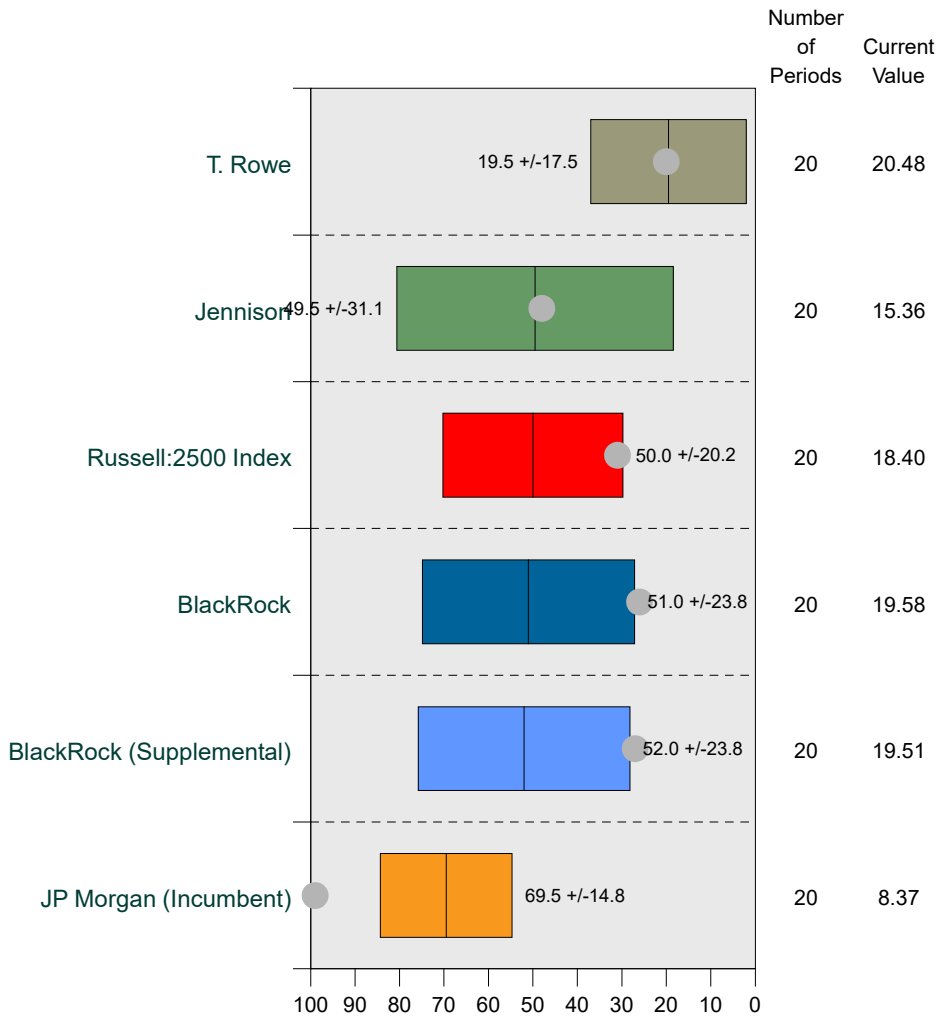
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Rolling One-Year Returns Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Eight Years Ended June 30, 2026



Rolling Three-Year Returns Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026

