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# Growth Fund (A)

A disciplined approach to growth stock investing.

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**EALCX****\$35.92** \$-0.19

Symbol

NAV as of Apr 18, 2024

Share Class



**Fact Sheet**  
Mar 31, 2024

## The Fund

Fund managers take a long-term view, focusing on purchasing strong franchise companies with above-average growth prospects at attractive price points. The Fund's emphasis on diversification and valuation sensitivity helps make it a core holding for investors seeking the benefits of growth-oriented companies.

## The Approach

The managers follow time-tested principles of investing, adhering to a bottom-up investment process grounded in fundamental research, coupled with risk management techniques. Each stock that makes its way into the Fund is evaluated in the context of risk versus reward.

## The Features

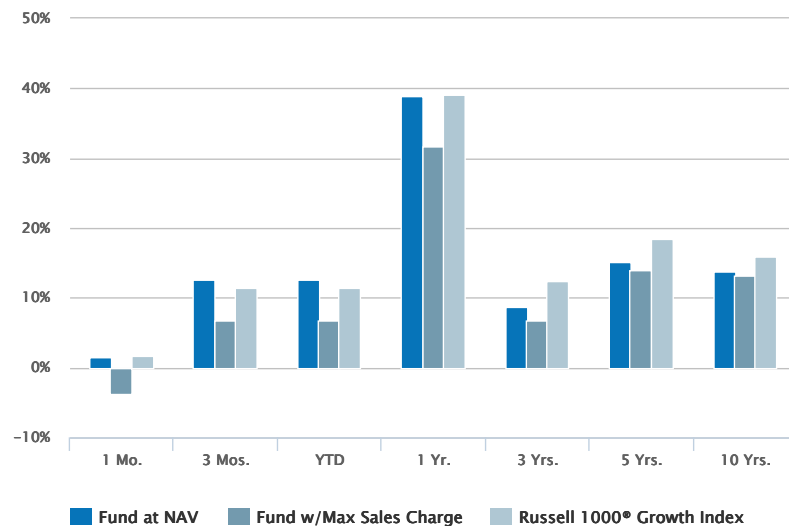
Growth-at-a-reasonable price philosophy provides investors access to the long-term appreciation potential that accompanies growth investing, yet brings a valuation discipline to a historically volatile style. We believe this approach may enhance long-term return potential and provide a buffer when markets decline.

## Overview

## Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



Fund at NAV	1.46	12.65	12.65	38.91	8.62	15.13	13.79
Fund w/Max Sales Charge	-3.86	6.73	6.73	31.62	6.68	13.89	13.18
Russell 1000® Growth Index <sup>1</sup>	1.76	11.41	11.41	39.00	12.49	18.50	15.97

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## Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

Class A Inception	09/09/2002
Investment Objective	Total return
Total Net Assets	\$399.1M
Minimum Investment	\$1000
Expense Ratio (Gross) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.08%
Expense Ratio (Net) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.05%
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## Top 10 Holdings (%)<sup>4,5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

NVIDIA Corp	10.13
Microsoft Corp	10.12
Amazon.com Inc	8.13
Apple Inc	6.26
Alphabet Inc - CL A	5.20
Meta Platforms Inc	3.32
Adobe Inc	2.96
Intuit Inc	2.83
Eli Lilly & Co	2.83
Lam Research Corp	2.72
Total	54.50

## Portfolio Management

[Douglas R. Rogers, CFA, CMT](#)

[Managed Fund since 2021](#)

Portfolio profile subject to change due to active management. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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3. Net expense ratio reflects a contractual expense reimbursement that continues through 04/30/24. Without the reimbursement, if applicable, performance would have been lower.

4. Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.

