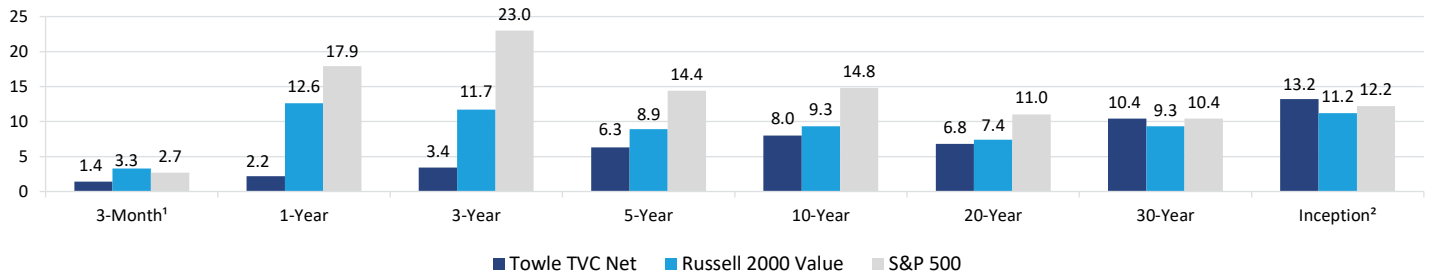


Firm Overview

Formed in 1981, Towle & Co. is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The firm offers an opportunistic, small cap value strategy via managed accounts, a mutual fund, and an ETF for investors seeking above-average capital appreciation. Towle & Co. remains independent and privately owned and serves individual and institutional clients. The Towle family and employees, in aggregate, constitute one of the largest investors in the strategy.

Annualized Net Returns (%) for the Towle Value Composite



Past performance is no guarantee of future outcome. Refer to page 2 for GIPS Report.

Investment Strategy

Towle’s objective is to maximize long-term capital appreciation by executing a long-only value equity strategy that emphasizes the purchase of companies believed to be substantially undervalued relative to their earnings power. Our bottom-up security selection process aims to capture positive volatility by identifying and investing in out-of-favor companies where we have identified what we believe is significant appreciation potential. Paramount to this endeavor is a contrarian and independent viewpoint. No attempt is made to manage against the sector composition of a benchmark.

A distinguishing characteristic of the strategy is its emphasis on investment candidates that trade at very low multiples to revenue and earnings potential. This approach has been a keen focus since inception. Investments are generally made in industries such as manufacturing, distribution, consumer products, transportation, and energy, among others. Towle does not invest in tobacco, liquor, or gaming companies.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS ^{5,6*}		HOLDINGS BY CAPITALIZATION ^{4,6*}	TOP TEN EQUITY HOLDINGS ^{5,6*}	
Weighted Average Capitalization(\$Mil)	4255		Anywhere Real Estate Inc.	4.19%
Median Market Capitalization(\$Mil)	2109		Alpha Metallurgical Resources Inc.	3.15%
Median Price / Earnings (ttm) ³	16.56		United Natural Foods Inc.	2.95%
Median Price / Book Value	1.19		Gold.com	2.89%
Median Price / Sales (ttm)	0.29		Magna International Inc.	2.80%
Median Debt / Equity	0.84		PBF Energy Inc.	2.75%
Median EV/EBITDA (ttm) ³	7.33		Leggett & Platt Inc.	2.73%
Weighted Average. Dividend Yield (eq)	1.15		Liberty Energy Inc.	2.69%
Percent Turnover (ttm)	78.34		Cushman & Wakefield Ltd.	2.68%
Number of Holdings	42		BlueLinX Holdings Inc.	2.65%
			Total	29.49%

(Source: CapitalIQ, Axys)

¹Not an annualized number

²Inception = January 1, 1982

³Excludes negative earnings

⁴Micro= <\$400MM; Small= \$400MM-\$3B; Mid= \$3B-\$10B; Large= >\$10B

⁵Supplemental information to the GIPS Report on page 2

⁶Representative, fully discretionary portfolio managed in the Towle Value strategy and member of the Towle Value Composite.

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Investment Tenets

TENETS
Capital formation is essential to the development of free enterprise, business expansion, and economic growth.
Common stock ownership represents financial participation in a variety of wealth- and job-creating activities.
Capital preservation takes precedence over investment risk.
A long-term investment outlook should provide superior, after-tax results compared to short-term performance expectations.

