



# Small-Cap Fund (C)

A diversified portfolio of small-cap stocks that seeks long-term capital appreciation.

C ▾  
Share Class

**ECSMX**  
Symbol

**\$10.60** ▲\$0.05  
NAV as of Apr 22, 2024



**Fact Sheet**  
Mar 31, 2024



**Commentary/Attribution**  
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## The Fund

The Fund's bottom-up stock-picking approach aims to identify companies that the manager expects to achieve growth that exceeds the average of all publicly traded companies in the United States over the long term.

## The Approach

We believe small-cap markets are becoming increasingly inefficient, so we seek to exploit this inefficiency with intensive fundamental research by searching for companies with experienced and proven management teams whose interests are aligned with investors.

## The Features

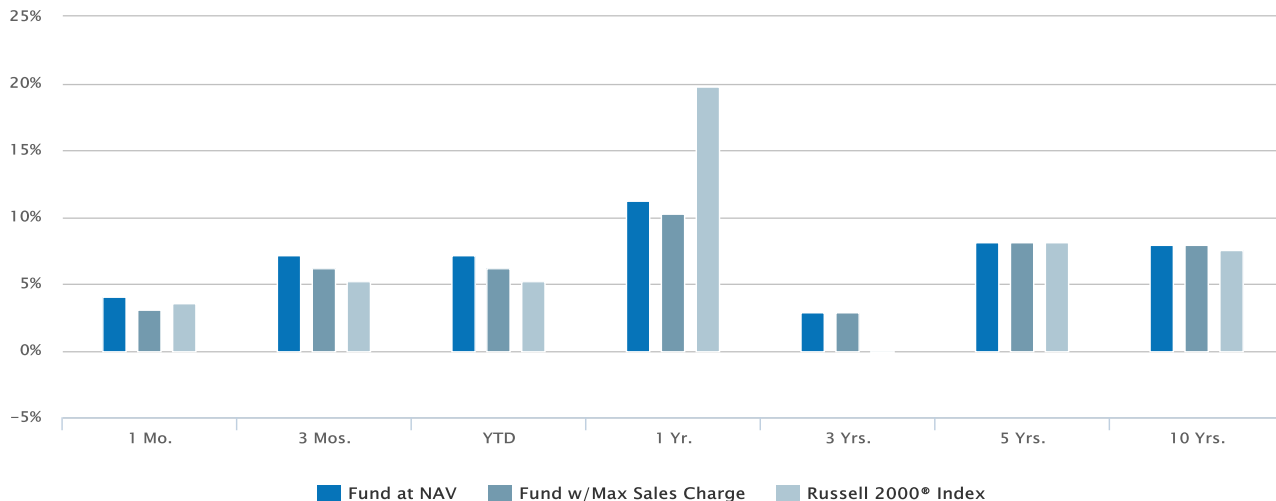
Led by two portfolio managers with more than 35 years of collective investing experience and supported by a focused team of small-cap analysts. The team holds approximately 1,000 company meetings per year to construct a high conviction diversified portfolio of quality small cap companies.

## Overview

## Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

**03/31/2024**



|                                  |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Fund at NAV                      | 4.06 | 7.12 | 7.12 | 11.26 | 2.87  | 8.06 | 7.91 |
| Fund w/Max Sales Charge          | 3.06 | 6.12 | 6.12 | 10.26 | 2.87  | 8.06 | 7.91 |
| Russell 2000® Index <sup>1</sup> | 3.58 | 5.18 | 5.18 | 19.71 | -0.10 | 8.10 | 7.57 |

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## Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

## Top 10 Holdings (%)<sup>4,5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

|                                      |                                |                                       |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Class C Inception                    | 05/03/2002                     | Core & Main Inc                       | 3.90  |
| Performance Inception                | 01/02/1997                     | CBIZ Inc                              | 3.07  |
| Investment Objective                 | Long-term capital appreciation | Chemed Corp                           | 2.95  |
| Total Net Assets                     | \$172.1M                       | Valvoline Inc                         | 2.91  |
| Minimum Investment                   | \$1000                         | Dorman Products Inc                   | 2.82  |
| Expense Ratio (Gross) <sup>2,3</sup> | 2.14%                          | AptarGroup Inc                        | 2.74  |
| Expense Ratio (Net) <sup>2,3</sup>   | 1.96%                          | US Physical Therapy Inc               | 2.57  |
| CUSIP                                | 277905741                      | Essential Properties Realty Trust Inc | 2.54  |
|                                      |                                | Aramark                               | 2.28  |
|                                      |                                | AZEK Co Inc                           | 2.17  |
|                                      |                                | Total                                 | 27.96 |