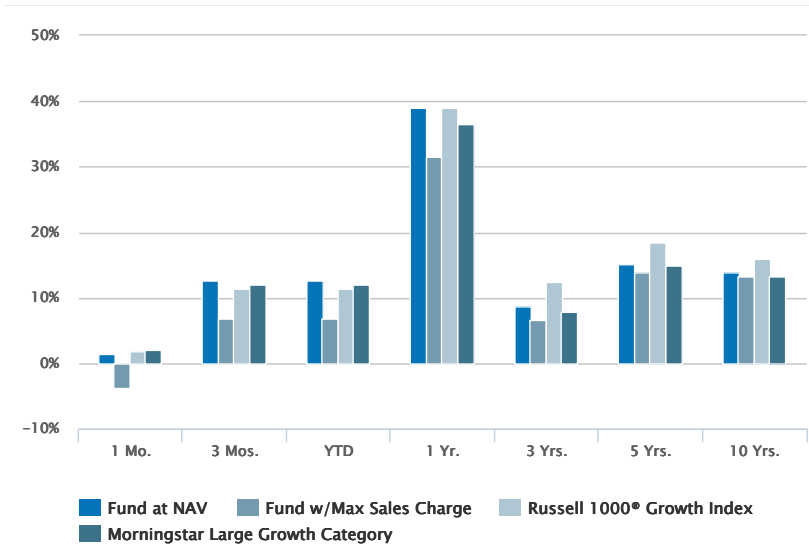
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## Performance

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Morningstar Large Growth Category <sup>6</sup>	2.11	11.92	11.92	36.45	7.95	14.89	13.24

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## Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund at NAV	14.23	7.04	2.32	25.42	0.27	30.38	37.16	19.62	-29.63	38.30
Russell 1000® Growth Index <sup>1</sup>	13.05	5.67	7.08	30.21	-1.51	36.39	38.49	27.60	-29.14	42.68

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Distribution Frequency	Annually

## Risk Measures (3 Year)<sup>7</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024	
Beta	0.96
Information Ratio	-1.16
R-Squared (%)	97.52
Standard Deviation (%)	20.49
Sharpe Ratio	0.30

## Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

Time Period

Rating

Funds in  
Large Growth  
Category

Time Period	Rating	Funds in Large Growth Category
Overall	★★★★	1111
3 Years	★★★★	1111
5 Years	★★★★	1037
10 Years	★★★★	807

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star.

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## NAV History

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 18, 2024	\$35.92	-\$0.19
Apr 17, 2024	\$36.11	-\$0.34
Apr 16, 2024	\$36.45	\$0.06
Apr 15, 2024	\$36.39	-\$0.66
Apr 12, 2024	\$37.05	-\$0.54
Apr 11, 2024	\$37.59	\$0.50
Apr 10, 2024	\$37.09	-\$0.25
Apr 09, 2024	\$37.34	\$0.08
Apr 08, 2024	\$37.26	-\$0.04
Apr 05, 2024	\$37.30	\$0.58

## Distribution History<sup>8</sup>

Ex-Date	Distribution	Reinvest NAV
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No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years.

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# Capital Gain History<sup>8</sup>

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 07, 2023		\$3.05060	
Dec 08, 2022		\$1.51640	
Dec 09, 2021	\$0.02580	\$3.33480	\$39.26

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6. The Morningstar Large Growth Category includes funds that invest primarily in U.S. large-cap companies with growth characteristics such as high earnings growth and high valuations (high price ratios and low dividend yields).
7. Beta measures the volatility of a fund relative to the overall market. Information Ratio uses excess standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk relative to the benchmark. R-Squared represents the percentage of the portfolio's movement that can be explained by the general movement of the market. Standard deviation measures the historic volatility of a fund. Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.
8. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

## Portfolio

### Asset Mix (%)<sup>5,9</sup>

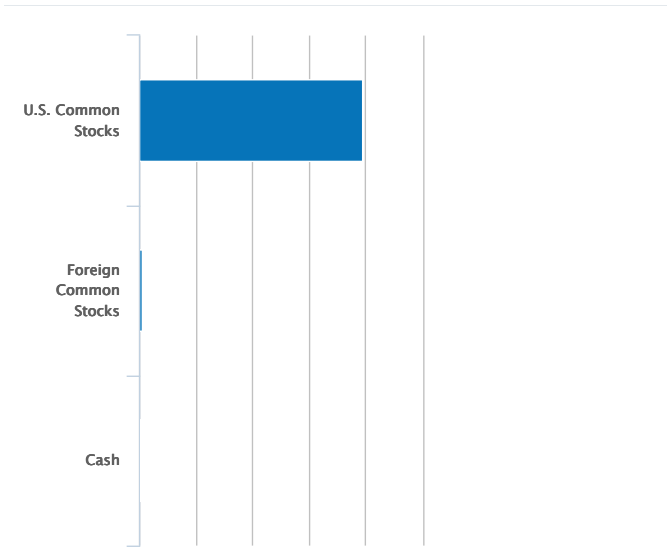
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### Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