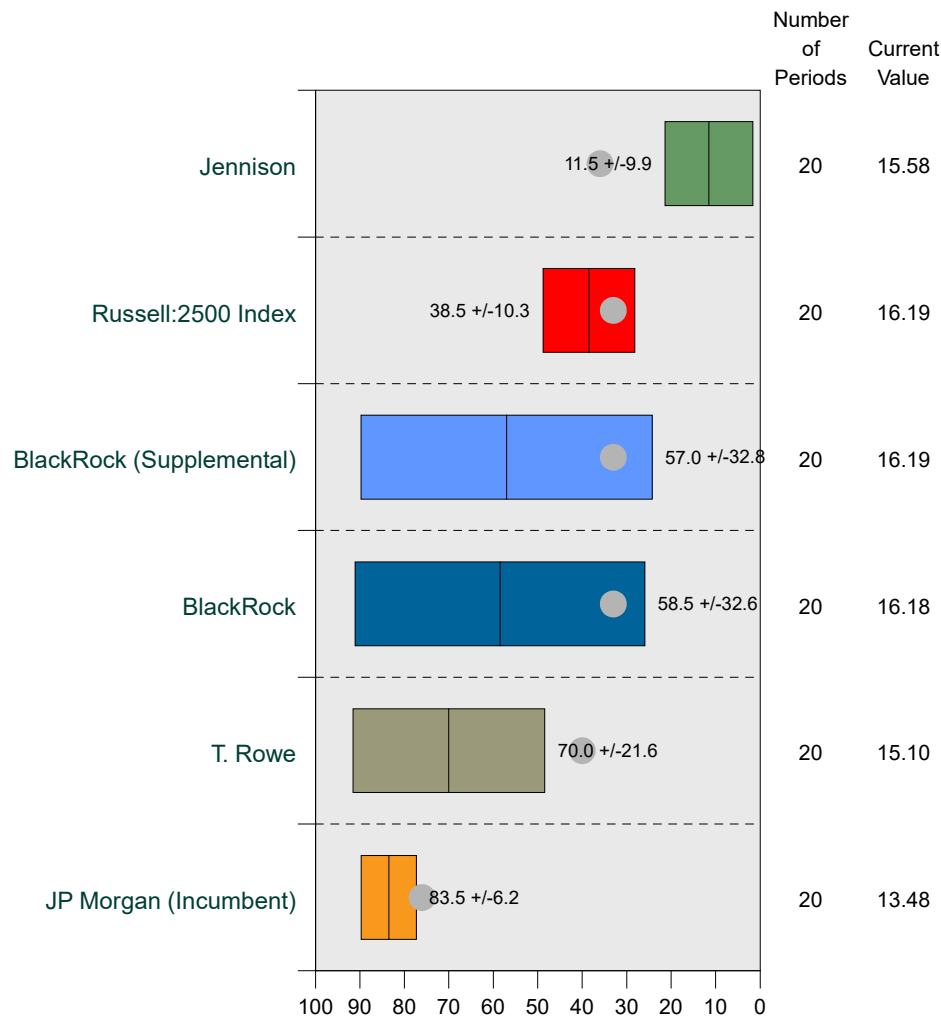


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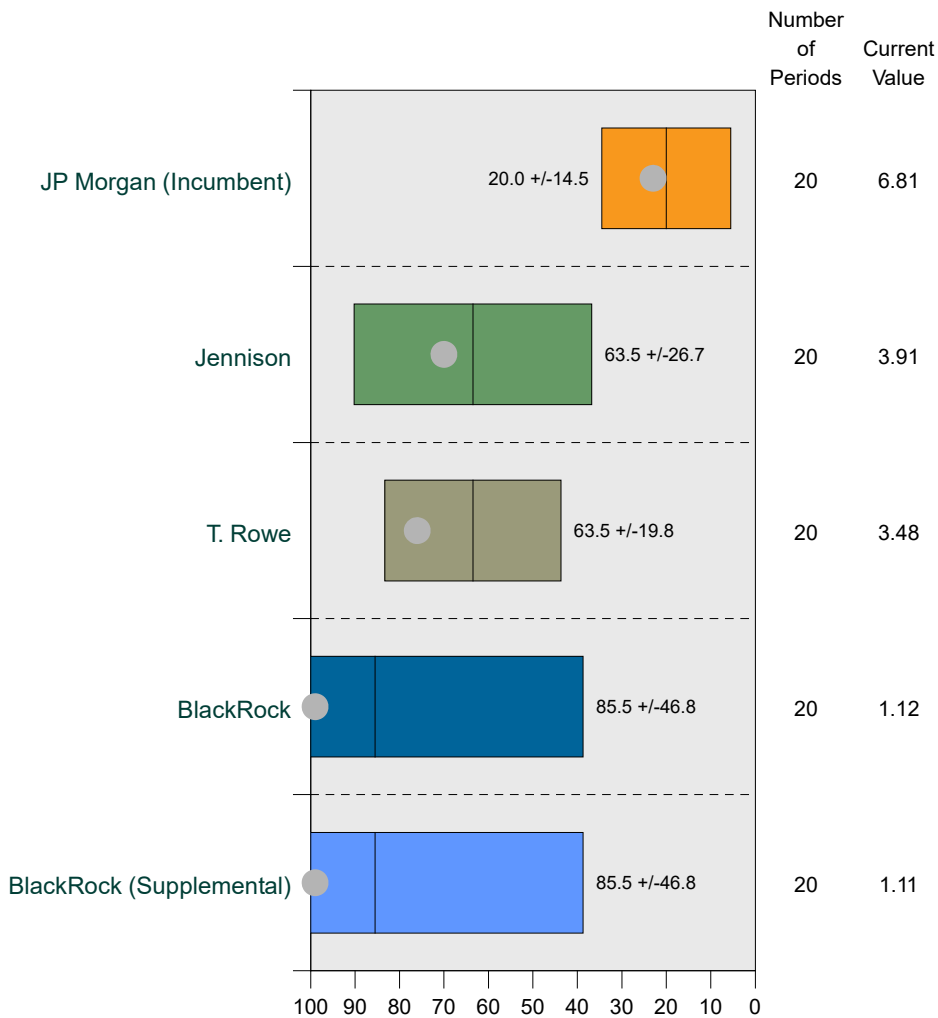
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Rolling Three-Year Standard Deviation Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



Rolling Three-Year Tracking Error Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026

