

For the Period From 01/01/12 – 12/31/21

Year End	Gross Annual Return	Net Annual Return	Russell 2500 Value Index	3-Year Annualized Standard Deviation		Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Total Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
				Composite	Benchmark				
2012	20.17%	18.98%	19.21%	23.59%	18.41%	0.35	11	304.5	4,860.5
2013	43.72%	42.30%	33.32%	19.21%	15.07%	0.84	7	420.1	8,992.0
2014	13.51%	12.38%	7.11%	13.31%	11.25%	0.16	7	432.2	10,041.9
2015	-1.53%	-2.51%	-5.49%	14.34%	12.02%	0.60	11	378.1	10,133.2
2016	13.35%	12.23%	25.20%	15.50%	13.17%	0.25	12	490.9	10,967.5
2017	16.96%	15.80%	10.36%	14.63%	11.81%	0.68	11	383.4	13,132.2
2018	-12.98%	-13.83%	-12.36%	15.63%	13.58%	0.29	13	293.3	11,565.9
2019	27.62%	26.36%	23.56%	16.83%	14.23%	0.60	14	376.7	13,217.1
2020	11.91%	10.80%	4.88%	26.13%	25.05%	0.62	14	370.8	14,582.7
2021	33.79%	32.47%	27.78%	24.75%	24.15%	0.32	21	931.8	17,426.7

1. Ariel Investments has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). Ariel has been independently verified for the period April 1, 1990 through December 31, 2021. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standard must establish policies and procedures for complying with all applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation and distribution of performance have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Ariel Small/Mid Cap Value Composite has had a performance examination for the periods January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of the CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained Herein. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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3. The Ariel Small/Mid Cap Value Composite includes all discretionary, fee-paying, commission paying, small/mid cap value portfolios that are invested in the small/mid cap value strategy. This strategy seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in small/mid cap undervalued companies that show strong potential for growth. The portfolio invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. companies that, at the time of initial purchase for the strategy, have market capitalizations within the range of companies in the Russell 2500® Index. As of December 31, 2021, the market capitalizations of companies in the Russell 2500® Index ranged from \$30 million to \$36.46 billion. Over time, the market capitalizations for the strategy's portfolio companies will change. This means that the strategy could continue to invest in (hold and purchase) a company if its capitalization were to move outside the range. To maintain the strategy's small/mid cap characteristic, Ariel has adopted procedures to eliminate companies, over time, that Ariel views as substantially outside the strategy's small/mid cap range. Effective January 1, 2020, the Ariel Small/Mid Cap Value Composite was redefined to no longer exclude pooled funds in accordance with GIPS® 2020. A list of composite and limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds and policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS® Reports are available upon request. The Composite was created in January 2001. The Composite's inception date is December 31, 2000.
4. The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite's gross returns and the benchmark over the preceding 36-month period.
5. Performance results are reported in U.S. dollars, net of transaction costs and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Net returns reflect the deduction of the maximum advisory fee in effect for the respective period, which is currently 1.00% per annum. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size.
6. The standard fee schedule currently in effect is: 1.00% on the first \$10 million; 0.75% on the next \$10 million; and 0.50% above \$20 million.
7. The dispersion of annual returns is measured by the standard deviation of asset-weighted gross portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year. For those periods with one or fewer portfolios included for the entire year, dispersion is not presented.
8. The Russell 2500® Value Index measures the performance of the small to mid-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Ariel Small/Mid Cap Value Composite differs from its benchmark with fewer holdings concentrated in fewer sectors. The Russell 2500® Value Index returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings, are provided to represent the investment environment during the time period shown, and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.