Average Market Cap	\$1,159.5B
Price/Earnings Ratio	30.90
Number of Holdings	53
Price/Book Ratio	9.61
Active Share <sup>10</sup>	41.29%

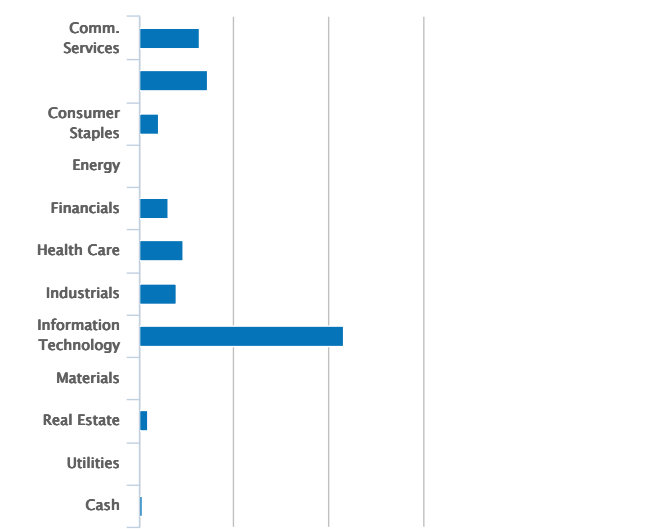


U.S. Common Stocks	98.54
Foreign Common Stocks	0.97
Cash	0.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## GICS Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>5</sup>

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Comm. Services	12.58	12.05
Consumer Discretionary	14.54	14.95
Consumer Staples	4.05	4.06
Energy	—	0.48
Financials	6.09	6.41
Health Care	9.28	10.64
Industrials	7.75	5.84
Information Technology	43.40	43.96

Materials	—	0.72
Real Estate	1.82	0.84
Utilities	—	0.06
Cash	0.48	—

## Fund Holdings (%)<sup>5,11</sup>

as of Feb 29, 2024

Holding	% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corp	10.06%
NVIDIA Corp	9.27%
Amazon.com Inc	8.05%
Apple Inc	6.67%
Alphabet Inc - CL A	4.83%
Meta Platforms Inc	3.39%
Adobe Inc	3.33%
Intuit Inc	2.92%
Eli Lilly & Co	2.77%
Visa Inc	2.75%
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5. Percent of total net assets.

9. A delay in transaction settlement may result in a negative cash position.

10. Active Share is a measure of the differentiation of the holdings of a portfolio from the holdings of its appropriate benchmark index. It is calculated as one half of the sum of the absolute value of the differences found between the portfolio weights and the benchmark weights.

11. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings (excluding derivatives positions). Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.



**Douglas R. Rogers, CFA, CMT**  
Executive Director, Portfolio Manager  
Joined Eaton Vance 2001

### Biography

Doug is an executive director of Morgan Stanley and a portfolio manager on the Eaton Vance Core/Growth team. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for Eaton Vance growth equity strategies. In addition, he covers the information technology and communication services sectors. He joined Eaton Vance in 2001. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Doug served as a nuclear submarine officer in the United States Navy prior to beginning his career in the investment management industry in 1999. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was a research analyst with Endeca Technologies Inc.

Doug earned a B.S. from the United States Naval Academy and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He holds the Chartered Market Technician (CMT®) designation and is a CFA charterholder.

### Education

- B.S. United States Naval Academy
- M.B.A. Harvard University

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2021

### Other funds managed

- [Focused Growth Opportunities Fund](#)
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