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Russell 2000 Index

quarterly chartbook

February 2025

Covering Q4 2024 index performance



# Learn more: The Russell 2000 Index is the investable small cap market

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**KEY ANNOUNCEMENT**: Russell US Indexes moving to a semi-annual index reconstitution frequency starting in November 2026



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The Russell US equity indexes define the market and year after year the Russell 2000 Index sets the standard for small cap measurement. The Index provides a pure and objective exposure to small cap stocks. Its transparent methodology, annual reconstitution and the quarterly additions of IPOs ensure that small cap stays small and perhaps more importantly, doesn't miss out on small cap opportunities.



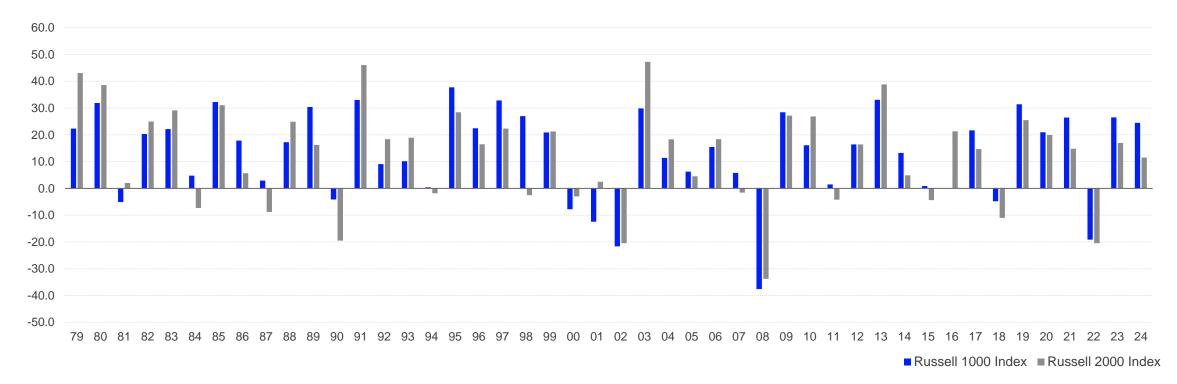
## Market performance

#### **SMALL CAPS TELL US MORE**

The Russell 2000 Index provides live index tracking data, with historical performance dating back to January 1984. Academic and practitioner research confirms that large-cap stocks behave differently to small-cap stocks and performance is variable. There are sub-periods during which the Russell 1000 outperforms the Russell 2000 and vice versa. Quarterly performance assessments provide valuable datapoints for understanding market sentiment and US economic activity.

## Market cap performance

Annual return (%)