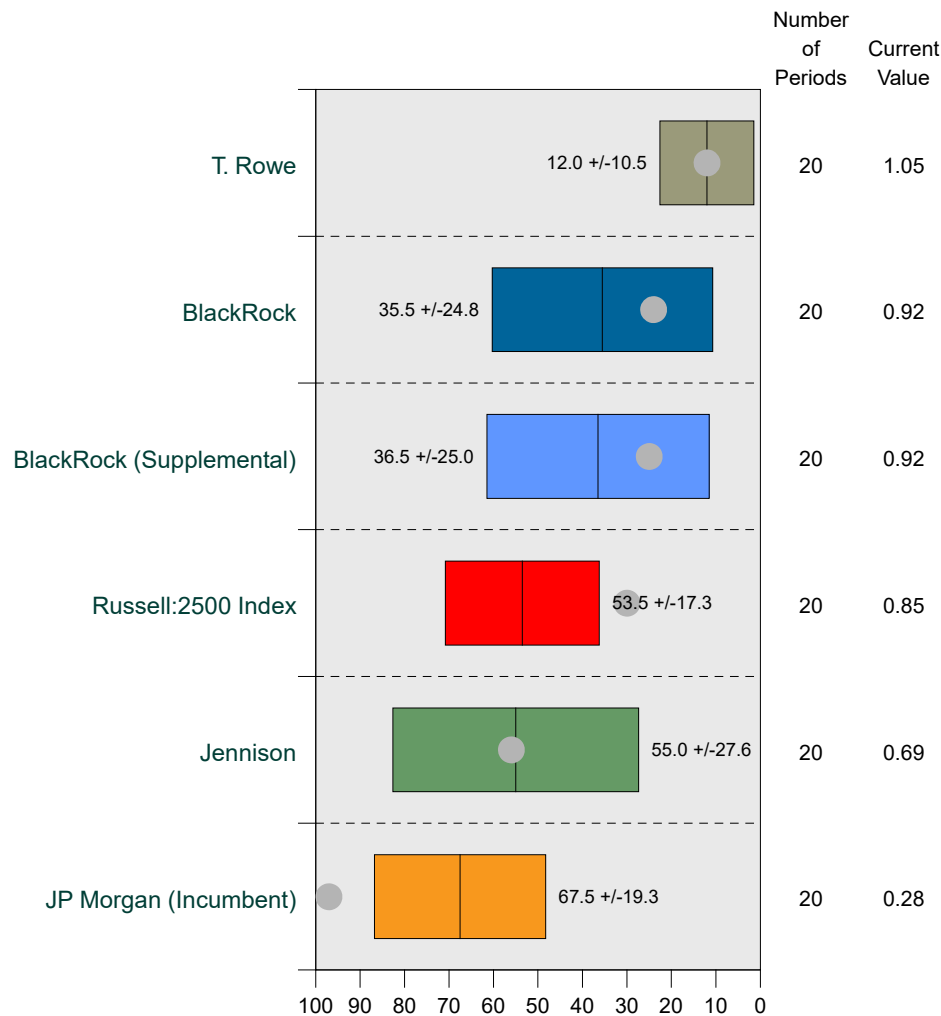


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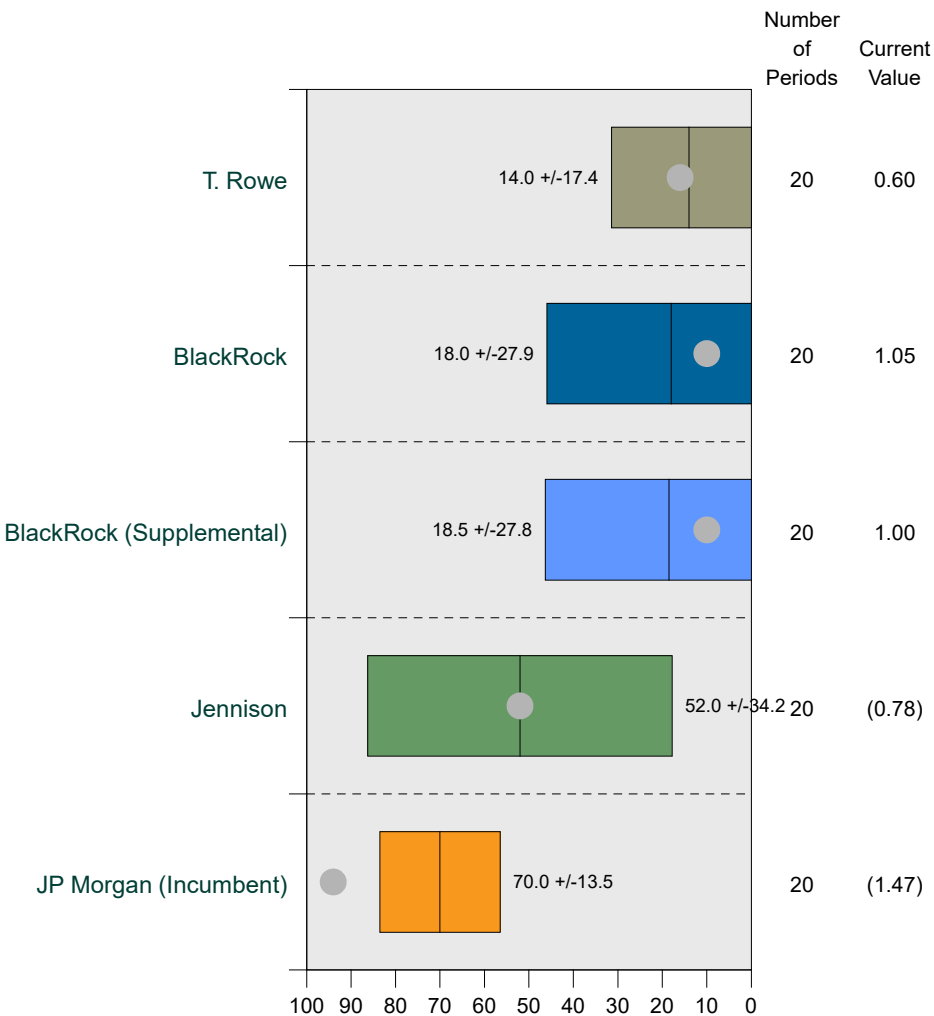
Historical Rankings - Sharpe Ratio & Excess Return Ratio

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Rolling Three-Year Sharpe Ratio Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



Rolling Three-Year Excess Return Ratio Against Callan SMID Core MFs for Five Years Ended June 30, 2026



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Appendix

Firm Overview: BlackRock

BlackRock was founded in 1988. In February 1995, BlackRock became a wholly-owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and a member of the PNC Asset Mgmt. Group. In 1998, PNC consolidated its asset management subsidiary names under BlackRock. BlackRock completed an IPO in 1999 for 16% of its equity. In 2005, BlackRock acquired SSRM Holdings Inc., the holding company of State Street Research and Management and State Street Realty. In 2006, BlackRock, Inc. and Merrill Lynch Investment Managers merged to create an independent company operating under the BlackRock name. In October 2007, BlackRock acquired Quellos Group. In December 2009, BlackRock completed the acquisition of Barclays Global Investors (BGI) including its iShares exchange-traded funds.

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Ownership	Founded	Portfolio Managers	Analysts
Publicly Owned	1988	1,063	612

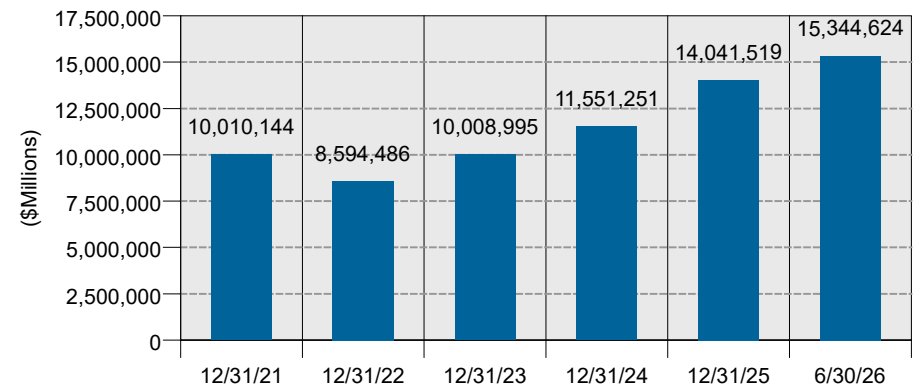
Total Firm Asset Breakdown

Domestic	\$(mm)	Client Type	\$(mm)
Equity	5,933,435	Corporate	4,034,735
Fixed Income	2,002,174	Public(Govt)	2,138,920
Balanced	881,699	Union/Multi-Employer	200,268
Alternatives	390,092	Superannuation	11,079
Other	719,970	Foundation/Endowment	43,043
Total	9,927,370	Health Care	54,545
		Insurance	603,084
Global	\$(mm)	High Net Worth	53,100
Equity	2,954,797	Wrap Account	442,459
Fixed Income	1,387,987	Sub-Advised	288,887
Balanced	465,599	Superanationals	15,771
Alternatives	259,994	Sovereign Wealth Funds	147,960
Other	348,877	Other	7,310,775
Total	5,417,254	Total Org Assets	15,344,624

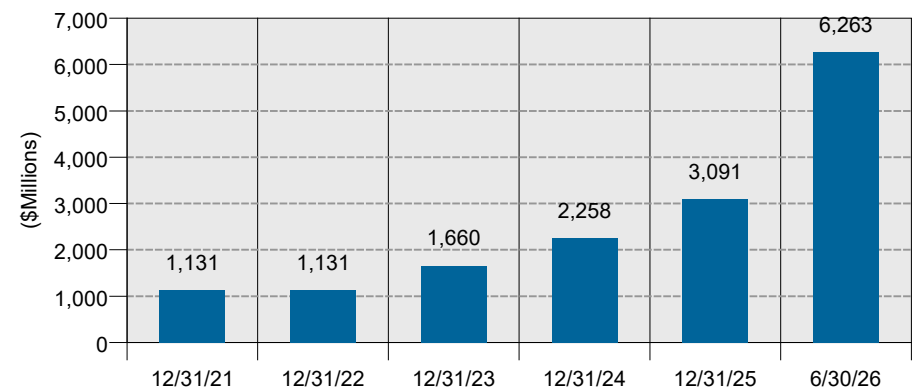
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Total Defined Contribution 1,324,949

Total Firm Asset Growth (\$mm) as of June 30, 2026

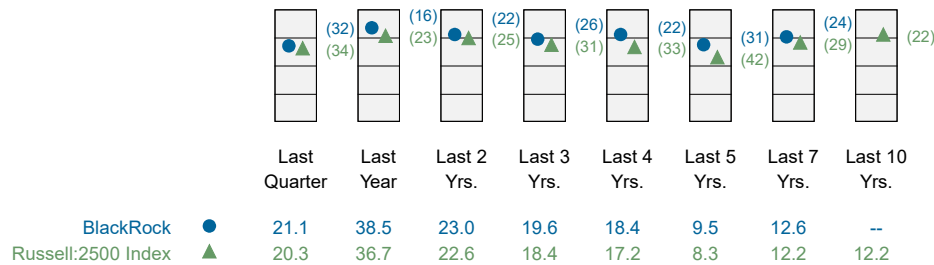


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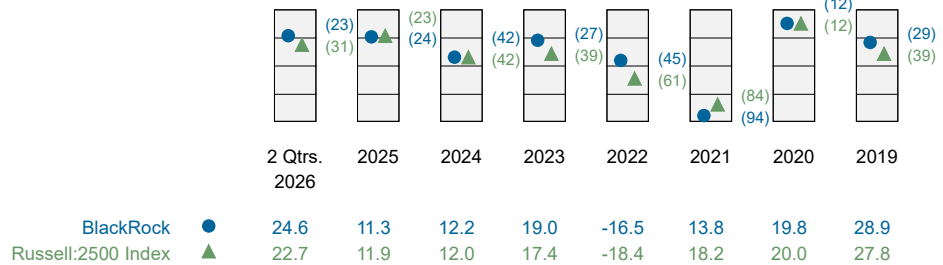


