



Mutual
Funds

SMALL CAP VALUE FUND

Third Quarter 2025

Investment Objective

The Dean Small Cap Value Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation and secondarily, dividend income.

Investment Philosophy

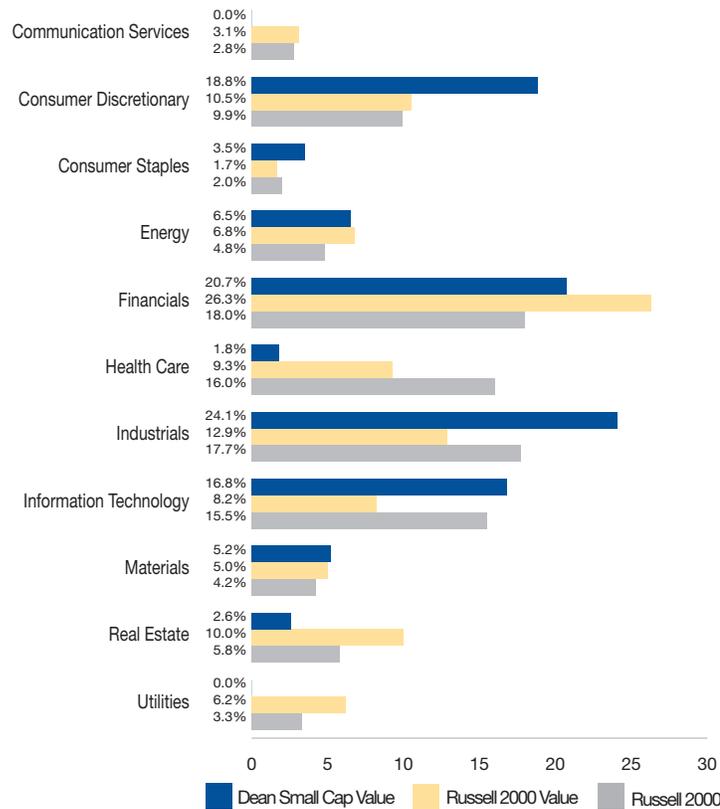
As traditional value investors, we believe that focusing on high quality companies that are undervalued for transitory reasons can lead to above average returns.

We believe that risk-adjusted performance can be enhanced by emphasizing stocks which exhibit the best risk/reward relationship (limited downside risk with meaningful upside potential).

Fund Information

Ticker Symbol	DASCX
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Value
Morningstar Category	Small Cap Value
Fund Inception	5/28/1997
Sub-Advisor Inception	6/30/2008
Net Assets	\$168.4 million
Minimum initial purchase	\$1,000
Minimum IRA Purchase	\$250

Sector Weights³



Portfolio Characteristics³

	DASCX	Russell 2000 Value	Russell 2000
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap	\$2.6B	\$3.2B	\$4.3B
Median Mkt. Cap	\$1.9B	\$0.8B	\$1.0B
P/E (excluding negative earnings)	15.8x	16.6x	21.2x
P/E (estimated next 12 months)	16.8x	14.3x	18.2x
Price/Book	1.9x	1.4x	2.2x
Price/Cash Flow	11.9x	12.2x	16.3x
Number of Holdings	63	1,431	1,972
Cash & Equivalents	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Non-U.S.	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%

Top Ten Holdings³

Ticker	Name	Sector	Total %
AEIS	Advanced Energy Industries Inc	Information Technology	3.4%
LFUS	Littelfuse Inc	Information Technology	3.3%
ESE	ESCO Technologies Inc	Industrials	3.3%
BELFB	Bel Fuse Inc	Information Technology	3.3%
VC	Visteon Corp	Consumer Discretionary	3.1%
ASTE	Astec Industries Inc	Industrials	3.0%
KWR	Quaker Chemical Corp	Materials	3.0%
JOUT	Johnson Outdoors Inc	Consumer Discretionary	2.9%
INDB	Independent Bank Corp	Financials	2.7%
YETI	YETI Holdings Inc	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%