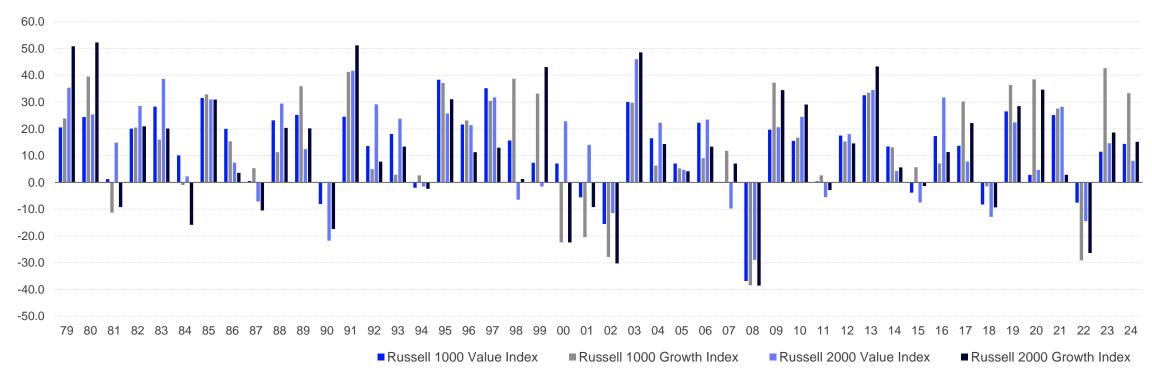


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#### **Exhibit 1b**

## Market cap performance

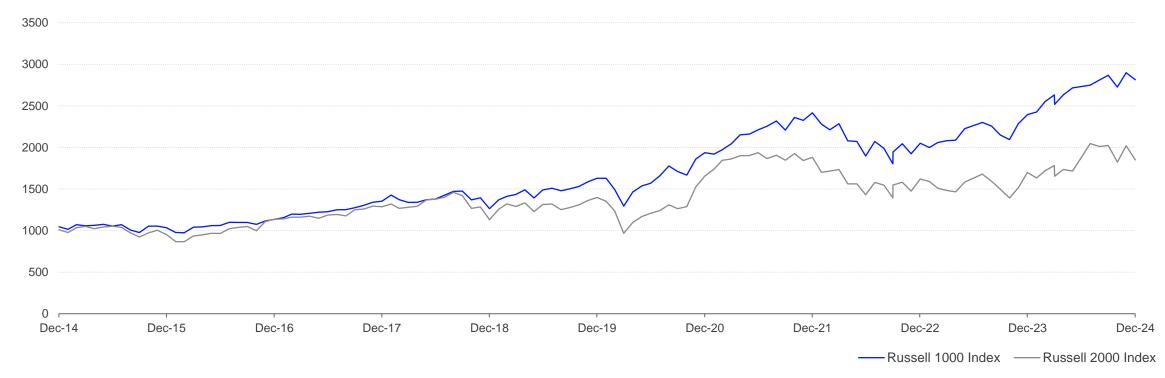
Annual return (%)



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#### Performance: Growth of a unit

Total return (growth of 1,000) 10 years



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# Market cap performance Total return (%)

	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	12 months
Russell 3000® Index	2.6	6.2	3.2	10.0	23.8
Russell Top 200® Index	3.4	5.2	5.7	10.8	27.4
Russell 1000® Index	2.7	6.1	3.6	10.3	24.5
Russell Midcap® Index	0.6	9.2	-3.3	8.6	15.3
Russell 2000® Index	0.3	9.3	-3.3	5.2	11.5
Russell Microcap® Index	8.3	8.3	-5.3	4.7	13.7

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# Style performance Total return (%)

	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	12 months
Russell 1000 Growth Index	7.1	3.2	8.3	11.4	33.4
Russell 2000 Growth Index	1.7	8.4	-2.9	7.6	15.2
Russell 1000 Value Index	-2.0	9.4	-2.2	9.0	14.4
Russell 2000 Value Index	-1.1	10.2	-3.6	2.9	8.1
Russell 1000 Defensive Index	0.1	6.5	3.3	7.6	18.5
Russell 2000 Defensive Index	-0.8	10.5	-2.0	3.3	10.9
Russell 1000 Dynamic Index	5.4	5.7	3.8	13.0	30.6
Russell 2000 Dynamic Index	1.5	8.1	-4.5	7.1	12.2

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# Style box performance Total return (%)

	Value	Core	Growth
2024			
Large	14.37	24.51	33.36
Mid	13.07	15.34	22.10
Small	8.06	11.54	15.15
2023			
Large	11.46	26.53	42.68
Mid	12.71	17.23	25.87
Small	14.65	16.93	18.66

	Value	Core	Growth
2022			
Large	-7.54	-19.13	-29.14
Mid	-12.03	-17.32	-26.72
Small	-14.48	-20.44	-26.36
2021			
Large	25.16	26.46	27.60
Mid	28.34	22.58	12.73
Small	28.27	14.82	2.84

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## Industries

#### **SMALL CAPS REVEAL A SHIFTING ECONOMY**

The US has experienced a massive shift in the nature of its economy over the last half century. The US was traditionally a manufacturing-focused economy, supplying a variety of raw materials and consumer and industrial products domestically and abroad. Today, data shows the US economy is most heavily represented by service-oriented industries such as Technology, Health Care and Financials and less so by the industrial industries such as Energy, Basic Materials and Industrials. However, the leading industries are always in a state of change indicative of economic, consumer, and industry trends.

#### **Exhibit 6a**

# Fourth quarter IPOs Quarter end

Russell 2000 Index IPOs by Industry

Industry	Number of IPOs	Total market cap (\$B)
Consumer Discretionary	1	0.49
Consumer Staples	1	0.17
Energy	1	0.34
Health care	8	1.79
Real estate	1	0.26
Total	12	3.05

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#### **Exhibit 6b**

# Fourth quarter IPOs Quarter end

Russell 2000 Index IPOs company detail

Industry	Company name	Ticker	Total market cap (\$B)
Consumer Discretionary	KINDERCARE LEARNING COMP	KLC	0.49
Financials	GUARDIAN PHARMACY SERVIC	GRDN	0.17
Energy	BKV CORP	ALMS	0.34