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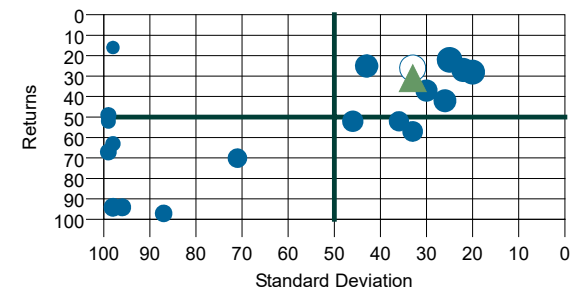
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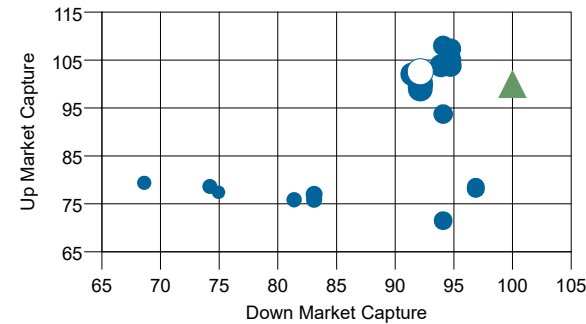
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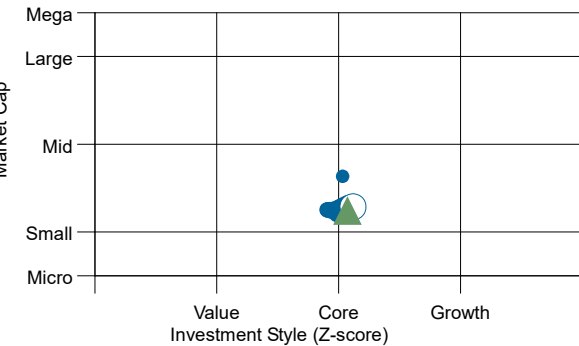
Return and Risk Rankings vs. Callan SMID Core MFs Group
Rolling 3 Year for 5 Years



Upside/Downside Capture Rolling 3 Year for 5 Years



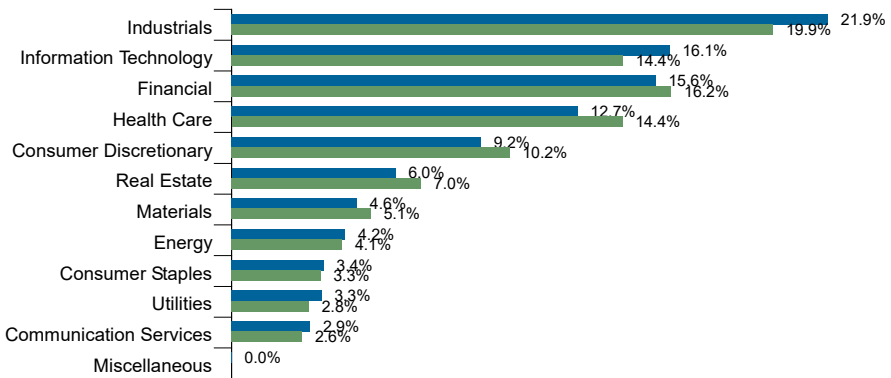
Holdings Based Style Map Rolling 1 Year



Portfolio Characteristics

	BlackRock	Russell:2500 Index	Callan SMID Core MFs
Number of Holdings	853	2,487	116
Issue Diversification	145.9	323.7	30.4
Growth Z Score	0.1	0.1	0.2
Value Z Score	0.1	0.1	0.0
Combined Z Score	0.1	0.0	0.1
Wtd. Median Market Cap.	9.1	8.0	8.6
Price/Earnings Ratio (exc neg)	24	24	22
Price/Book Value	2.4	2.5	2.7
Growth in Earnings	6	6	8
Return on Equity	11.0	9.5	14.1
Dividend Yield	1.3	1.3	1.0

Equity Sector Exposure vs Russell:2500 Index



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Firm Overview: Jennison Associates LLC

Jennison Associates LLC (Jennison) was founded in July 1969 as a SEC-registered investment advisor. In 1975, the firm acquired Boston-based, fixed income manager Carter, Doyle & Co. from Standard & Poor's Corp. In 1985, Jennison became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Prudential Insurance Company of America. In 2000, Prudential combined its public active equity asset management capabilities into Jennison and organized a new wholly-owned subsidiary, Prudential Asset Management Holding Company ("PAMHC"). Prudential then contributed its ownership in Jennison initially to PAMHC, and then later in 2000, to another asset management subsidiary, The Prudential Investment Corporation. In December 2001, Prudential Financial Inc. completed its IPO and, as part of the demutualization, Jennison became an indirect subsidiary of Prudential Financial Inc. Jennison added a global/international equity capability in 2011 and an emerging markets equity capability in 2014.

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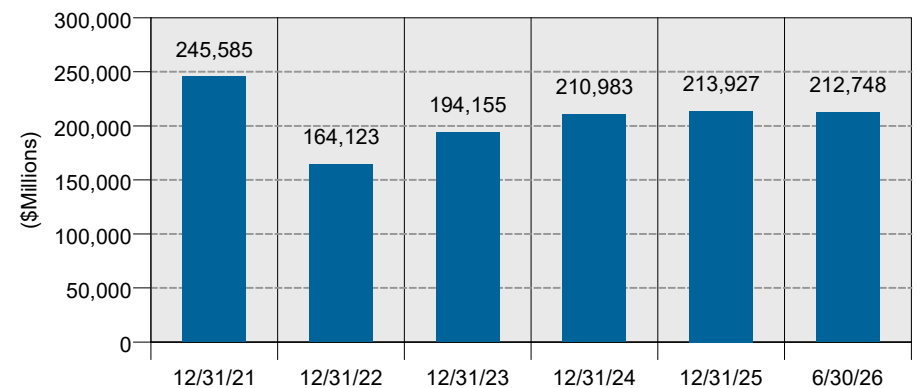
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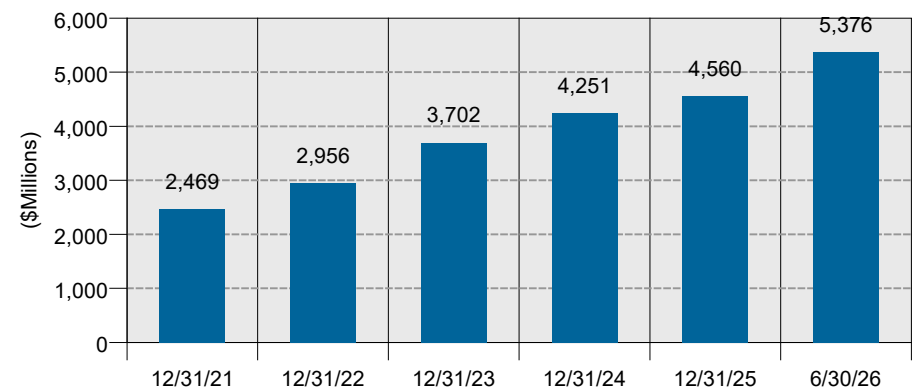
Domestic	\$(mm)	Client Type	\$(mm)
Equity	145,984	Corporate	33,458
Fixed Income	35,465	Public(Govt)	9,993
Total	181,449	Union/Multi-Employer	950
		Superannuation	1,633
Global	\$(mm)	Foundation/Endowment	1,601
Equity	30,467	Health Care	1,517
Alternatives	831	Insurance	280
Total	31,299	High Net Worth	17
		Wrap Account	3,330
		Sub-Advised	150,915
		Sovereign Wealth Funds	5,650
		Other	3,405
		Total Org Assets	212,748
		Total Defined Contribution	24,390

