



# Invesco FTSE RAFI US 1500 Small-Mid Portfolio

## Quarterly Performance Commentary

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### Investment objective

The portfolio seeks investment results that generally correspond (before fees and expenses) to the price and yield of the FTSE RAFI US 1500 Mid Small Index.

### Portfolio description

The portfolio will invest in shares of an exchange traded fund (ETF), the Invesco FTSE RAFI US 1500 Small-Mid ETF (PRFZ). The ETF will normally invest at least 90% of its total assets in common stocks that comprise the Index. The FTSE RAFI US 1500 Mid Small Index is designed to track the performance of small and medium-sized US companies. Companies in the index are selected based on the following four fundamental measures of size: book value, cash flow, sales and dividends. Each of the equities with a fundamental size ranking of 1,001 to 2,500 in the universe of 3,000 is then selected and assigned a weight equal to its fundamental value. The Portfolio and the Index are reconstituted annually.

### Portfolio information

Total net assets \$96,502,586

### Portfolio holdings (% of total net assets)

Invesco FTSE RAFI US 1500 Small-Mid ETF 98.06  
Cash or Equivalents 1.94

May not equal 100% due to rounding.

### Underlying ETF index provider

FTSE RAFI US 1500 Mid Small Index FR15USTR

Index provider FTSE Intl Ltd and Research Affiliates LLC

### Top contributors % of total net assets

1. Scorpio Tankers	0.18
2. Generac	0.22
3. Sotheby's	0.21
4. Sonic Automotive	0.13
5. SPX Flow	0.20

Data shown is that of the underlying ETF.

### Top detractors % of total net assets

1. Superior Energy Services	0.12
2. Consolidated Communications	0.11
3. R.R. Donnelley & Sons	0.10
4. Bristow Group	0.03
5. Green Plains	0.18

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Portfolio commentary provided is based on the underlying ETF.

### Market overview

- Though the S&P 500 Index posted a modest gain of 4.30% for the second quarter, the US stock market experienced increased volatility. After four consecutive months of rising prices, stocks sold off in May, with the S&P 500 falling 6.58%. Bond yields and oil prices also fell as investors weighed the impact of the ongoing US/China trade war and potential for new tariffs on Mexican imports. Additionally, data showed slowing in the US and global economies. Equity markets recovered in June as the S&P 500 returned 7.05%. The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged at its June Federal Open Market Committee meeting, but signaled a less restrictive stance, leading some investors to anticipate a future rate cut. US large and mid-cap stocks outperformed small-cap stocks and growth outperformed value for the quarter.

### Performance highlights

- Invesco FTSE RAFI 1500 Small-Mid Portfolio Class RZ units at net asset value (NAV) returned 0.46 for the second quarter of 2019, compared to its benchmark index, the Russell 2000® Index, which returned 2.10%. (Please see the investment results table on page 2 for portfolio and index performance.)

### Contributors to performance

- At the sector level, an underweight in health care was the leading contributor to relative return. Health care declined during the quarter due to potential changes in pricing legislation.  
- Not holding **Mallinckrodt** (0.00% of total net assets) was beneficial as the stock declined during the quarter after the company agreed to pay a large settlement to resolve a US Department of Justice investigation. An underweight in data analytics software company **Cloudera** (0.01% of total net assets) also added to relative return. The company's stock price fell during the quarter after several investors threatened to file a class action lawsuit for fraud.

### Detractors from performance

- Stock selection and an overweight in the energy sector was the leading detractor from relative return. Energy declined along with oil prices on fear of falling demand. Stock selection in the communication services, consumer discretionary, materials and information technology sectors also detracted from relative return. Stock selection also lagged the benchmark in the financials, industrials and real estate sectors.  
- Not owning **Array BioPharma** (0.00% of total net assets) was a leading detractor from relative return. The stock rose significantly late in the quarter after the company agreed to be bought by **Pfizer** (0.00% of total net assets). In the energy sector, an overweight in **Superior Energy Services** detracted from relative return.

### Positioning and outlook

- The portfolio's underlying fund, Invesco FTSE RAFI US 1500 Small-Mid ETF, is based on the FTSE RAFI US 1500 Small-Mid Index. The fund normally invests at least 90% of its total assets in common stocks that comprise the Index. The index is designed to track the performance of small and medium-sized US companies. Companies in the index are selected based on the following four fundamental measures of size: book value, cash flow, sales and dividends. Each of the equities with a fundamental size ranking of 1,001 to 2,500 in the universe of 3,000 is then selected and assigned a weight equal to its fundamental value. The fund and the index are reconstituted annually.  
- Growth appears to be decelerating but maintaining its upward trajectory globally. Despite a negotiated truce at the end of the second quarter, the US-China trade war may not be resolved any time soon and there is a potential for expansion of trade conflicts, especially between the US and the European Union. However, easier monetary policy, especially from the Federal Reserve and the People's Bank of China, could provide a powerful countervailing force, which should foster an environment favoring global risk assets. We expect continued volatility given that risks, especially geopolitical risks, are on the rise, making this an environment in which broad diversification remains prudent.

## Investment results

Average annual total returns (%) as of June 30, 2019

Period	Class RZ units		Class RA units	Style-Specific Index
	Inception: 07/08/16		Inception: 07/08/16	Russell 2000 Index
	Max Load 4.00%	NAV	NAV	
Inception	8.13	9.63	9.35	-
1 Year	-10.60	-6.87	-7.18	-3.31
Quarter	-3.59	0.46	0.31	2.10

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Index source: Invesco

## Market-cap allocations (%)

Large-Cap Blend	0.55
Large-Cap Growth	1.93
Large-Cap Value	0.00
Mid-Cap Blend	5.28
Mid-Cap Growth	12.54
Mid-Cap Value	1.40
Small-Cap Blend	30.44
Small-Cap Growth	18.30
Small-Cap Value	29.56

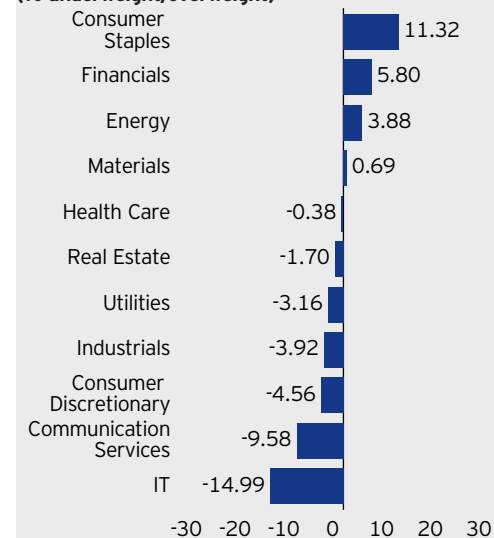
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## Expense ratios (%)

Class RZ units	0.39
Class RA units	0.64
Total annual asset-based fee per the current Program Description.	

## The portfolio's positioning versus the

(% underweight/overweight)



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### Risks of the Underlying Holding

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regarding the risk associated with an investment in the underlying ETF.

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Stocks of small and mid-sized companies tend to be

more vulnerable to adverse developments, may be more volatile, and may be illiquid or restricted as to resale.

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