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#### **Exhibit 6c**

## Fourth quarter IPOs

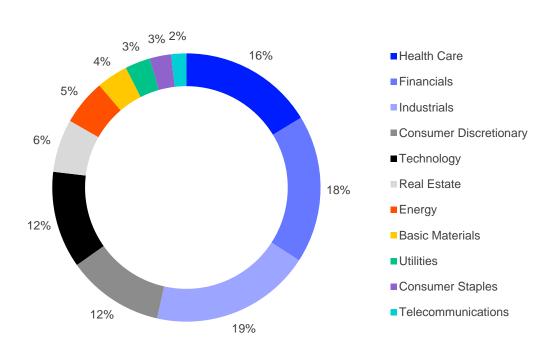
#### Quarter end

Russell 2000 Index IPOs company detail

Industry	Company name	Ticker	Total market cap (\$B)
Health care	BICARA THERAPEUTICS	BCAX	0.33
	BIOAGE LABS	BIOA	0.07
	CAMP4 THERAPEUTICS CORP	CAMP	0.04
	CERIBELL	CBLL	0.32
	MBX BIOSCIENCES	MBX	0.21
	SEPTERNA	SEPN	0.42
	UPSTREAM BIO	UPB	0.28
	ZENAS BIOPHARMA	ZBIO	0.12
Real estate	FRONTVIEW REIT INC	FVR	0.26

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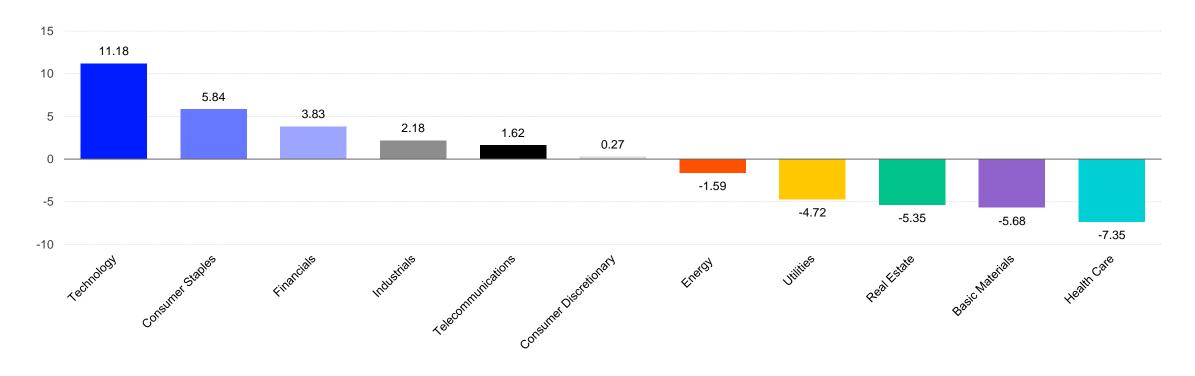
### Quarterly industry weightings Quarter end (%)



	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024
Health Care	16.3	17.4	15.1	15.2
Financials	17.8	17.2	15.0	14.8
Industrials	19.4	18.9	18.8	19.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.7	11.9	12.7	13.1
Technology	11.7	10.7	14.0	13.9
Real Estate	6.4	6.7	5.8	5.8
Energy	5.5	5.5	7.8	7.8
Basic Materials	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.9
Utilities	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.6
Consumer Staples	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.7
Telecom	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.2

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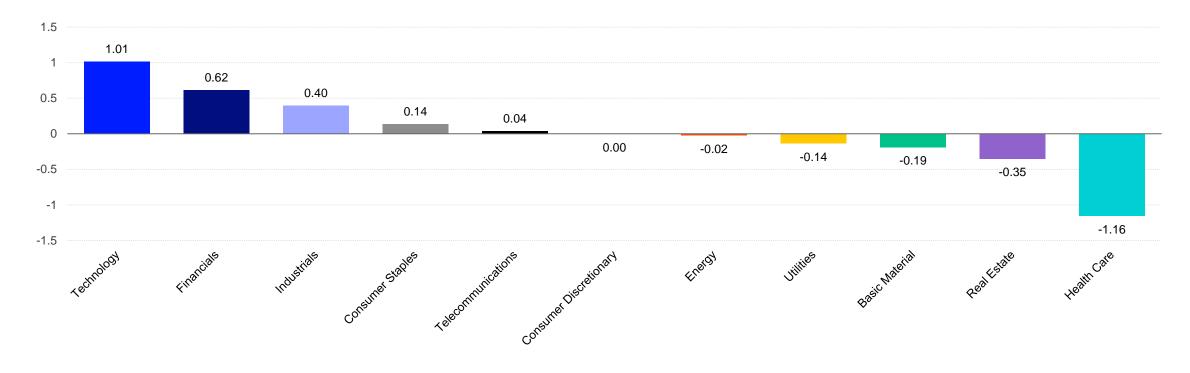
# Quarterly industry performance review Total return (%)



