Quarterly Portfolio Commentary – Second Quarter 2025
Clifford Capital All Cap Value Portfolio

Summary of the *Clifford Capital All Cap Value Portfolio* Composite Historical Return* (unaudited)

	2nd Quarter 2025	Year-to-Date	1-year	*annualized return* 3-year	5-year	10-year	Inception**
Portfolio, net of fees[1]	5.84%	6.62%	19.68%	9.50%	13.54%	10.27%	12.44%
Russell 3000® Value, total return	3.84%	5.55%	13.30%	12.44%	13.83%	9.01%	10.98%

* Individual account performance will differ from the overall Composite
** Inception Date: August 1, 2010, annualized
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Portfolio and Market Observations

The Clifford Capital Partners All Cap Value Portfolio ("the Portfolio") outperformed in the second quarter, posting a solid bounce back after the sharp market declines of early April. The Portfolio posted particularly strong performance during the heart of the quarterly earnings reporting season in May, with several companies reporting better than expected earnings results. We were encouraged that our smaller-cap companies outperformed this quarter, which is consistent with our expectations and the positioning of the Portfolio.

The second quarter of 2025 was characterized by high market volatility beginning with early April's "Liberation Day" tariff announcements (we discussed this period in our last letter). Even though the declines in early April were violent, the subsequent bounce on the easing of tariff concerns was even stronger, with many market indices approaching all-time highs by the end of the quarter.

We've observed that large swings in markets are becoming more common, and we believe a significant portion of short-term market action is driven by large traders, many of whom accentuate volatility by using high leverage. These traders attempt to rapidly change their positioning to take advantage of short-term stock market movements. When shocks such as unexpectedly high proposed tariffs hit the market, this volatility can reach extremes.

We believe that maintaining a long-term focus on the fundamentals of individual companies, while striving to take advantage of dislocations between their estimated fair values and current stock prices, is a prudent strategy for benefiting from the volatility driven by leveraged traders. Put more simply, we think the presence of large leveraged traders can lead to even greater opportunities for our strategy, despite the higher market volatility of which we are not immune. During the second quarter we strove to take advantage of the volatility by making multiple meaningful trades—one of our most active quarters in recent history—and we're encouraged by the current positioning of the Portfolio.

Outside of stock market swings, the U.S. economy continues to produce mixed signals, with inflation steadying, but continued uncertainty about the potential effects of tariffs. Trade policies have led to consternation for consumers, businesses, and capital markets, even though the level of concern has dissipated somewhat. Despite most large-cap stock indices hovering near all-time highs at the end of the quarter, we continue to believe there are unappreciated risks in today's stock market, especially among the most popular U.S. large cap companies, which continue to trade at historically high valuations.

1 Performance results for the All Cap Value composite reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other account earnings, are net of transaction costs and includes the deduction of advisory fees. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The benchmark for the All Cap Value composite is the Russell 3000 Value index. The Russell 3000 Value index is a capitalization-weighted index which measures the performance of Russell 3000 index companies, respectively with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. Index returns include the reinvestment of dividends (total returns). Performance of the composite and the index will not be comparable due to differences amongst them including, but not limited to, risk profile, liquidity, volatility and asset composition. An investor cannot invest directly in an index. Moreover, index performance does not reflect the deduction of advisory fees, transaction charges, and other expenses.

Second Quarter (especially June) Characterized by Growth and Riskier Stock Outperformance

In a sharp reversal from the first quarter, growth stocks significantly outperformed value stocks in the second quarter, especially during the bounce back from the tariff panic declines early in the period. While this is the type of environment when the strategy typically struggles to outperform, we noted that positive fundamental events in individual stocks were rewarded by the market during the second quarter, which helped offset this "growth" headwind. As shown in **Table 1**, growth and value stocks performed roughly in line for the year-to-date period, but growth was more of a roller coaster.

Table 1: Total Returns of Broad U.S. Value and Growth

	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	YTD 2025
Russell 3000 Value	1.64%	3.84%	5.55%
Russell 3000 Growth[2]	-10.00%	17.55%	5.79%
Difference	+11.64%	-13.71%	-0.25%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of June 30, 2025

We also observed some particularly notable quantitative factor trading during the quarter, and especially during June, when the U.S. market rally was led by lower quality, riskier, and more volatile stocks. These factor trades had a varied effect on the strategy, given our mix of Core Value and Deep Value stocks (some Deep Value stocks could fall into the "riskier" categories) but were a strong headwind to our more defensive stocks such as many of our Health Care and Consumer Staples investments.