Towle & Co. Value Composite (TVC) GIPS Composite Report

	ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)			Number of Portfolios in Composite	Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$MM)	Total Firm Assets (\$MM)	3YR ANNUALIZED EX-POST STANDARD DEVIATION (%)	
	Towle Value Composite (Pure Gross)	Towle Value Composite (Net)	Russell 2000 Value Index					Towle Value Composite (Pure Gross)	Russell 2000 Value Index
2024	-8.13	-9.04	8.05	48	0.19	322.72	602.21	27.14	23.44
2023	20.30	19.12	14.65	66	0.30	522.55	871.04	27.11	21.75
2022	-1.67	-2.63	-14.48	61	0.42	444.42	764.43	37.14	27.27
2021	27.33	26.06	28.27	69	0.16	660.59	843.00	38.49	25.00
2020	7.08	6.01	4.63	72	0.59	481.88	782.71	39.83	26.12
2019	23.74	22.53	22.39	86	0.42	626.74	889.04	27.27	15.68
2018	-30.91	-31.61	-12.86	94	0.28	542.90	794.82	24.88	15.76
2017	15.95	14.80	7.84	91	0.29	756.32	1,041.29	24.15	13.97
2016	57.18	55.64	31.74	77	0.90	722.61	766.32	23.84	15.50
2015	-15.57	-16.41	-7.47	77	0.38	436.98	459.46	19.38	13.46
2014	4.57	3.52	4.22	75	0.16	537.75	559.28	17.11	12.79
2013	58.16	56.58	34.52	65	0.99	530.84	544.94	21.36	15.82
2012	21.22	20.03	18.05	56	0.36	343.76	353.50	25.23	19.89
2011	-17.35	-18.17	-5.50	64	0.40	301.03	308.01	37.73	26.05
2010	28.64	27.36	24.50	47	0.54	343.42	354.83	44.05	28.37
2009	100.81	98.85	20.58	42	2.10	249.09	257.17	42.39	25.62
2008	-49.85	-50.35	-28.92	35	0.62	137.66	156.57	29.36	19.14
2007	-10.04	-10.92	-9.78	44	0.51	278.82	321.71	17.12	12.59
2006	18.00	16.84	23.48	49	0.77	279.08	334.02	14.54	12.33
2005	8.85	7.76	4.71	49	1.32	217.60	272.51	14.91	14.09
2004	39.43	38.04	22.25	54	2.25	178.58	242.21	16.23	17.51
2003	60.80	59.22	46.03	56	3.14	130.64	174.83	19.03	18.43
2002	2.11	1.12	-11.42	50	1.42	48.69	76.06	18.33	17.40
2001	42.88	41.43	14.02	47	1.89	47.60	67.97	19.40	14.66
2000	-0.98	-1.95	22.83	43	2.91	30.36	47.70	19.27	16.61

PERIOD – AS OF 12/31/2024	ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (%)		
	TOWLE VALUE COMPOSITE (PURE GROSS)	TOWLE VALUE COMPOSITE (NET)	RUSSELL 2000 VALUE INDEX
1-Year	-8.13	-9.04	8.05
5-Year	8.18	7.11	7.29
10-Year	6.90	5.84	7.14

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COMPOSITE DEFINITION: Portfolios included in this composite seek above-average capital appreciation over the long-term by investing in publicly-traded common stocks of companies that are trading at what we believe to be significant discounts to their intrinsic values. The search for absolute value usually leads to smaller capitalization stocks, a market segment where a majority of investment firms neglect thousands of well-seasoned, "main street" companies. Consequently, many portfolio companies have market capitalizations under \$5 billion, though a number may exceed that amount. The composite includes all fully-discretionary, taxable and tax-exempt portfolios that have been under the Firm's management for at least one entire month. The composite was created in January 1982. The composite inception date is January 1, 1982.

COMPOSITE DISPERSION: Towle & Co. utilizes pure gross of fee returns and an asset-weighted standard deviation calculation to measure dispersion. Only portfolios that have been managed for an entire period have been included in the dispersion calculation for the respective period.

PERFORMANCE RESULTS: Past performance is no guarantee of future outcome. Results are calculated using a time-weighted total-rate-of-return method and are expressed in U.S. dollars. Results include the reinvestment of all income. Pure gross-of-fee performance is presented as supplemental information and reflects the deduction of all trading expenses, except in those accounts where ABP (Asset-Based Pricing) fees are assessed in lieu of standard trade commissions. Net-of-fee performance is calculated using a model fee of 1%, which represents the maximum advisory fee charged any account in the composite for the respective period. The model fee is applied by deducting the applicable monthly rate of the model fee from the monthly pure gross composite returns. Although Towle & Co. makes no attempt to manage against the composition of a specific benchmark, the Firm provides the Russell 2000 Value Index as a readily accessible indicator of comparative performance. Performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment as one cannot invest directly in an index. Investments made by Towle & Co. differ in comparison to the Russell 2000 Value Index in terms of security holdings and industry weightings. Towle & Co. invests in considerably fewer companies than the index with lower average multiples to book value, sales, earnings, and cash flow, and as a result, the volatility and returns of the benchmark index may be materially different from the individual performance attained by a Towle & Co. investor. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. Prior to September 2025, the composite gross return and number of portfolios were overstated for 2000 which have now been corrected.

BENCHMARK DESCRIPTION: The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of the small-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

FEES: Pure gross performance results do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees, which would reduce an investor's actual return. The Firm's investment advisory fee for separate accounts and investors in Towle Capital Partners, L.P. (TCP) is 1% of assets per annum. The expense ratio of TCP was 0.90% as of 12/31/2024.

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