

# Nations<sup>®</sup> Small Cap Core<sup>™</sup>

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## Index Description

The Nations Small Cap Core<sup>™</sup> Index is the benchmark for small cap option strategy investments. It replicates a portfolio of small cap stocks then harvests the excess value of small cap index options. The Nations Small Cap Core Index is completely rules-based and attractive over a range of market return regimes. It never generates leverage.

Nations core indexes use an enhanced covered call strategy which maximizes the volatility risk premium harvested and thus increases both absolute and risk-adjusted returns while also reducing volatility of those returns. Given its superior absolute and risk-adjusted returns the Nations Small Cap Core Index should replace traditional small cap indexes in investors' portfolios.

Nations Indexes is the world's leading independent developer of volatility and option strategy indexes.

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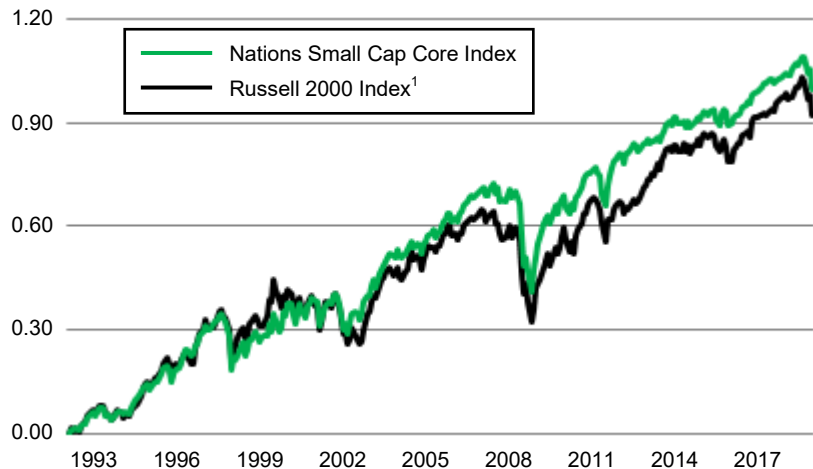
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<sup>1</sup> Russell 2000 Index returns are price-only from 12/31/1992 to 12/31/1995 and total return thereafter

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## Comparative Historical Performance



	Nations Small Cap Core Index	Russell 2000 Index <sup>1</sup>
<b>Compound Annual Return</b>		
2018	-9.40%	-11.01%
3 Year	5.17%	7.36%
5 Year	4.41%	4.41%
10 Year	11.83%	11.97%
Since Inception (12/31/1992)	9.23%	8.47%
<b>Average Annualized Standard Deviation of Monthly Returns</b>		
2018	18.59%	19.33%
3 Year	12.40%	14.97%
5 Year	12.29%	15.08%
10 Year	15.24%	17.61%
Since Inception (12/31/1992)	15.46%	17.65%
<b>Average Annual Sharpe Ratio</b>		
2018	-0.60	-0.67
3 Year	0.94	0.76
5 Year	0.66	0.45
10 Year	0.97	0.89
Since Inception (12/31/1992)	0.81	0.63