## Portfolio Management

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <a href="#">Griff Noble, CFA</a>       | <a href="#">Managed Fund since 2015</a> |
| <a href="#">Michael D. McLean, CFA</a> | <a href="#">Managed Fund since 2015</a> |

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The value of investments held by the Fund may increase or decrease in response to economic, and financial events (whether real, expected or perceived) in the U.S. and global markets. The value of equity securities is sensitive to stock market volatility. Smaller companies are generally subject to greater price fluctuations, limited liquidity, higher transaction costs and higher investment risk than larger, more established companies. Investments in foreign instruments or currencies can involve greater risk and volatility than U.S. investments because of adverse market, economic, political, regulatory, geopolitical, currency exchange rates or other conditions. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk when trading volume, lack of a market maker or trading partner, large position size, market conditions, or legal restrictions impair its ability to sell particular investments or to sell them at advantageous market prices. The impact of the coronavirus on global markets could last for an extended period and could adversely affect the Fund’s performance. No fund is a complete investment program and you may lose money investing in a fund. The Fund may engage in other investment practices that may involve additional risks and you should review the [Fund prospectus](#) for a complete description.

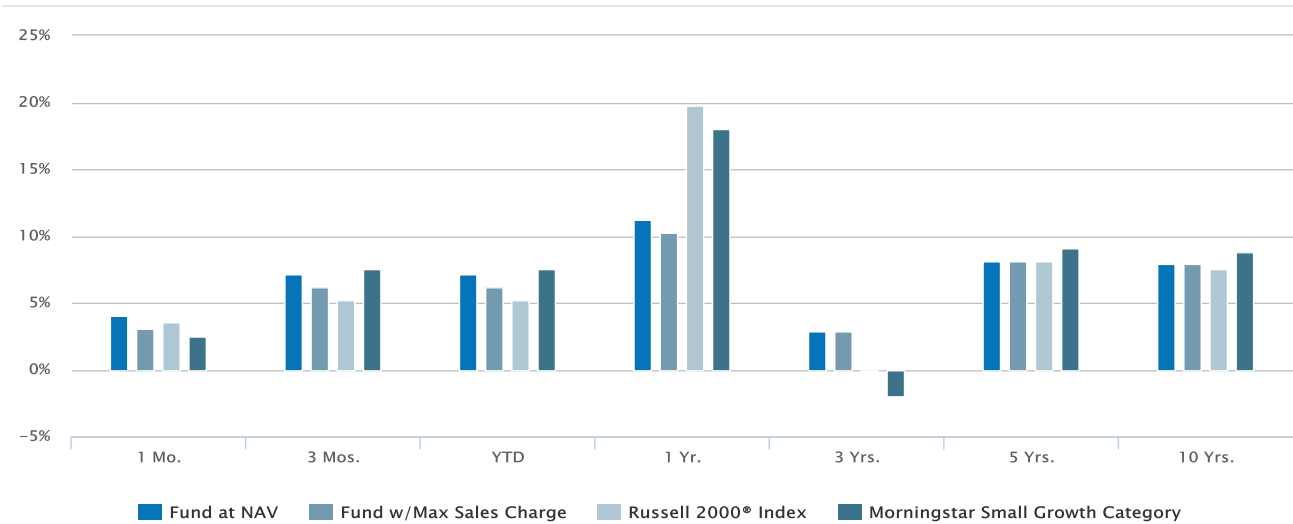
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2. Source: Fund prospectus.
3. Net expense ratio reflects a contractual expense reimbursement that continues through 04/30/24. Without the reimbursement, if applicable, performance would have been lower.
4. Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.
5. Percent of total net assets.