Performance Comparison

Periods Ended 9/30/25 (%)	QTR	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Dean Small Cap Value Fund	6.75	1.77	-0.62	6.79	13.15	7.50
Russell 3000 ¹	8.18	14.40	17.41	24.12	15.74	14.71
Russell 2000 Value ²	12.60	9.04	7.88	13.56	14.59	9.23
Russell 2000 ²	12.39	10.39	10.76	15.21	11.56	9.77

Gross Expense Ratio: 1.15% / Net Expense Ratio: 1.15%. Expense ratios per the 7/29/2025 prospectus. Gross expenses reflect actual expenses incurred during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025. The Fund's adviser, Dean Investment Associates, has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or to reimburse certain Fund operating expenses so that annual operating expenses do not exceed 1.25% of the Fund's average daily assets. This contractual agreement is in place through July 31, 2026.

Performance figures shown are past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Due to market volatility, fund performance may fluctuate substantially over the short-term and current performance may differ from that shown. The value of the Fund's shares and their return will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 888.899.8343. Periods over one year are annualized.



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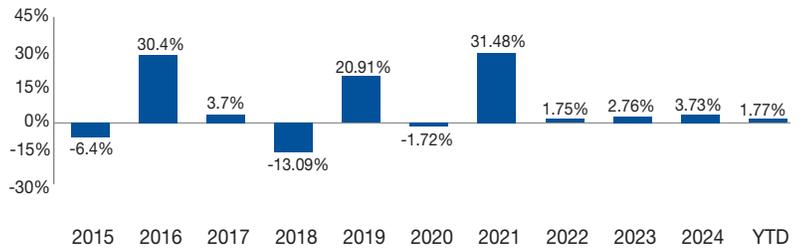
Manager Biography

Steven D. Roth, CFA Portfolio Manager

Steve Roth is a founding member of Dean Capital Management, LLC and serves as the Portfolio Manager on the Dean Small Cap Value and Fixed Income strategies. He also provides research support to the other DCM investment strategies. Prior to forming DCM in 2008, Steve worked for American Century as an analyst and later as a co-Portfolio Manager on the Small Cap Value team, which he joined in 2002. Prior to American Century, Steve began his investment career in 2000 as an equity analyst at Strong Capital Management.

Steve received his BA from the University of Nebraska. He is a CFA charter holder and a member of the CFA Institute.

Calendar Year Total Returns



Small Cap investing involves greater risk not associated with investing in more established companies, such as greater price volatility, business risk, less liquidity, and increased competitive threat.

About the Fund Advisor

Dean Investment Associates, LLC, 3500 Pentagon Blvd., Suite 200, Beavercreek, Ohio 45431 serves as investment advisor to the Dean Funds. Dean is a registered investment advisor and the money management arm of C.H. Dean, LLC, a privately held investment management and financial services firm. Dean is a value manager with a strong commitment to the principles of value investing.

About the Sub-Advisor

Dean Capital Management, LLC (“DCM”), an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, serves as the sub-advisor for the Dean Small Cap Value fund. DCM was formed in 2008 and is an affiliate of C.H. Dean, LLC. DCM adheres to a disciplined, time-tested value approach which seeks to produce above average returns by emphasizing leading companies that are trading below fair value for transitory reasons. From its Kansas City-area headquarters, DCM manages the Dean Mid Cap Value and Small Cap Value funds, as well as separately managed accounts on behalf of Dean Investment Associates and C.H. Dean, LLC.

Disclosures

¹The Russell 3000® Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 US companies representing approximately 96% of the investable US equity market, as of the most recent reconstitution. The Russell 3000® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased and stable barometer of the broad market and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included. The index is representative of a broader market and range of securities than are found in the Fund’s portfolio. Individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

²The Russell 2000® Index is an equity index that measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000® Index, which is made up of 3,000 of the largest U.S. stocks. The Russell 2000® Value Index is an unmanaged index of common stock prices that measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower relative forecasted growth rates. The indices are representative of a broader market and range of securities than are found in the Fund’s portfolio. Individuals cannot invest directly in an index; however, an individual can invest in exchange-traded funds or other investment vehicles that attempt to track the performance of a benchmark index.

³Information provided with respect to the Fund’s Portfolio Holdings and Company information are as of 9/30/25 and are subject to change at any time. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the Fund and may be obtained by calling 888.899.8343. Read it carefully before you invest.

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