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## Industry contribution to return

Year to date (%)

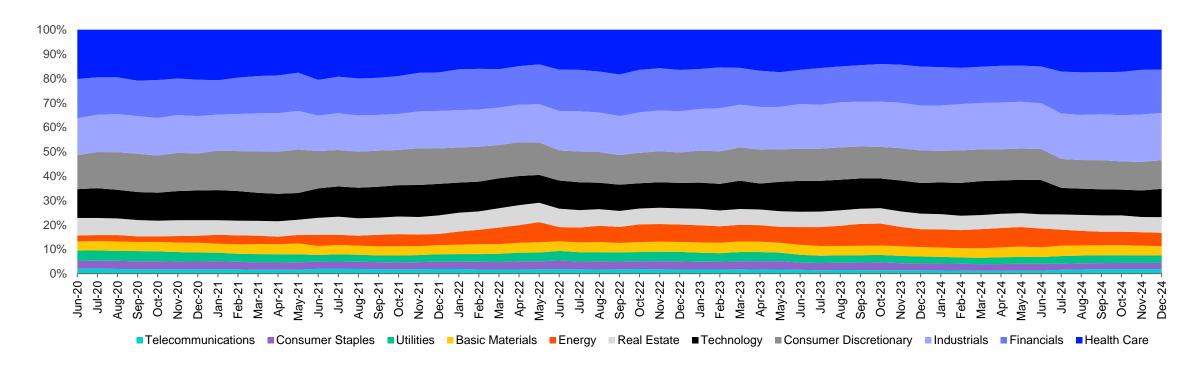


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#### **Exhibit 10a**

## Industry history

ICB historical monthly weightings (%)



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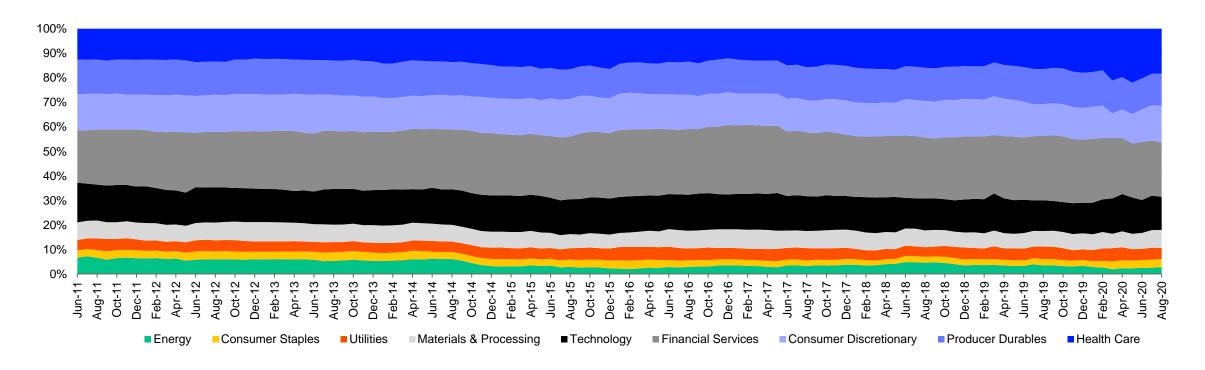
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#### **Exhibit 10b**

## Sector history

RGS historical monthly weightings (%)



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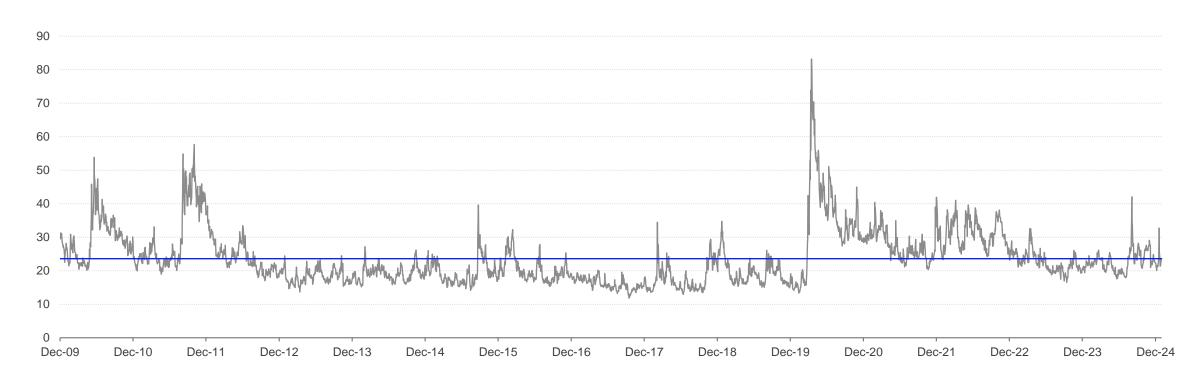
## Risk/characteristics

