



# Small Cap Growth Fund

## Management Team

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## Benchmark

Russell 2000® Growth Index

## Objective

Seeks long-term capital growth from investments in common stocks or other equity securities

## 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 90 to 110 stocks; position size: typically 0.5% to 2.0%
- 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

Fund Facts		Share class	
Fund inception	12/31/96	I	R
Total net assets	\$2,266.5M	Inception	12/31/96 12/31/96
Morningstar category	Small Growth	Ticker	LSSIX LCGRX
Number of holdings	91	CUSIP	543487854 543487680
Turnover (at 9/30/23)	37%	Gross expense ratio	0.93% 1.18%
		Net expense ratio	0.93% 1.18%

*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 I	8.18	11.92	11.92	-1.71	10.01	8.29
BENCHMARK	12.75	18.66	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16
CLASS R	8.18	11.66	11.66	-1.95	9.74	8.02

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

*Institutional Class shares (Class I) are available to institutional investors only; minimum initial investment of \$100,000. Retail Class shares are available with a minimum initial investment of \$2,500.*

*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.*

## Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
CLASS I	11.92	-22.92	10.07	34.11	26.51	0.45	26.86	5.72	1.11	1.06
BENCHMARK	18.66	-26.36	2.83	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60

**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](http://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)	26.09x
Est. P/E (forward 12 months)	26.01x	20.13x
3 Year Historical EPS Growth	24.45%	26.63%
3-5 yr EPS growth	19.10%	18.22%
ROE (1-yr equal wtd)	9.61%	-1.47%
Wtd avg market cap	\$4.55B	\$3.87B
Median market cap	\$3.57B	\$1.28B
Median active share (since team inception)	85.19%	-

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	Fund	
	MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc	2.0
Weatherford International PLC	1.9	
Rambus Inc	1.9	
Casella Waste Systems Inc	1.7	
Installed Building Products Inc	1.6	
Varonis Systems Inc	1.6	
Option Care Health Inc	1.6	
Hamilton Lane Inc	1.5	
Texas Roadhouse Inc	1.5	
AZEK Co Inc/The	1.5	
Total	17.0	

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)	Fund Index	
	Industrials	23.8
Healthcare	21.7	22.4
Information Technology	19.4	21.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.3	11.1
Financials	9.0	6.3
Consumer Staples	6.0	4.5
Energy	5.9	4.5
Materials	1.0	4.1
Communication Services	-	2.2
Real Estate	-	1.7
Utilities	-	1.5
Cash	0.9	-

The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. Indices are unmanaged. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

MARKET CAPITALIZATION (%)	Fund Index	
	> \$6 Billion	28.7
\$4 to 6 Billion	22.9	23.3
\$2 to 4 Billion	38.1	35.4
< \$2 Billion	9.4	23.4
Cash	0.9	-

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 by total number of shares outstanding. **Return on Equity (ROE)** measures a company's profitability and reveals how much profit a company generates with money 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 team 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.

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