Table 2: Long/Short Returns of Key Quant Factors for the Bloomberg 3000 Value[3] Index
(measure of purchasing the top quintile and short selling the bottom quintile)

	Q2 2025	June
Volatility[4]	-14.4%	-9.2%
Dividend Yield	-8.4%	-3.0%
Value[5]	-5.5%	-1.9%
Quality[6]	-3.7%	-4.5%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of June 30, 2025

As seen in **Table 2**, stocks with the highest volatility, lowest dividend yields, highest valuations, and lowest quality within the benchmark significantly outperformed during the quarter and especially in June. As such, we believe June was mostly a "junk" rally. On balance we think this was a quantitative headwind to the strategy, which was offset by solid stock-specific events as companies made progress toward their Key Thesis Points™.

Overall, we see signs that investor complacency and risk tolerance is very high today, with a proliferation of risk-seeking behaviors and risky new financial products gaining popularity (such as leveraged single-stock ETFs and zero-day options). In our experience, it makes sense to act more prudently in times when many investors are becoming more complacent.

2 The Russell 3000 Growth Index is a capitalization-weighted index which measures the performance of Russell 3000 Index companies, respectively, with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. Index returns include the reinvestment of dividends (total return).

3 Bloomberg's proprietary index that is closely correlated to the Russell 3000 Value index

4 Measure of beta and relative volatility

5 Measure of several valuation metrics (price to book, price to sales, price to cash flow, and price to earnings)

6 Measure of profitability, leverage, and earnings variability

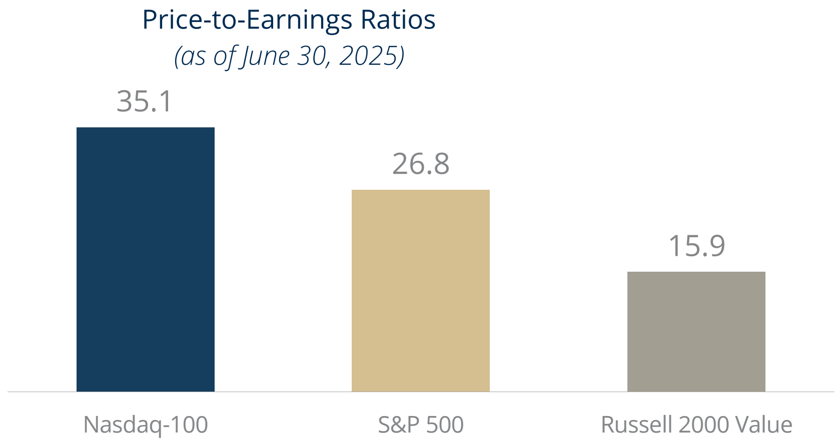
Positioning

We continue to believe the market's 'sweet spot' is found in smaller companies (generally stocks with $50 billion or less market capitalization), and over three quarters of the Portfolio is invested in companies with a market cap below $50 billion as of June 30, 2025. We believe the outlook for smaller-cap U.S. companies is more favorable than larger-cap companies, which trade at historically high valuation levels, but do not possess materially better prospects in our view.

To that point, we recently compared the price-to-earnings ratios ("P/E") of several market indices to their earnings-per-share growth estimates through 2027[7]. As seen in **Chart 1** below, the expected earnings-per-share growth rate of the Russell 2000 Value index (a good proxy for smaller-cap companies) is very close to the expected growth rate of the Nasdaq-100 index (proxy for popular Technology stocks) and better than that of the S&P 500 (proxy for U.S. large cap stocks). Meanwhile, investors are paying a much higher P/E multiple for the Nasdaq-100 and S&P 500.

Chart 1: Small Caps are More Attractive

Investors Aren't Sacrificing Much Potential Growth for Much Lower Valuations



	Nasdaq-100	S&P 500	Russell 2000 Value
Estimated total EPS growth through 2027	**44.3%**	**34.2%**	**43.2%**

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

Despite the expectation of solid upcoming growth, investors are not paying a high price for smaller-cap stocks, especially compared to large companies that we think are generally over-owned, over-followed, and over-valued today.

We continue to find our most attractive ideas among the market's smaller companies, and we think **Chart 1** is a big picture illustration of the opportunity we see as we scour the market for attractive investments. Importantly, we have identified catalysts (our Key Thesis Points™) for each of our individual investments that we believe will improve their fundamental results and their stock prices over time. And as we've noted in recent letters, most of our holdings at the end of June (over 2/3 of the Portfolio) have activist investors who believe these companies are undervalued and are actively agitating for change, so we're not alone in identifying these opportunities.

7 Estimated earnings per share before extraordinary items for companies with positive earnings. Estimates from Bloomberg L.P. as of June 30, 2025, compiled from 3rd party analysts for each index shown.

Conclusion

We are encouraged by the recent performance of the strategy, and we believe the Portfolio is well positioned today with a large weighting in smaller companies that we believe are very attractive. Although markets remain volatile (something we expect to continue, given the increasing influence of large leveraged traders and a general increase in risk-seeking behaviors), we think volatility can be a long-term ally to our strategy because of the opportunities we strive to take advantage of during volatile periods.