Performance

Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

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| Morningstar Small Growth Category <sup>6</sup> | 2.50 | 7.49 | 7.49 | 18.05 | -1.95 | 9.06 | 8.83 |

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## Calendar Year Returns (%)

|                                  |      |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |        |       |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
|                                  | 2014 | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023  |
| Fund at NAV                      | 3.02 | -3.59 | 18.47 | 14.11 | -6.52  | 26.54 | 11.93 | 20.25 | -16.17 | 10.46 |
| Russell 2000® Index <sup>1</sup> | 4.89 | -4.41 | 21.31 | 14.65 | -11.01 | 25.52 | 19.96 | 14.82 | -20.44 | 16.93 |

## Fund Facts

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
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| Distribution Frequency               | Annually   |

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

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| as of Mar 31, 2024     |       |
| Alpha (%)              | 2.84  |
| Beta                   | 0.84  |
| R-Squared (%)          | 89.53 |
| Standard Deviation (%) | 19.01 |
| Sharpe Ratio           | 0.02  |

## Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

| Time Period | Rating | Funds in Small Growth Category |
|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Overall     | ★★★★   | 552                            |
| 3 Years     | ★★★★★  | 552                            |
| 5 Years     | ★★★★   | 520                            |

| Time Period  | Rating | Funds in<br>Small Growth<br>Category |
|--|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 10 Years   | ★★★    | 400                                  |
| <p>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.</p> <p>The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Star ratings do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales load. Hollow stars denote Morningstar Extended Performance Ratings and are considered estimates based on the performance of the fund's oldest share class, adjusted for fees and expenses.</p> <p>©2024 Morningstar. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.</p> |        |                                      |

NAV History

| Date         | NAV     | NAV Change |
|--------------|---------|------------|
| Apr 22, 2024 | \$10.60 | \$0.05     |
| Apr 19, 2024 | \$10.55 | \$0.10     |
| Apr 18, 2024 | \$10.45 | \$0.02     |
| Apr 17, 2024 | \$10.43 | -\$0.11    |
| Apr 16, 2024 | \$10.54 | \$0.00     |
| Apr 15, 2024 | \$10.54 | -\$0.08    |
| Apr 12, 2024 | \$10.62 | -\$0.15    |
| Apr 11, 2024 | \$10.77 | \$0.02     |
| Apr 10, 2024 | \$10.75 | -\$0.28    |
| Apr 09, 2024 | \$11.03 | \$0.00     |

Distribution History<sup>8</sup>

| Ex-Date  | Distribution | Reinvest NAV |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years.<br><a href="#">Fund prospectus</a> |              |              |

Capital Gain History<sup>8</sup>

| Ex-Date      | Short-Term | Long-Term | Reinvest NAV |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Dec 12, 2023 |            | \$0.08090 |              |
| Dec 13, 2022 |            | \$0.35980 |              |
| Dec 07, 2021 | \$0.67390  | \$1.38490 | \$11.62      |

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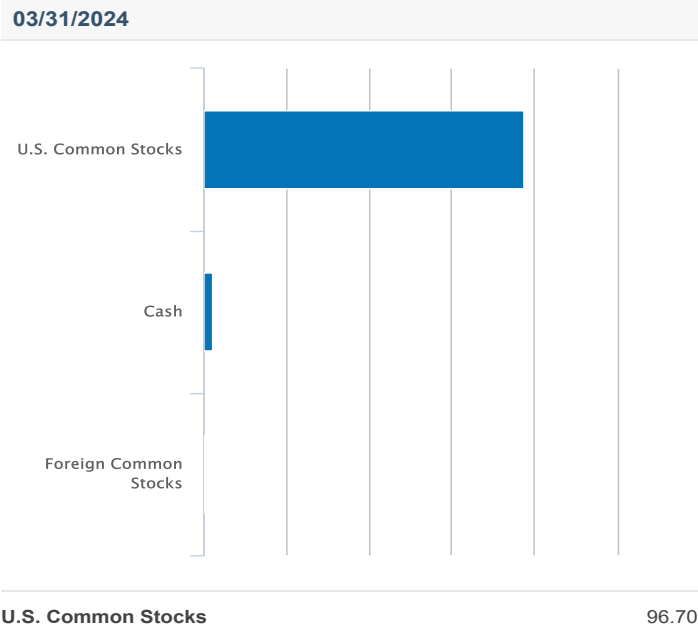
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6. The Morningstar Small Growth Category includes funds that invest primarily in U.S. small-cap companies with growth characteristics such as high earnings growth and high price ratios.
7. Alpha measures risk-adjusted performance, showing excess return delivered at the same risk level as the benchmark. Beta measures the volatility of a fund relative to the overall market. 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>