Client Type AUM Total does not include DC assets.

Total Firm Asset Growth (\$mm) as of June 30, 2026

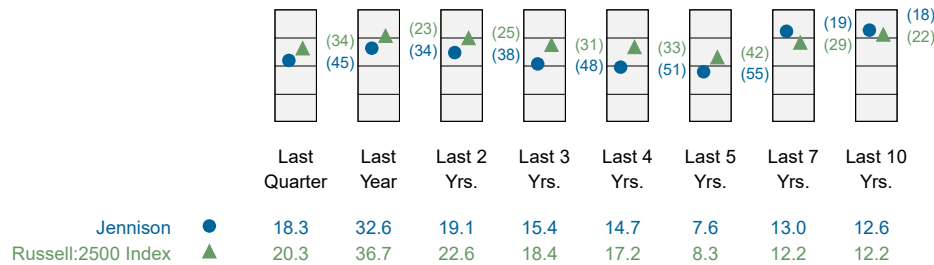


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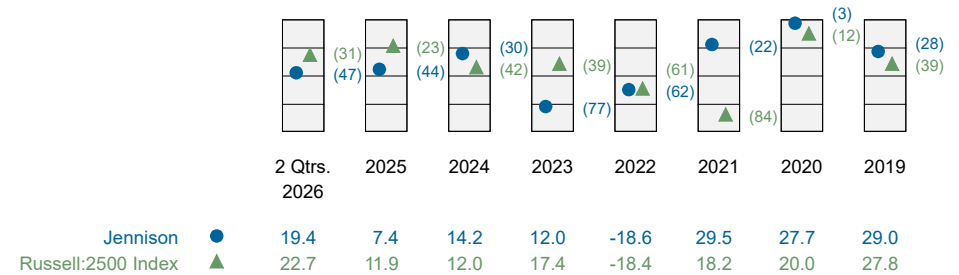


Product Overview: Jennison

Returns vs. Callan SMID Core MFs

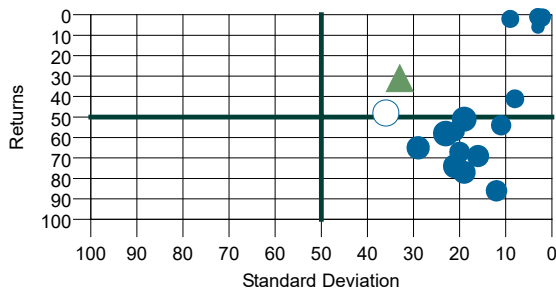


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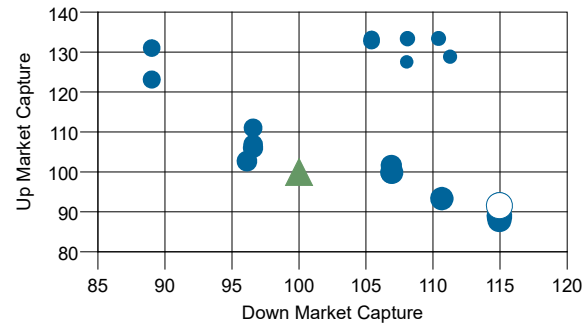


Return and Risk Rankings vs. Callan SMID Core MFs Group

Rolling 3 Year for 5 Years

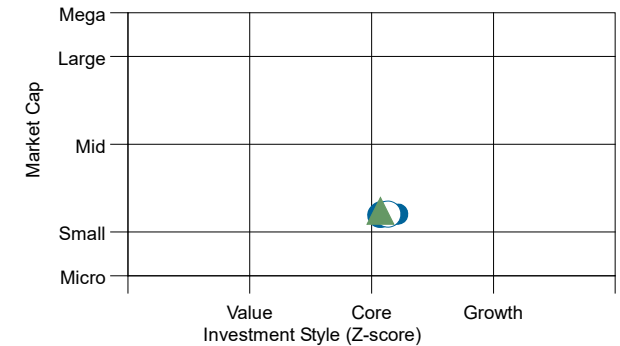


Upside/Downside Capture Rolling 3 Year for 5 Years



Holdings Based Style Map

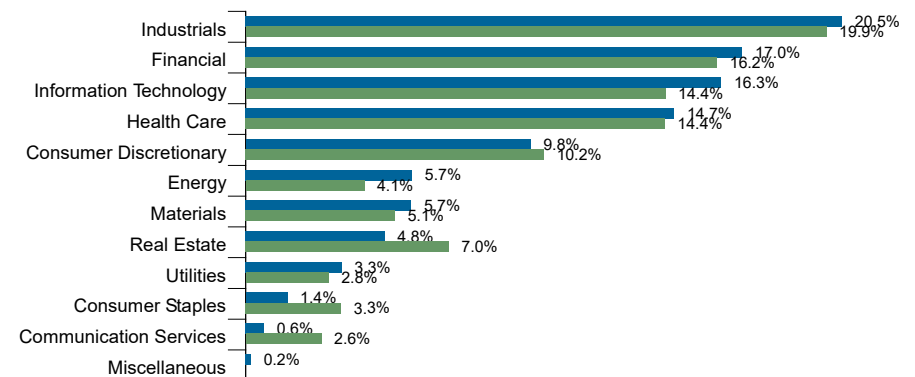
Rolling 1 Year



Portfolio Characteristics

	Jennison	Russell:2500 Index	Callan SMID Core MFs
Number of Holdings	121	2,487	116
Issue Diversification	33.4	323.7	30.4
Growth Z Score	0.2	0.1	0.2
Value Z Score	0.0	0.1	0.0
Combined Z Score	0.2	0.0	0.1
Wtd. Median Market Cap.	7.4	8.0	8.6
Price/Earnings Ratio (exc neg)	23	24	22
Price/Book Value	2.6	2.5	2.7
Growth in Earnings	11	6	8
Return on Equity	10.5	9.5	14.1
Dividend Yield	1.0	1.3	1.0

Equity Sector Exposure vs Russell:2500 Index



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Firm Overview: T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.