Significant Portfolio Changes

It was an active quarter for us as we strove to take advantage of market volatility. We added seven new holdings during the quarter: Core Value stocks **Becton Dickinson** (ticker: BDX) and **Humana** (ticker: HUM), and Deep Value stocks **Columbia Banking System** (ticker: COLB), **Everus Construction Group** (ticker: ECG), **LKQ Corp.** (ticker: LKQ), **Reynolds Consumer Products** (ticker: REYN), and **Rocket Companies** (ticker: RKT).

We also sold six holdings: Core Value stocks **3M Co.** (ticker: MMM), **General Mills** (ticker: GIS), and **Pfizer** (ticker: PFE) along with Deep Value stocks **Liberty Energy** (ticker: LBRT), **Schlumberger** (ticker: SLB), and **Vodafone Group** (ticker: VOD).

New Holdings

BDX: Becton Dickinson is a health care products company that specializes in relatively low cost, consumable medical products and devices that are essential for most doctor's offices and hospitals (e.g. syringes, needles, and IV components). It has an attractive business profile in which roughly 85% of its revenue is recurring revenue that's constantly replaced. We opportunistically added the position shortly after the stock had significantly dropped the day of its quarterly earnings report because of a slight reduction in the firm's organic growth expectations, driven by softness in its less-important Life Sciences segment and some tariff-related pressures. We think some investors simply threw in the towel, leading to what we think is a very attractive entry point in the stock.

On July 14, 2025, the firm announced the merger of its Life Sciences segment with Waters Corp. (ticker: WAT), that we think will shine a brighter spotlight on its core Medical Essentials segment, which continues to perform well. We also expect the company to use cash proceeds from this merger, and its other free cash flow, in accretive ways (specifically through share repurchases), which we think will add additional value to shareholders.

HUM: Humana is the one of the country's largest providers of Medicare Advantage ("MA") insurance programs. We believed the company was well-positioned to benefit from a continuation of demand for more privately managed MA programs, which has provided savings to the government. The stock had recently underperformed because of a downgrade of its programs' ratings, which we believed could be reversed. When that reversal did not happen, medical costs for the entire industry appeared to be trending poorly, and one of our other main thesis points was breached, we sold the stock in early July shortly after quarter-end. While it's rare for us to buy and sell an investment this quickly, when Key Thesis Points are disproven, we strive to move quickly.

COLB: Columbia Banking Systems is a regional bank based in the Pacific Northwest. We've been watching this company with interest as it integrated a significant acquisition, Oregon-based Umpqua Bank, which we believed added significant benefits. The opportunity to buy the stock arose when the company announced the acquisition of Pacific Premier Bancorp (ticker: PPBI), based in southern California. We think the deal has strong strategic merit because it expands Columbia's presence further south on the west coast and was financially attractive given that it was done with 100% stock at what we think was an attractively low price. We expect the company's earnings to grow significantly over the next few years as a result of these recent acquisitions.

ECG: Everus Construction Group—a recent spin off from MDU Resources (ticker: MDU)—is a relatively large specialty construction company that is involved in a variety of electrical, mechanical, transmission and distribution infrastructure projects. One area of significant recent growth has been data center construction, given the enormous investments large technology companies are spending to build data center capacity. The opportunity for the stock arose shortly after the company's first earnings call as a standalone business, when the firm provided an outlook that was viewed as disappointing to some investors/traders who were expecting something better. We believed the stock had fallen to a very attractive valuation and we initiated a position. We believe the company should benefit from increased spending on sorely needed infrastructure improvements (i.e. domestic power grids) and continued spending on data centers, while enhancing its growth by purchasing smaller construction groups that it can plug into its nationwide system.

LKQ: LKQ Corp. is a global auto part provider that specializes in alternative and specialty parts, especially recycled parts that are salvaged from dismantled vehicles. Insurance companies and consumers often prefer recycled or refurbished parts because of significant cost savings. We believe the opportunity in this stock arose because of worries about the long-term supply of recycled parts, given the safety features in today's modern vehicle fleet, which should result in less collisions and "total loss" vehicles. Additionally, recent earnings results were slightly weaker than expected, leading to a decline in the stock price. We think the firm will continue to gain market share despite a slight headwind from vehicle safety features, and the company's European segment has potential for significant profitability improvement over the next few years. Management is focused on improving the European operations, rather than continuing a trend of bolt-on acquisitions, and we believe they will accelerate share repurchases, which we think is a wise use of capital today, given the low valuation of the stock.

REYN: Reynolds Consumer Products is a consumer products business best known for its Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil and for its Hefty brand of waste bags. The opportunity in the stock arose because of tariff cost fears and because of the company's relatively weak financial guidance for 2025, due to a weaker consumer spending environment coupled with some investments in the firm's manufacturing facilities and brands that will hurt 2025 earnings, but lead, in our view, to better-than-expected results in upcoming periods. The company also recently reached its targeted level of debt (it has reduced debt by about 20% over the past couple of years), so we expect the management team to increase share repurchases in advance of the expected improvement in its earnings.

