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Jupiter Origin

The case for global small caps.

Higher quality growth – at a discount

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Key takeaways

- Attractive valuations and relatively supportive economic conditions could possibly provide an ideal entry point for high-quality small-cap growth stocks
- By including emerging market exposure, investors can take advantage of additional uncorrelated opportunities in global small-cap stocks
- The Jupiter Origin team uses a highly differentiated and tightly specified investment process that has a strong long-term track record[1]
- We believe there is increased potential for alpha generation when valuation discounts are available and when markets move towards a more normalized environment.

Why small caps?

Historic outperformance

Small cap stocks have outperformed large caps over the long term, and given current valuation discounts, there is considerable potential for this trend continuing, in our view. Small cap companies are often younger, fast-growing businesses than can be more volatile than larger companies.

[1] Past performance does not predict future returns.

Over the last 20-plus years, global small-cap stocks have outpaced their large-cap equivalents by over 2% pa, on average, as shown below.

Average annual returns 2001 to 2026

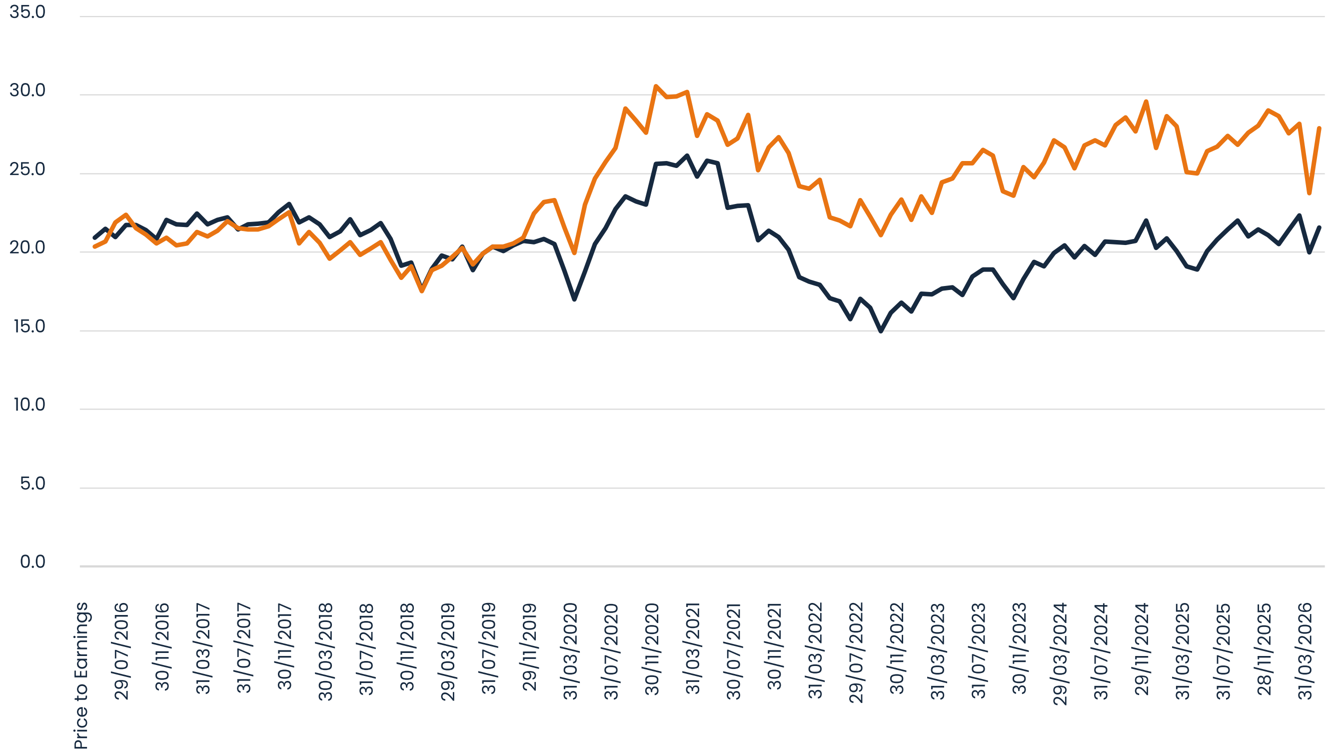
Global small cap	11.73%
US small cap	12.33%
Global large cap	9.33%

Past performance does not predict future returns. Please see annual returns table for emerging market and developed market small cap indices. Source: Morningstar as at 30.04.26. NAV to NAV, gross income reinvested, net of fees, in USD. MSCI ACWI Small Index for global small cap, Russell 2000 Index for U.S. small cap, and MSCI ACWI Index for global large cap.