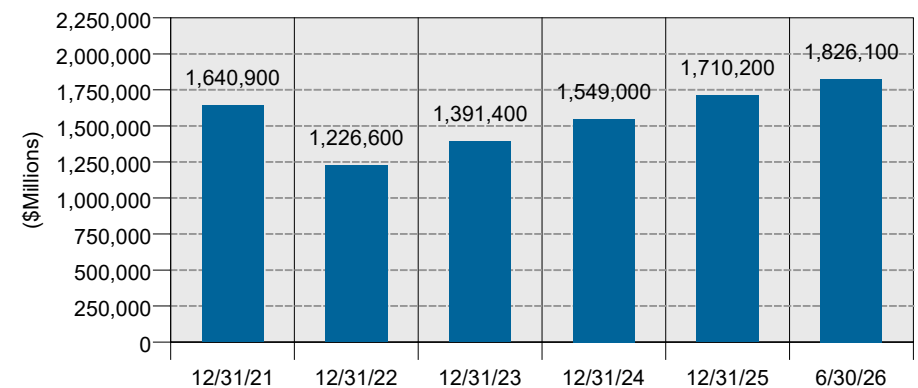
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Firm		Contact	
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. 1307 Point Street Baltimore, MD 21231		Chris Dyer (410) 345-6688 chris.dyer@troweprice.com	
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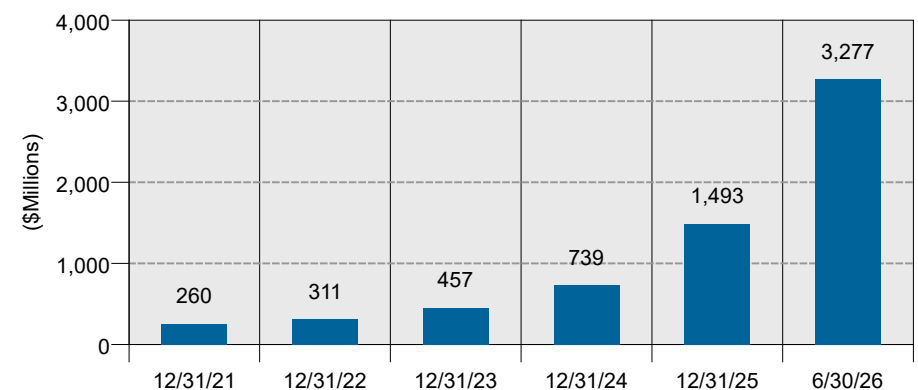
Total Firm Asset Breakdown

Domestic	\$(mm)	Client Type	\$(mm)
Equity	790,067	Corporate	1,416,850
Fixed Income	170,353	Public(Govt)	62,556
Balanced	686,580	Union/Multi-Employer	6,837
Alternatives	401	Foundation/Endowment	12,189
Total	1,647,401	Health Care	3,306
		Insurance	28,500
Global	\$(mm)	High Net Worth	15,772
Equity	129,263	Sub-Advised	178,819
Fixed Income	45,031	Sovereign Wealth Funds	22,801
Balanced	3,478	Other	78,471
Alternatives	927	Total Org Assets	1,826,100
Total	178,699	Total Defined Contribution	138,455

Total Firm Asset Growth (\$mm) as of June 30, 2026



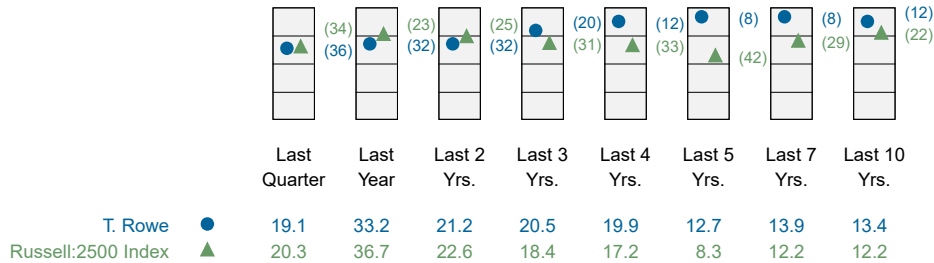
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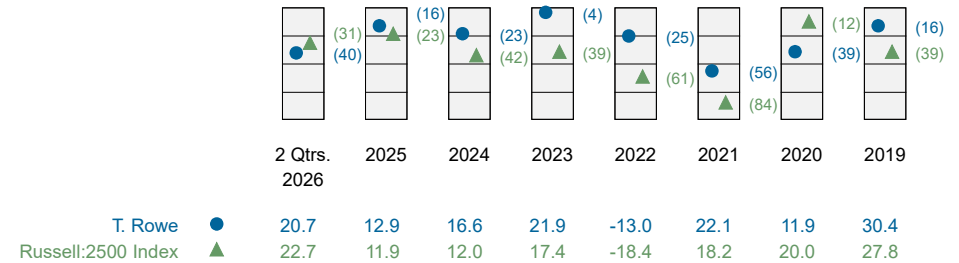
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Product Overview: T. Rowe

Returns vs. Callan SMID Core MFs

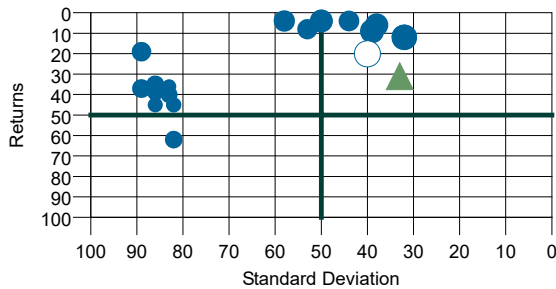


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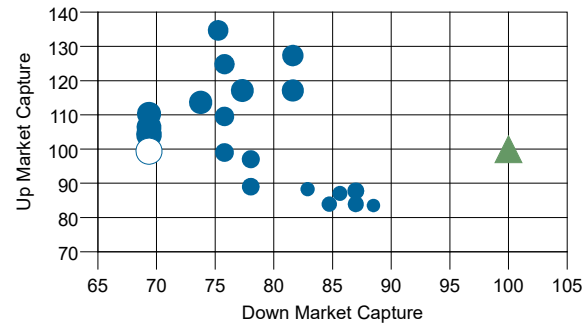


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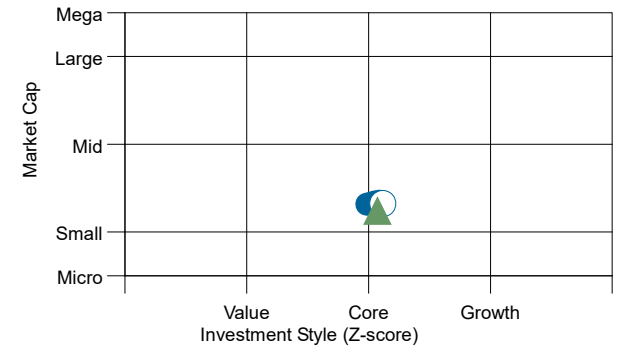
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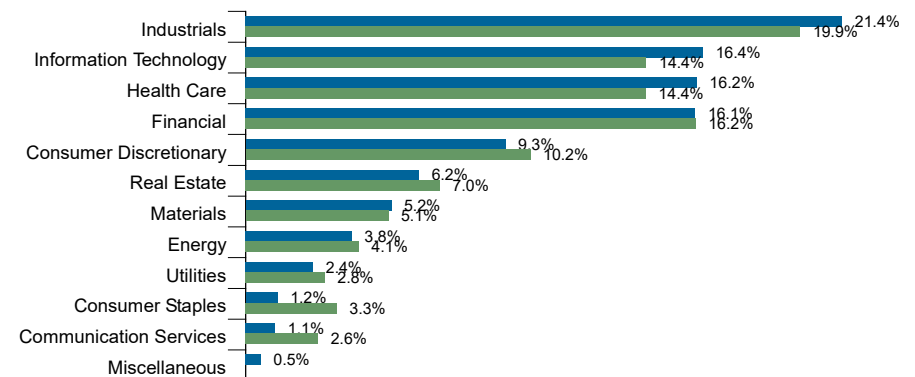
Holdings Based Style Map Rolling 1 Year