as of Mar 31, 2024



Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

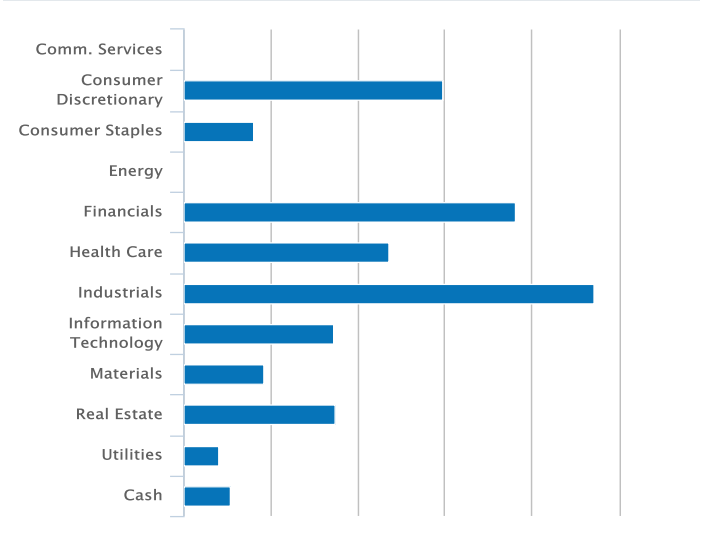
|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Average Market Cap         | \$5.8B |
| Price/Earnings Ratio       | 21.64  |
| Number of Holdings         | 72     |
| Price/Book Ratio           | 2.93   |
| Active Share <sup>10</sup> | 95.07% |

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

as of Mar 31, 2024

|            |
|------------|
| 03/31/2024 |
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|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Cash                  | 2.68   |
| Foreign Common Stocks | 0.62   |
| Total                 | 100.00 |



|                        |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Comm. Services         | —     | 2.13  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 14.92 | 10.83 |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.04  | 3.31  |
| Energy                 | —     | 7.33  |
| Financials             | 19.07 | 15.89 |
| Health Care            | 11.75 | 15.32 |
| Industrials            | 23.57 | 17.61 |
| Information Technology | 8.60  | 14.95 |
| Materials              | 4.63  | 4.53  |
| Real Estate            | 8.71  | 5.60  |
| Utilities              | 2.02  | 2.50  |
| Cash                   | 2.68  | —     |

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

as of Feb 29, 2024

| Holding                               | % of Net Assets |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| MSILF GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO            | 3.66%           |
| Core & Main Inc                       | 3.45%           |
| CBIZ Inc                              | 3.13%           |
| Chemed Corp                           | 2.97%           |
| Valvoline Inc                         | 2.95%           |
| AptarGroup Inc                        | 2.83%           |
| Dorman Products Inc                   | 2.83%           |
| US Physical Therapy Inc               | 2.54%           |
| Essential Properties Realty Trust Inc | 2.42%           |
| Aramark                               | 2.21%           |
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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.

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## Management



**Griff Noble, CFA**

Managing Director, Co-Head of US  
Small/Mid Cap  
Joined Eaton Vance 2012

### Biography

Griff is a managing director of Morgan Stanley. He is Co-Head of the Eaton Vance U.S. Small/Midcap team and a portfolio manager. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for U.S. small- and midcap equity portfolios as well as coverage of the energy and industrials sectors. He is also a vice president and portfolio manager for Calvert Research and Management. He joined Eaton Vance in 2012. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Griff began his career in the investment management industry in 1996. Before joining Eaton Vance, he was an equity analyst with BlackRock, Inc. He was previously affiliated with Byram Capital Management, Emerson Investment Management, Deutsche Asset Management and Putnam Investments.

Griff earned a B.S. from the University of Vermont and an MBA from Babson College. He is a member of CFA Society Boston and is a CFA charterholder.

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### Education

- B.S. University of Vermont
- M.B.A. Babson College

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2015

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### Other funds managed

- [Tax-Managed Small-Cap Fund](#)
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**Michael D. McLean, CFA**

Managing Director, Co-Head of US  
Small/Mid Cap  
Joined Eaton Vance 2001

### Biography

Mike is a managing director of Morgan Stanley. He is Co-Head of the Eaton Vance U.S. Small/Midcap team and a portfolio manager. He is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for U.S. small- and midcap equity portfolios as well as coverage of the consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors. He is also a vice president and portfolio manager for Calvert Research and Management. He began his career in the investment management industry with Eaton Vance in 2001. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Mike earned a B.S. from Providence College. He is a CFA charterholder and holds both the CFA Institute Certificate in ESG Investing and the Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting FSA Credential.

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### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2015

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