Valuation gap

P/E valuations: On a trailing price-to-earnings (P/E) basis, global small-cap stocks are trading well-below their peak level, while global large-cap valuations are closer to peak. The small cap discount is around 20% versus large caps and has widened in recent years, as shown in the chart below.

P/E discount of global small caps versus large caps 2016-2026



Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: Morningstar, as at 30.04.26. Using MSCI All Country World Small Index for global small cap and MSCI All Country World Index for global large cap.

Why a global approach?

At Jupiter Origin, we believe a global approach to small-cap investing - including developed market and emerging market companies - offers greater potential for diversification and returns, with regions tending to outperform at varying levels. We remain flexible on regional allocation, which will change as the evidence changes. We believe this allows us to take advantage of the best opportunities globally. Emerging markets small caps, have historically been strong performers versus their developed market peers while also offering diversification.

Average annual returns 2001 to 2026

Global Emerging Market small cap	13.91%
Global Developed Market small cap	11.74%

Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: Morningstar as at 30.04.26. NAV to NAV, gross income reinvested, net of fees, in USD. MSCI EM Small Index for global emerging market small cap and MSCI World Small Cap Index for global developed market small cap.

As shown below, a negative correlation in excess returns of global emerging market small caps with global developed market small caps and U.S. small caps indicates the tendency of emerging markets to outperform/underperform the broad small-cap index at different times to global developed market small caps and U.S. small caps.

3-year correlations of excess returns versus MSCI ACWI Small

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1. MSCI EM Small NR USD	1.00			
2. MSCI World Small Cap NR USD	-0.78	1.00		
3. MSCI AC Europe Small NR USD	0.24	-0.19	1.00	
4. Russell 2000 NR USD	-0.63	0.50	-0.59	1.00

Source: Morningstar, as at 30.04.26. NAV to NAV, gross income reinvested, net of fees, in USD. MSCI EM Small Index for emerging market small cap, MSCI World Small Cap Index for developed market small cap, MSCI AC Europe Small Index for European small cap, and Russell 2000 Index for U.S. small cap.

Jupiter Origin's unique, evidence-led approach

Jupiter Origin's approach is grounded in clarity, evidence, and discipline. The team avoids forecasts and subjective opinion, instead applying its collective judgment to hard evidence. This objective, evidence-led mindset helps the team avoid emotional biases and ensures investment decisions are repeatable, transparent, and consistent. The Jupiter Origin team seeks to deliver consistent, long-term investment outcomes that clients can understand and rely on over time. The strategy is managed by a small, seasoned team with an average of over 20 years' industry experience. The team's longtime collaboration fosters deep alignment and trust, enabling clarity and efficiency in decision making.

The strategy targets companies exhibiting a balance of four key characteristics:

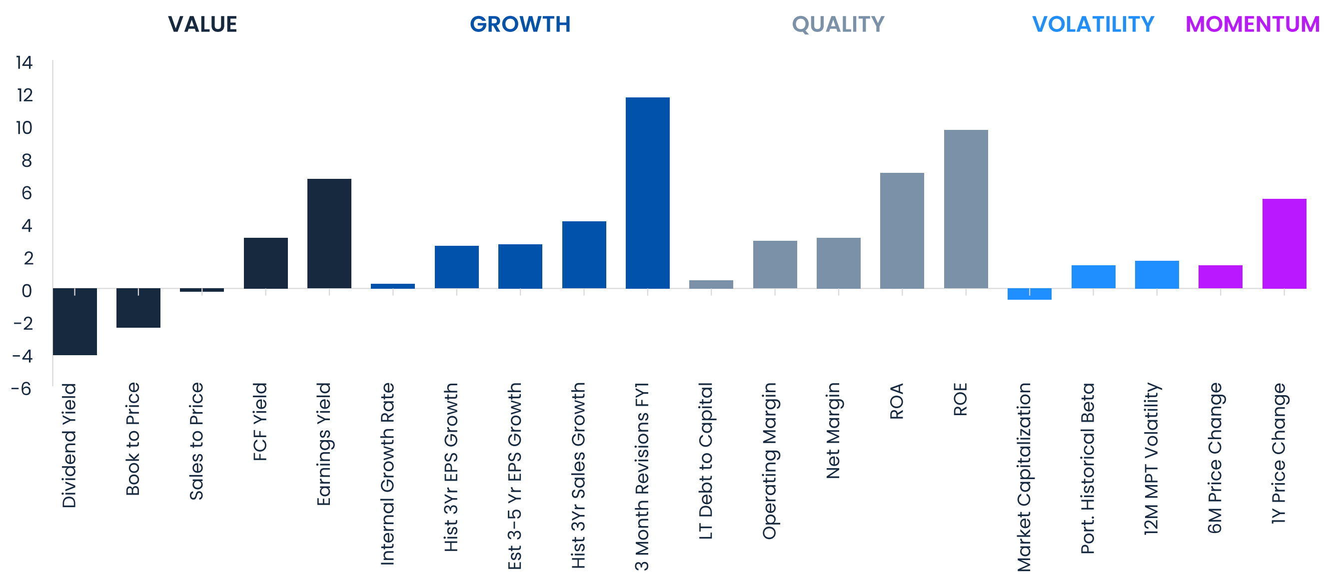
- **High profitability and growth:** High Cash Flow Return on Investment (CFROI), stable or rising trend in CFROI and fast growth in the asset base.
- **Relative value:** Large gap between the future level of CFROI and growth discounted in the current share price, and the company's historic pattern of returns and growth, not based upon subjective forecasts.
- **Strong earnings revisions:** Positive sell-side FY1 and FY2 revisions versus peers. The level of estimates is irrelevant but estimate revisions are serially correlated so positive trends persist while turning points are also significant.
- **Share price momentum:** A share price which is in an uptrend versus the market as a whole and must be above key moving averages.

Each factor is selected for its empirical link to outperformance. The process is evidence-driven and avoids reliance on any single factor.

The Jupiter Origin investment process is designed to produce outcomes with reliably stable characteristics. Our portfolios have strong style tilts to well-above-average return on capital, well-above-average earnings and sales growth, strong share price momentum – and attractive valuations.

The chart below shows the current strategy tilts away from the global small cap benchmark across a range of conventional metrics. These are measured in standard deviation terms and are highly consistent over time. We seek to ensure that clients will always know what they are getting from a Jupiter Origin portfolio.

Style characteristics, Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies strategy



Source: FactSet, as at 31.03.26. Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies strategy versus MSCI World Small Cap Index benchmark.

Higher quality growth at a discount

The table below shows that the average company in the Jupiter Origin portfolio has higher profitability, higher growth and quality and trades at a discount or in line with the global small-cap index.

Characteristics

	PROFITABILITY		GROWTH		QUALITY	VALUATION	
	ROIC % (trailing, 12 mths)	ROA % (trailing, 12 mths)	Historical earnings growth (trailing)	5-year earnings growth (forward)	Debt to cap (trailing)	Price / earnings (trailing)	Price / earnings (forward)
Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies strategy	10.65	8.86	19.69	13.11	30.44	20.45	15.17
MSCI All Country World	11.77	7.37	11.49	10.68	37.06	27.90	22.31
MSCI ACWI Small Index	6.95	5.00	3.63	7.85	35.12	21.43	17.57

Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: Morningstar, as at 30.04.26. Composite performance is net of all fees and transaction costs and includes the reinvestment of dividends, in USD.

Historic outperformance

The Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies strategy has outperformed the benchmark, as well as a representative 50/50 allocation of U.S. and Europe small-cap indices and the Morningstar regional category average fund performance over one, three, five and 10 years.