Portfolio Characteristics

	T. Rowe	Russell:2500 Index	Callan SMID Core MFs
Number of Holdings	366	2,487	116
Issue Diversification	94.2	323.7	30.4
Growth Z Score	0.1	0.1	0.2
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Dividend Yield	1.1	1.3	1.0

Equity Sector Exposure vs Russell:2500 Index



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Definitions

Alpha measures a portfolio's return in excess of the market return adjusted for risk. It is a measure of the manager's contribution to performance with reference to security selection. A positive alpha indicates that a portfolio was positively rewarded for the residual risk which was taken for that level of market exposure.

Beta measures the sensitivity of rates of portfolio returns to movements in the market index. A portfolio's beta measures the expected change in return per 1% change in the return on the market. If a beta of a portfolio is 1.5, a 1 percent increase in the return on the market will result, on average, in a 1.5 percent increase in the return on the portfolio. The converse would also be true.

Combined Z Score is the difference between the MSCI Growth Z Score and the MSCI Value Z Score (Growth - Value). A significant positive Combined Z Score implies significant "growthiness" in the stock or portfolio. A Combined Z Score close to 0.00 (positive or negative) implies "core-like" style characteristics, and a significantly negative Combined Z Score implies more "valueyness" in the stock or portfolio.

Correlation measures the degree to which two variables are associated. Correlation is a commonly used tool for constructing a well-diversified portfolio. Traditionally, equities and fixed-income asset returns have not moved closely together. The asset returns are not strongly correlated. A balanced fund with equities and fixed-income assets represents a diversified portfolio that attempts to take advantage of the low Correlation between the two asset classes. The value for Correlation ranges from +1.0 to -1.0. A positive Correlation means that the two variables move, to a degree, in the same manner or direction, and a negative Correlation means that the variables move, to a degree, in the opposite manner or direction. A Correlation of +1.0 (-1.0) means the two variables move in exactly the same (opposite) direction.

Coupon Rate is the market value weighted average coupon of all securities in the portfolio. The total coupon payments per year are divided by the total portfolio par value.

Dividend Yield reflects the total amount of dividends paid out for a stock over the proceeding twelve months divided by the closing price of a share of the common stock.

Downside Risk differentiates between "good risk" (upside volatility) and "bad risk" (downside volatility). Whereas standard deviation captures both upside and downside volatility, downside risk measures only the volatility of returns below the target. Returns above the target are assigned a deviation of zero. Both the frequency and magnitude of underperformance affect the amount of downside risk.

Effective Yield is the actual total annualized return that would be realized if all securities in the portfolio were held to their expected maturities. Effective yield is calculated as the internal rate of return, using the current market value and all expected future interest and principal cash flows.

Effective Duration is one measure of the portfolio's exposure to interest rate risk. Generally, the higher a portfolio's duration, the more that its value will change in response to interest rate changes. The option adjusted duration for each security in the portfolio is calculated using models which determine the expected stream of cash-flows for the security based on various interest rate scenarios.

Definitions (continued)

Excess Correlation is the correlation of a portfolio's excess return to another portfolio's excess return. Excess return is the portfolio return minus the benchmark return. For instance Excess Correlation could measure the correlation of Manager A's return in excess of a benchmark with Manager B's return in excess of the same benchmark. Excess Correlation is used to indicate whether different managers outperform a market index at the same time.

Excess Return is the portfolio return minus the benchmark return.

Excess Return Ratio is a measure of risk adjusted relative return. This ratio captures the amount of active management performance (value added relative to an index) per unit of active management risk (tracking error against the index.) It is calculated by dividing the manager's annualized cumulative excess return relative to the index by the standard deviation of the individual quarterly excess returns. The Excess Return Ratio can be interpreted as the manager's active risk/reward tradeoff for diverging from the index when the index is mandated to be the "riskless" market position.

Forecasted Growth in Earnings is a measure of a company's expected long-term success in generating future year-over-year earnings growth. This growth rate is a market value weighted average of the consensus (mean) analysts' long-term earnings growth rate forecast for each company in the portfolio. The definition of long-term varies by analyst but is limited to a 3-8 year range. This value is expressed as the expected average annual growth of earnings in percent.

Forecasted P/E is a forward-looking valuation measure of a company's common stock. It encapsulates the amount of earnings estimated for next year per dollar of current share price. This value is calculated by dividing the present stock price of each company in the portfolio by the consensus (mean) analysts' earnings forecasts for the next year. These earnings estimates are for recurring, non-extraordinary earnings per primary common share. The individual P/E stock ratios are then weighted by their respective portfolio market values in order to calculate a weighted average representative of the portfolio as a whole.

Growth Z Score is a holdings-based measure of the "growthiness" of an individual stock or portfolio of stocks based on fundamental financial ratio analysis. The MSCI Growth Z Score is an aggregate score based on the growth score of five separate financial fundamentals: Long Term Forward Earnings Growth, Short Term Forward Earnings Growth, Current Internal Growth ($\text{ROE} * (1 - \text{payout ratio})$), Long Term Historical Earnings Growth, and Long Term Historical Sales Growth.

Information Ratio measures the manager's market risk-adjusted excess return per unit of residual risk relative to a benchmark. It is computed by dividing alpha by the residual risk over a given time period. Assuming all other factors being equal, managers with lower residual risk achieve higher values in the information ratio. Managers with higher information ratios will add value relative to the benchmark more reliably and consistently.

Issue Diversification is the number of stocks (largest holdings) making up half of the market value of the total portfolio.

Market Capitalization (Weighted Median / Weighted Average) - Market capitalization is the market value of a company's outstanding shares. This figure is found by taking the stock price and multiplying it by the total number of shares outstanding. The weighted median market cap is the point at which half of the market value of the portfolio is invested in stocks with a greater market cap, and consequently the other half is invested in stocks with a lower market cap. Weighted average market cap for a portfolio is defined as the sum of each of the security's weight in the portfolio multiplied by its intrinsic market capitalization.

Definitions (continued)

Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E) is a measure of value for a company. It is equal to the price of a share of common stock divided by the earnings per share for a twelve-month period.

Price to Book Value (P/B) is a measure of value for a company. It is equal to the market value of all the shares of common stock divided by the book value of the company. The book value is the sum of capital surplus, common stock, and retained earnings.

