



Small/Mid Cap Growth

Management Team

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Objective

- Seeks to identify under-exploited, high growth, small and mid-cap companies with positive fundamentals and attractive risk/reward profiles
- Seeks to generate superior risk-adjusted investment performance over a full market cycle relative to the Russell 2500® Growth Index

Highlights

- Our goal is a lower volatility approach to high growth investing
- Active stock selection primarily drives returns by focusing on what we define as high quality “emerging winners” that may benefit from secular growth stories
- Bottom-up portfolio construction is based on fundamental research and discounted cash flow valuation analysis
- Idea generation includes an internally developed growth screen
- Risk management approach integrated throughout the process, including a clear stop/loss discipline to help manage downside risk
- Turnover typically 30-80%
- Typically 65 to 85 stocks; position size: typically 0.75% to 3%
- Sector weightings limited to +/- 50% of sectors greater than 10% of benchmark allocation
- Stock selection focuses primarily on companies with a market capitalization between 75% to 125% of the benchmark’s weighted average market cap
- Recent IPOs and early-stage (unprofitable) companies are limited* in the portfolio

Benchmark

Russell 2500™ Growth Index

Facts

Strategy inception	1/1/12
Composite inception	1/1/12
Strategy assets	\$1,704.4M
Composite assets	\$1,851.8M

Composite Performance (%) as of September 30, 2025

	CUMULATIVE RETURN		ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN				
	3 MO	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
GROSS	4.85	6.32	7.51	12.61	7.01	11.33	12.84
NET	4.62	5.61	6.55	11.63	6.15	10.44	11.89
BENCHMARK	10.73	9.95	12.62	15.97	7.76	10.93	11.99

Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
GROSS	18.38	7.64	-26.63	18.21	32.42	33.79	-5.61	33.20	7.96	3.69
NET	17.33	6.68	-27.16	17.40	31.49	32.80	-6.34	32.11	7.04	2.75
BENCHMARK	13.90	18.93	-26.21	5.04	40.47	32.65	-7.47	24.46	9.73	-0.19

*Typically, unprofitable companies or recent IPOs are limited to the greater of 10% of the portfolio or 50% of the benchmark weighting.

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Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns for multi-year periods are annualized. Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Indices are unmanaged and do not incur fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return.



PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS [^]			TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)		SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Rep. Account	Index		Rep. Account		Rep. Account	Index
Price/earnings (trailing 12 mths)	28.03x	24.73x	Ciena Corp	2.4	Industrials	23.6	20.6
Est. P/E (forward 12 months)	27.80x	23.66x	BWX Technologies Inc	2.4	Information Technology	23.3	23.1
3 Year Historical EPS Growth	23.83%	26.21%	Insmid Inc	2.0	Healthcare	20.3	20.6
3-5 yr EPS growth	15.69%	13.36%	Casey's General Stores Inc	1.8	Consumer Discretionary	11.3	13.0
ROE (1-yr equal wtd)	9.79%	-0.95%	Guidewire Software Inc	1.8	Financials	10.8	10.7
Wtd avg market cap	\$9.93B	\$8.78B	ITT Inc	1.8	Consumer Staples	4.1	2.8
Median market cap	\$7.50B	\$1.65B	Trimble Inc	1.7	Energy	1.6	2.0
Median active share (since inception)	87.65%	-	Karman Holdings Inc	1.7	Real Estate	1.1	1.9
			Regal Beloit Corp	1.7	Materials	0.8	2.5
			Laureate Education Inc	1.7	Communication Services	-	2.3
			Total	19.0	Utilities	-	0.4
					Cash	2.9	-

MARKET CAPITALIZATION (%)		
	Rep. Account	Index
> \$10 Billion	35.0	30.8
\$5 to 10 Billion	36.0	26.9
\$3 to 5 Billion	21.0	20.4
< \$3 Billion	5.1	21.9
Cash	2.9	-

[^]Performance and risk metrics are calculated on a gross-of-fee basis and do not reflect the deduction of fees and expenses. Please see the Composite trailing returns for standard gross and net performance.

KEY RISKS

Equity Risk, Market Risk, Non-US Securities Risk, Liquidity Risk. Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

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 account continues to invest in the securities referenced. **Cash** may include unsettled trades, fees and/or derivatives. **Median Active Share (since inception)** indicates the proportion of the portfolio's holdings (by market value) that is different than the benchmark. A higher active share indicates a larger difference between the benchmark and the portfolio.

*The characteristics shown above are provided by our third party vendor Factset and exclude negative values in the calculation (i.e. companies with negative trailing 12 month earnings are not included in the P/E statistic). This methodology can distort the relative comparison for each characteristic as the index has historically contained a higher percentage of non-earning companies versus the strategy.

Characteristics are shown for a representative account. Due to systems limitations, it is difficult to analyze characteristics on a composite basis. The representative account was selected because it closely reflects the Loomis Sayles Small/Mid Cap Growth investment strategy. Due to guideline restrictions and other factors, there is some dispersion between the returns of this account and other accounts in the Composite.

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The Composite includes all discretionary accounts with market values of at least \$500,000 managed by Loomis Sayles that seek to identify under-exploited, high growth, small and mid-cap companies with positive fundamentals and attractive risk/reward profiles. The strategy objective is to generate superior risk-adjusted performance over a full market cycle relative to the Russell 2500 Growth Index, and generally within the market capitalization range of the Index. As of 1/1/2021 the Composite was redefined to include commingled vehicles, previously only separate accounts were included. The Composite inception date is January 1, 2012. The Composite was created in January 2012. For additional information on this and other Loomis Sayles strategies, please visit our web site at www.loomisayles.com.

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