#### SMALL CAPS REFLECT THE MARKET

Russell 2000 companies tend to be more specialized than those of the more diversified Russell 1000 constituents, this suggests that Russell 2000 companies are less resilient to economic or industry specific shocks. That riskiness has likely contributed to the historically higher volatility of Russell 2000 returns. However, it is important to note that more recently, large and small cap markets seem to be converging as illustrated by similarities in metrics.

## Implied volatility

CBOE Russell 2000 Volatility Index (RVX) 12/01/2009 – 12/31/2024



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# Exhibit 12a

### Fundamental characteristics: Q4 2024

#### Quarterly market snapshots

	Growth			Qua	ality	
Index	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	<b>EPS Variability</b> (10 Yr)	<b>ROA</b> (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	8.77	14.04	147.39	2.33	0.65	1.33
Russell 1000 Index	12.49	12.87	116.94	12.44	0.82	1.27

	Valuation			Risk—	Standard Deviation (%)	
Index	<b>P/E</b> (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	16.33	2.14	13.75	20.44	23.30	24.47
Russell 1000 Index	22.27	4.84	17.18	10.57	17.40	18.48

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# Exhibit 12b

### Fundamental characteristics: Q3 2024

### Quarterly market snapshots

	Growth			Qua	ılity	
Index	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	<b>EPS Variability</b> (10 Yr)	<b>ROA</b> (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	8.26	14.43	151.44	2.55	0.66	1.33
Russell 1000 Index	11.88	12.39	100.84	13.89	0.81	1.27

	Valuation			Risk—Sta	ndard Deviation (%)	
Index	<b>P/E</b> (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	15.96	2.17	13.81	21.49	22.20	23.75
Russell 1000 Index	21.94	4.84	17.11	11.80	17.45	18.28

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# Exhibit 12c

#### Fundamental characteristics: Q2 2024

### Quarterly market snapshots

	Growth		Quality			
Index	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	<b>EPS Variability</b> (10 Yr)	<b>ROA</b> (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	8.40	13.75	152.22	2.93	0.64	1.44
Russell 1000 Index	13.80	15.20	100.15	13.75	0.78	1.32

	Valuation			Risk—Standard Deviation (%)		
Index	<b>P/E</b> (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	14.65	2.10	12.18	22.32	21.63	23.51
Russell 1000 Index	20.92	4.68	16.39	14.30	17.75	18.32

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# Exhibit 12d

### Fundamental characteristics: Q1 2024

#### Quarterly market snapshots

	Growth		Quality			
Index	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	<b>EPS Variability</b> (10 Yr)	<b>ROA</b> (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	8.12	13.68	157.89	3.06	0.63	1.37
Russell 1000 Index	12.82	13.20	101.65	12.72	0.79	1.35

	Valuation			Risk—Standard Deviation (%)		
Index	<b>P/E</b> (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	15.43	2.20	12.78	21.68	21.09	23.67
Russell 1000 Index	20.48	4.60	16.08	13.45	17.52	18.61

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#### Large caps lead in Q4

Russell 1000 outperformed Russell 2000 in Q4, in a reversal from Q3, and consistent with the overall leadership for 2024.

#### **Growth outperforms Value**

Large-cap and small-cap Growth outperformed their Value counterparts in Q4, similar to the 12-month trend. Russell 1000 Growth outpaced other style indices for the quarter and the year.

#### Cyclicals lead in narrow Q4 rally

Discretionary, Tech and Financials were among top performing industries across most style indices. Basic Materials, Health Care and Real Estate lagged the most.

## Earnings outlook improves for small caps

The 2-year EPS outlook improved notably for Russell 2000, and its Growth and Value cohorts, while moderating a bit for Russell 1000 Growth and Value.

#### **Valuations re-rate**

Forward P/Es rose over Q4 and over 12 months for both the headline Russell indices and their style cohorts.

## Russell IPO inclusion activity holds steady

Russell 1000 and Russell 2000 included 2 and 12 new IPO names, respectively, in Q4 sustaining the renewal in IPO inclusion activity since Q2.



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