# **Growth Fund**



Growth Fund earns gold from Morningstar as of 1/9/2023\*

#### **Management Team**

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## **Objective**

Seeks to produce long-term growth of capital

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\*\*Active share indicates the proportion of the portfolio's holdings (by market value) that are different than the benchmark. A higher active share indicates a larger difference between the benchmark and the portfolio.

Institutional Class shares (Class Y) are available to institutional investors only; minimum initial investment of \$100,000.

As of the most recent prospectus, the investment advisor has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses (with certain exceptions) once the expense limitation of the fund has been exceeded. This arrangement is set to expire on 1/31/25. When an expense limitation has not been exceeded, the fund may have similar expense ratios.

#### Benchmark

Russell 1000® Growth Index

### **Highlights**

- · Active management with a long-term, private equity approach to investing
- High active share: typically greater than 80%\*\*
- Low turnover: annualized since manager tenure 6/1/2010: 8.9%
- Seven-step research framework focuses on quality, growth and valuation
- High-conviction portfolio of typically 30 to 40 stocks
- Looks to identify high-quality companies those with difficult-to-replicate business models
- Team must view growth as sustainable and profitable
- Stock values are modeled and regularly updated based on our four valuation scenarios: Best, Base, Bear and Worst
- Seeks to create a margin of safety by investing only when company is selling meaningfully below the team's
  estimate of intrinsic value
- Active risk management defines risk as a permanent loss of capital, not tracking error or short-term relative underperformance
- Bottom-up stock selection drives excess returns

Fund Facts		Share class	Υ
Fund inception	5/16/91	Inception	5/16/91
Total net assets	\$12,312.0M	Ticker	LSGRX
Morningstar category	Large Growth	CUSIP	543487110
Number of holdings	37	Gross expense ratio	0.65%
Turnover (at 9/30/23)	13%	Net expense ratio	0.65%

Additional share classes may be available for certain funds for eligible investors. Performance results will vary based on the share class.

# Performance (%) as of December 31, 2023

CUMULATIVE RETURN			AVERAGE ANNUALIZED RETURN				
	3 MO	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	
CLASS Y	14.07	51.42	51.42	9.14	17.68	14.23	
BENCHMARK	14.16	42.68	42.68	8.86	19.50	14.86	

## **Calendar Year Performance (%)**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
CLASS Y	51.42	-27.64	18.65	31.77	31.72	-2.48	32.64	5.87	10.02	11.27
BENCHMARK	42.68	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39	-1.51	30.21	7.08	5.67	13.05

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and value will vary and you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. For most recent month-end performance, visit www.loomissayles.com.

Returns reflect changes in share price and reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.



PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS				
	Fund	Index		
Price/earnings (trailing 12 mths)	29.42x	30.05x		
Est. P/E (forward 12 months)	28.68x	29.35x		
ROE (1-yr equal wtd)	26.86%	29.24%		
3-5 yr EPS growth	20.63%	18.13%		
Price/book	6.21	9.89		
Wtd avg market cap	\$658.38B	\$1.11T		
Median market cap	\$157.69B	\$18.04B		
Median active share (since manager tenure)	80.08%	_		

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)			
	Fund		
Meta Platforms Inc	7.7		
NVIDIA Corp	7.4		
Alphabet Inc	6.1		
Boeing Co/The	5.7		
Visa Inc	5.5		
Amazon.com Inc	5.4		
Tesla Inc	5.2		
Microsoft Corp	5.1		
Netflix Inc	4.4		
Oracle Corp	4.1		
Total	56.5		

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)			
	Fund	Index	
Information Technology	28.1	43.5	
Communication Services	21.0	11.4	
Consumer Discretionary	14.7	15.8	
Healthcare	13.3	10.6	
Financials	10.4	6.4	
Industrials	7.9	5.9	
Consumer Staples	3.0	4.1	
Real Estate	-	0.9	
Materials	-	0.7	
Energy	-	0.5	
Utilities	-	0.1	
Cash	1.5	-	

The Russell 1000° Growth Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher proce-to-book ratios and forecasted growth values. Indices are unmanaged. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

MARKET CAPITALIZATION (%)			
	Fund	Index	
> \$50 Billion	89.8	86.6	
\$25 to 50 Billion	2.4	7.4	
\$10 to 25 Billion	5.0	4.4	
< \$10 Billion	1.2	1.6	
Cash	1.5	-	

Portfolio composition statistics are from the adviser's internal system and may not match the fund's regulatory documents. Due to rounding, Market Capitalization and Sector Distribution totals may not equal 100%. This portfolio is actively managed and characteristics are subject to change. Top 10 Holdings may combine more than one security from the same issuer and related depositary receipts. Portfolio weight calculations include accrued interest. Holdings are based on total gross assets before any fees are paid; any cash held is included. Reference to specific securities or holdings should not be considered recommendations for action by investors. There is no guarantee the fund continues to invest in the securities referenced. Cash may include unsettled trades, fees and/or derivatives.

P/E (forward) measures price-to-earnings ratio using forecasted earnings for the price-to-earnings calculation; the forward measure is not a forecast of the fund's performance. P/E (trailing) is the sum of a company's price-to-earnings, calculated by dividing current stock price by trailing earnings per share for the past 12 months. 3-5 Year EPS Growth is sourced from FactSet and based on long-term EPS growth rate estimates gathered directly from brokers. The portfolio and benchmark statistic is a weighted average of company level estimates. 3-yr Historical EPS is the average earnings per share value that the company reports quarterly over the trailing 3-year term, calculated by dividing earnings available to shareholders by total number of shares outstanding. 5-yr Historical EPS is the average earnings per share value that the company reports quarterly over the trailing 5-year term, calculated by dividing earnings available to shareholders invested. ROE is calculated by dividing earnings available to shareholders invested. ROE is calculated by dividing net income by shareholder equity.

ROE (1-year equal wtd) is the 1-year ROE of all holdings divided by number of holdings. Price/Cash Flow compares the price of a company's stock relative to how much cash flow the firm is generating, calculated by dividing the current market price of the share by the cash flow per share. Price/Book is a ratio that compares a stock's market value to its book value calculated by dividing current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share. Debt-to-capital provides a measure of how much debt the company has on its books calculated by total company debt divided by total capitalization of the company. Median Market Cap is the midpoint of market capitalization (market price multiplied by number of shares outstanding) of stocks in a portfolio. Median Active Share (since manager tenure) indicates the proportion of the portfolio's holdings (by market value) that is different than the benchmark. A higher active

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