RKT: Rocket Companies is best known for its online mortgage lending platform, Rocket Mortgage, which receives consistently high ratings for customer satisfaction and ease of use. The opportunity in the stock came as the company recently announced two acquisitions that we believe will significantly improve the company's business model and earnings potential. In particular, RKT's proposed acquisition of Mr. Cooper (ticker: COOP), will create the largest mortgage servicing (collecting payments, paying real estate taxes and other escrow, etc.) company in the country, with over $2 trillion in mortgage balances, which is about 1/6 of all U.S. mortgages. This deal has several large benefits in our opinion. First, the scale of the combination is intriguing because mortgage servicers typically earn higher margins as they spread fixed costs over a larger pool of customers. Second, mortgage servicing provides a stable cash flow stream that will diversify the business away from the more transactional mortgage origination products. Third, and most importantly, we think the largest opportunity is cross-selling Rocket's mortgage originations to its captive client base when the time makes sense for somebody to refinance their mortgage or seek some other transaction. We think Rocket is the best in the business (almost 3X better than the average mortgage originator) at providing compelling offers to its clientele and generating new mortgage sales from its servicing clients. Given difficult current conditions for mortgage originations because of relatively high mortgage interest rates, we don't believe the stock market has given much consideration to the "new" Rocket yet, but we see strong merit in the combination.

Sales

MMM: We sold 3M Corp during the quarter as we believed the stock had reached our fair value estimate and we were concerned about some residual liability risks related to the firm's history with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (aka "PFAS" or "forever chemicals") that MMM used in some of its products. While most of this potential liability was settled in court recently for multi-billions (which led to a significant increase in the stock price because investors feared a worse outcome), we believe potentially significant liability remains, so we moved on.

GIS: We sold General Mills as we continued to see evidence of a weaker consumer, and we think the emerging influence of GLP-1 weight loss drugs on consumer behavior could likely affect demand for General Mills' products over the intermediate- to long-term.

PFE: We sold Pfizer stock after some of our main Key Thesis Points came to fruition, but the stock price did not increase like we expected because of increased skepticism about the firm's pipeline and the outlook for its vaccine business. So, we moved on to other opportunities.

LBRT and SLB: We sold Liberty Energy and Schlumberger after OPEC+ surprised us—and many market participants—by deciding to significantly increase oil production despite weakening demand trends, which led to sharply lower oil prices. Because of these actions, we believed that new oil drilling activity would likely be curtailed for the remainder of the year or longer, putting pressure on oilfield services companies like LBRT and SLB. Additionally, the remaining Key Thesis Points for these two companies were insufficient, in our view, to compensate for the potential effects of lower oil prices, so we sold the stocks.

VOD: We sold Vodafone to provide capital for other compelling opportunities. Despite some encouraging stock-specific events over the past year, the stock did not increase as we'd expected. As such, we moved the capital into stocks that we believed had more timely Key Thesis Points.

Individual Stock Performance

Top Contributors[8] – Q2 2025	Largest Detractors – Q2 2025
Delek Holdings (DK)	Liberty Energy (LBRT)
Perdoceo Education (PRDO)	Schlumberger (SLB)
Cardinal Health (CAH)	Kenvue (KVUE)
Walt Disney Co. (DIS)	Pfizer (PFE)
Everus Construction Group (ECG)	Humana (HUM)

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Source: Bloomberg as of 6/30/2025

Commentary on the Top Two Contributors and Bottom Two Detractors

DK: Delek reported some strategic actions that moved the company closer to recognizing the value of its assets. Specifically, we believed that the firm's ~64% ownership of publicly traded midstream company Delek Logistics (ticker: DKL) was worth significantly more than DK's standalone value, but the market was not recognizing the "sum of the parts" value because DKL received a significant portion of its earnings from DK. Over the past several years, DKL's mix of non-Delek revenues has grown, and DK and DKL management have proposed or executed some actions that are getting the companies closer to a separation and deconsolidation. The stock has begun re-rating more favorably as progress is more evident. We still see significant upside potential.

PRDO: Perdoceo reported better-than-expected earnings results and should benefit materially from a more favorable administration that is less adversarial to for-profit education firms. We noted that many of the company's most significant risk factors over the past several years have been eliminated or significantly curtailed recently, which we do not think is fully reflected yet in the stock price.

LBRT and SLB: As discussed above, these stocks were affected by lower oil prices, and we exited the stocks.

Final Comments

Thank you for your investment with Clifford Capital. We will continue to focus on building long-term wealth through disciplined portfolio management.

Sincerely yours,

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