Quality Rating is a way to measure the credit quality as determined by the individual security ratings. The ratings for each security are compiled into a composite rating for the whole portfolio. Quality symbols range from AAA (highest investment quality and lowest credit risk) to D (lowest investment quality and highest credit risk).

R-Squared (R²) is a statistical measure that indicates the extent to which the variability of a security or portfolio's returns is explained by the variability of the market. The value will be between 0 and 1. The higher the number, the greater the extent to which portfolio returns are related to market return.

Residual Risk is the unsystematic, firm-specific, or diversifiable risk of a security or portfolio that can be reduced by including assets that do not have similar unique risk. It is the portion of the total risk of a security or portfolio that is unique to the security or portfolio itself and is not related to the overall market.

Return on Equity (ROE) is a measure of a company's profitability, specifically relating profits to the equity investment employed to achieve the profits. Return on Equity focuses on the returns accruing to the residual owners of a company, the equity holders. It is equal to income divided by total common equity. Income is after all expenses, including income taxes and minority interest, but before provision for dividends, extraordinary items, and discontinued operations. Common equity includes common stock outstanding, capital surplus, and retained earnings.

Rising/Declining Periods is determined by evaluating the cumulative relative sub-asset class index performance to that of the broader asset class index. For example, in determining the Growth Style cycle, the S&P 500 Growth Index (sub-asset class) performance is compared to that of the S&P 500 Index (broader asset class). The analysis determines if a significant "cycle reversal" has occurred over a period. If the magnitude of the cumulative relative return is greater than one standard deviation when the number of periods is four or more quarters or two standard deviations for periods less than 4 quarters a significant reversal has occurred. The process is repeated until all the different combinations of recent periods are evaluated, and a break point is determined.

Sharpe Ratio is a measure of risk-adjusted return. It is calculated by subtracting the "risk-free" return (usually 3 Month Treasury Bill) from the portfolio return and dividing the resulting "excess return" by the portfolio's risk level (standard deviation). The result is a measure of return gained per unit of risk taken.

Stability Score is calculated as the difference between the Defensive and Dynamic scores and can range from -1 to +1. A stability score of +1 indicates a Low Risk and High Quality portfolio (or stock), whereas, a stability score of -1 indicates a High Risk and Low Quality portfolio (or stock). The underlying variables that drive the stability scores are Total Return Volatility, Debt/Equity Ratio, Earnings Volatility and Return on Assets and together encompass both observed price risk and current balance sheet risk.

Definitions (continued)

Standard Deviation is a statistical measure of portfolio risk. It reflects the average deviation of the observations from their sample mean. Standard deviation is used as an estimate of risk since it measures how wide the range of returns typically is. The wider the typical range of returns, the higher the standard deviation of returns, and the higher the portfolio risk. If returns are normally distributed (i.e., has a bell shaped curve distribution) then approximately 2/3 of the returns would occur within plus or minus one standard deviation from the sample mean.

Style Map (Holdings Based) - Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) has developed security-level style scores which are based on multiple fundamental ratios that classify stocks as "value" or "growth." On a relative basis we can match these to a manager's portfolio holdings to get a score for the portfolio that is more reliable and current than traditional returns-based regression analysis. Using the combined Z score and weighted median market cap, the holdings based style map allows for viewing manager style in a two dimensional space.

Tracking Error is a statistical measure of a portfolio's risk relative to an index. It reflects the standard deviation of a portfolio's individual quarterly or monthly returns from the index's returns. Typically, the lower the Tracking Error, the more "index-like" the portfolio.

Up Market (Down Market) Capture is a measure of relative performance in up-markets (down-markets). It is determined by the index which has an Up Capture (Down Capture) ratio of 100% when the index is performing positively (negatively). If a manager captures more than 100% of the rising (declining) market it is said to be "offensive" ("defensive").

Value Z Score is a holdings-based measure of the "valueyness" of an individual stock or portfolio of stocks based on fundamental financial ratio analysis. The MSCI Value Z Score is an aggregate score based on the value scores of three separate financial fundamentals: Price/Book, Price/Forward Earnings, and Dividend Yield.

Weighted Average Life is the weighted average time remaining until the principal is paid off for all securities in a portfolio.

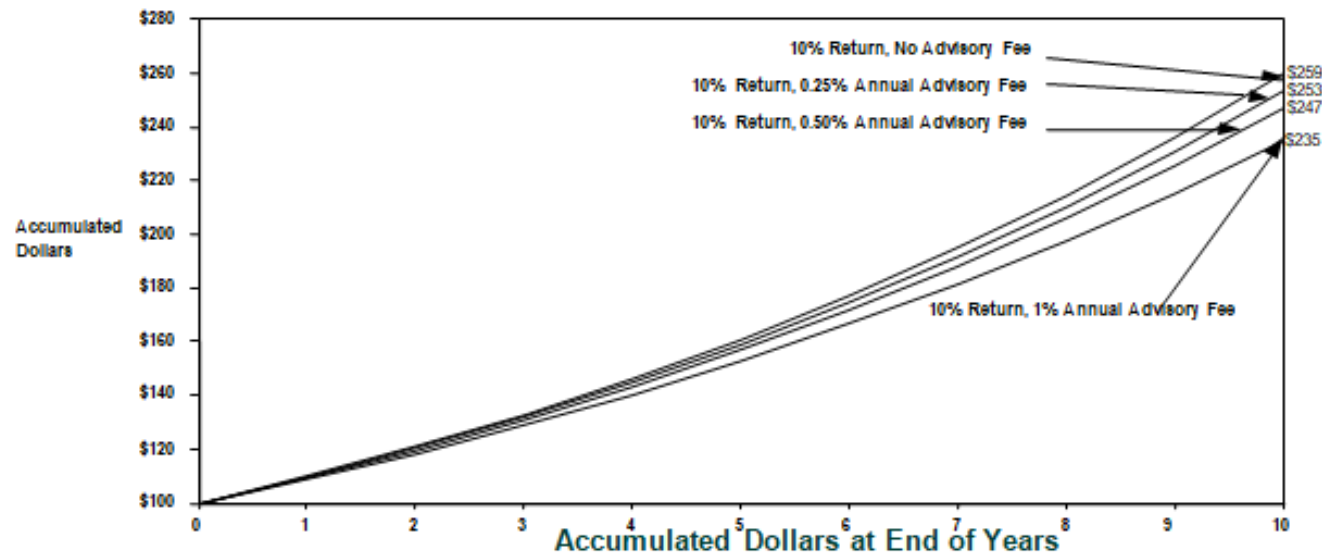
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The Cumulative Effect of Advisory Fees



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No Fee	110.0	121.0	133.1	146.4	161.1	177.2	194.9	214.4	235.8	259.4
25 Basis Points	109.7	120.4	132.1	145.0	159.1	174.5	191.5	210.1	230.6	253.0
50 Basis Points	109.5	119.8	131.1	143.5	157.1	172.0	188.2	206.0	225.5	246.8
100 Basis Points	108.9	118.6	129.2	140.7	153.3	166.9	181.8	198.0	215.6	234.9

10% Annual Return Compounded Monthly, Annual Fees Paid Monthly.

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