



## Lee Enterprises added to membership of US small-cap Russell 2000 Index

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DAVENPORT, Iowa, June 29, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Lee Enterprises has been added as a member of the US small-cap Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index, effective at US market open on June 29 as part of the 2026 Russell indexes reconstitution. Membership in the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index, which remains in place for half a year beginning 2026, is based on membership in the broad-market Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index. The stock also was automatically added to the appropriate growth and value indexes.

“Our inclusion in the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index is a reflection of our team’s hard work, execution, and strong financial performance,” said Josh Rinehults, Lee’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. “We expect this milestone to enhance our visibility within the investment community, increase trading liquidity, and broaden our institutional shareholder base as we continue to execute our long-term growth strategy and drive increased value for our shareholders.”

Russell indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors for index funds and as benchmarks for active investment strategies. According to data as of the end of June 2025, about \$12.2 trillion in assets are benchmarked against the Russell US indexes, which belong to FTSE Russell, the global index provider.

Fiona Bassett, CEO of FTSE Russell, an LSEG business, comments, “The Russell indexes have continuously adapted to the evolving dynamic US economy, and it’s crucial to fully recalibrate the suite of Russell US Indexes, ensuring the indexes maintain an accurate representation of the market. The transition to a semi-annual reconstitution frequency this year will ensure our indexes continue to represent the market and maintain the purpose of the index as a portfolio benchmark.”

For more information on the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the Russell indexes reconstitution, go to the “Russell Reconstitution” section on the [FTSE Russell website](#).

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