Return comparison

	1 year		3 years		5 years		10 years	
	Return	Sharpe Ratio	Return	Sharpe Ratio	Return	Sharpe Ratio	Return	Sharpe Ratio
Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies strategy	40.32	3.22	21.36	1.36	9.94	0.67	12.55	0.80
MSCI ACWI Small USD	36.85	3.46	16.99	1.12	6.74	0.26	10.13	0.60
EAA Fund Global Small/ Mid-Cap Equity	26.03	2.40	12.80	0.79	3.82	0.01	8.38	0.54
Client Allocation Example 50/50 US/Europe Small	32.44	2.50	15.50	0.83	4.74	0.08	9.32	0.46

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Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies strategy track record

12-month rolling performance

	01/05/2016 30/04/2017	01/05/2017 30/04/2018	01/05/2018 30/04/2019	01/05/2019 30/04/2020	01/05/2020 30/04/2021	01/05/2021 30/04/2022	01/05/2022 30/04/2023	01/05/2023 30/04/2024	01/05/2024 30/04/2025	01/05/2025 30/04/2026
Jupiter Origin Global Smaller Companies	18.21	19.11	-6.2	-12.97	76.62	-11.99	2.09	13.39	12.34	40.32
MSCI ACWI Small NR USD	17.1	14.94	-0.75	-15.09	67	-11.44	-2.27	11.61	4.84	36.85

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Emerging and developed market small cap, global large cap

12-month rolling performance

	01/05/2016 30/04/2017	01/05/2017 30/04/2018	01/05/2018 30/04/2019	01/05/2019 30/04/2020	01/05/2020 30/04/2021	01/05/2021 30/04/2022	01/05/2022 30/04/2023	01/05/2023 30/04/2024	01/05/2024 30/04/2025	01/05/2025 30/04/2026
MSCI ACWI NR USD	15.14	14.16	5.06	-4.96	45.75	-5.44	2.06	17.46	11.84	31
MSCI ACWI Small NR USD	17.1	14.94	-0.75	-15.09	67	-11.44	-2.27	11.61	4.84	36.85
Russell 2000 NR USD	25.11	11.12	4.2	-16.75	74.34	-17.13	-4.06	12.83	0.49	43.89
MSCI EM Small NR USD	14.08	17.16	-12.14	-19.26	74.15	-5.48	-5.67	22.13	-1.29	37.51
MSCI World Small Cap NR USD	17.44	14.66	0.65	-14.62	66.15	-12.22	-1.81	10	5.91	36.72

Past performance does not predict future returns. Source: Morningstar as 30.04.2026. NAV to NAV, gross income reinvested, net of fees, in USD. MSCI ACWI for global mid and large cap, MSCI ACWI Small for global small cap, Russell 2000 for U.S. small cap, MSCI EM Small Index for emerging markets small cap, MSCI World Small Cap Index for developed market small cap.

Strategy risks:

Company shares (i.e. equities) risk - The value of Company shares and similar investments may go down as well as up in response to the performance of individual companies and can be affected by daily stock market movements and general market conditions.

Counterparty risk: The risk of losses due to the default of a counterparty, e.g. on a derivatives contract or a custodian that is safeguarding the strategy's assets.

Currency (FX) risk: The Strategy can be exposed to different currencies and movements in foreign exchange rates can cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.

Derivative risk: The Strategy may use derivatives to reduce costs and/or the overall risk of the Strategy (this is also known as Efficient Portfolio Management or "EPM"). Derivatives involve a level of risk; however, for EPM they should not increase the overall riskiness of the Strategy.

ESG: Investments are selected or excluded on both financial and non-financial criteria. The strategy's performance may differ from the broader market or other Strategies that do not utilise ESG criteria when selecting investments.

Pricing risk: Price movements in financial assets mean the value of assets can fall as well as rise, with this risk typically amplified in more volatile market conditions.

Smaller companies: The Strategy invests in smaller companies, which can be less liquid than investments in larger companies and can have fewer resources than larger companies to cope with unexpected adverse events. In less favourable market conditions these companies may therefore under-perform larger companies and the Strategy may under-perform Strategies that invest predominantly in larger companies.

Emerging markets risk - Emerging markets are potentially associated with higher levels of political risk and lower levels of legal protection relative to developed markets. These attributes may negatively impact asset prices.

Liquidity Risk (general) - During difficult market conditions there may not be enough investors to buy and sell certain investments. This may have an impact on the value of the strategy.

Liquidity Risk (less liquid securities) - some investments may be hard to value or sell at a desired time and price. In extreme circumstances this may affect the strategy's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

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