



Special Equities Fund (C)

Seeking companies with above-average growth prospects.

C Share Class

ECSEX Symbol

\$18.79 NAV as of Jun 24, 2022

Fact Sheet
Mar 31, 2022

The Fund

The Fund invests primarily in stocks of emerging-growth companies — those expected to achieve long-term earnings growth that exceeds the average of all publicly traded companies in the U.S. Many stocks held by the Fund have market capitalizations comparable to companies in the Russell 2500™ Index, although the Fund may invest in larger or smaller companies believed to have emerging-growth characteristics.

The Approach

Investment decisions are made primarily through fundamental analysis to consider companies with growth prospects, financial strength, competitive positions and other characteristics. Portfolio risk is managed by maintaining broad issuer and industry diversification¹ among the Fund's holdings, and by analyzing the risk/return characteristics of potential holdings.

The Features

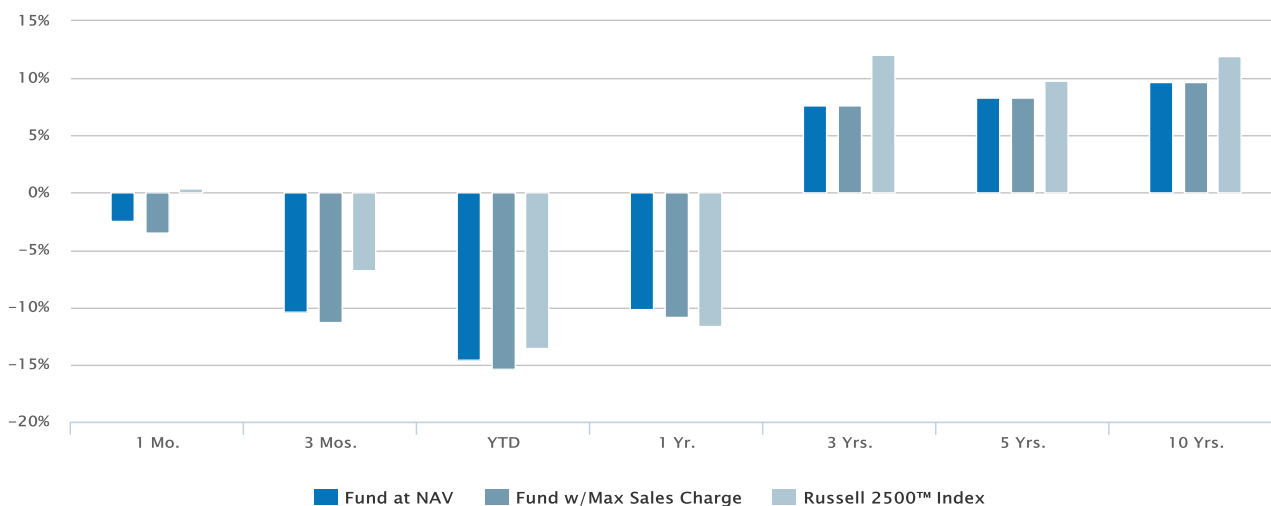
The Fund's focus on emerging-growth companies believed to offer above-average growth potential may be well-suited to growth-oriented investors seeking long-term appreciation of capital. In addition, the Fund's emphasis on companies that fall within the small- to midcapitalization range of the U.S. equity stock market-capitalization spectrum may help complement larger-capitalization equity strategies in investor portfolios.

Overview

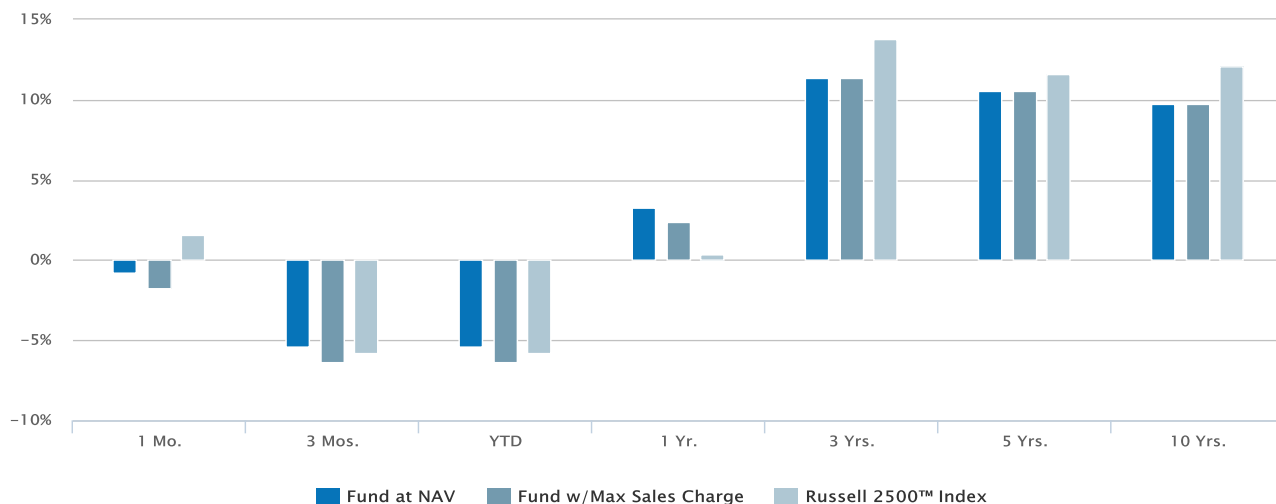
Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2022

05/31/2022



03/31/2022



05/31/2022								
Fund at NAV	-2.44	-10.37	-14.55	-10.09	7.69	8.34	9.65	
Fund w/Max Sales Charge	-3.41	-11.27	-15.40	-10.87	7.69	8.34	9.65	
Russell 2500™ Index ²	0.34	-6.75	-13.55	-11.62	12.04	9.75	11.99	
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Fund at NAV	-0.78	-5.40	-5.40	3.26	11.33	10.54	9.73	
Fund w/Max Sales Charge	-1.77	-6.35	-6.35	2.38	11.33	10.54	9.73	
Russell 2500™ Index ²	1.59	-5.82	-5.82	0.34	13.78	11.57	12.08	

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Fund Facts

as of May 31, 2022

Performance Inception	04/22/1968
Investment Objective	Growth of capital
Total Net Assets	\$55.3M
Minimum Investment	\$1000
Expense Ratio (Gross) ^{3,4}	1.93%
Expense Ratio (Net) ^{3,4}	1.93%
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Top 10 Holdings (%)^{5,6}

as of Mar 31, 2022

Performance Food Group Co	3.00
CBIZ Inc	2.82
Terminix Global Holdings Inc	2.51
Valvoline Inc	2.43
Cargurus Inc	2.33
R1 RCM Inc	2.26
Envista Holdings Corp	2.17
F5 Inc	2.14
Selective Insurance Group Inc	2.09
Herc Holdings Inc	1.97
Total	23.73

Portfolio Management

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About Risk:

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.

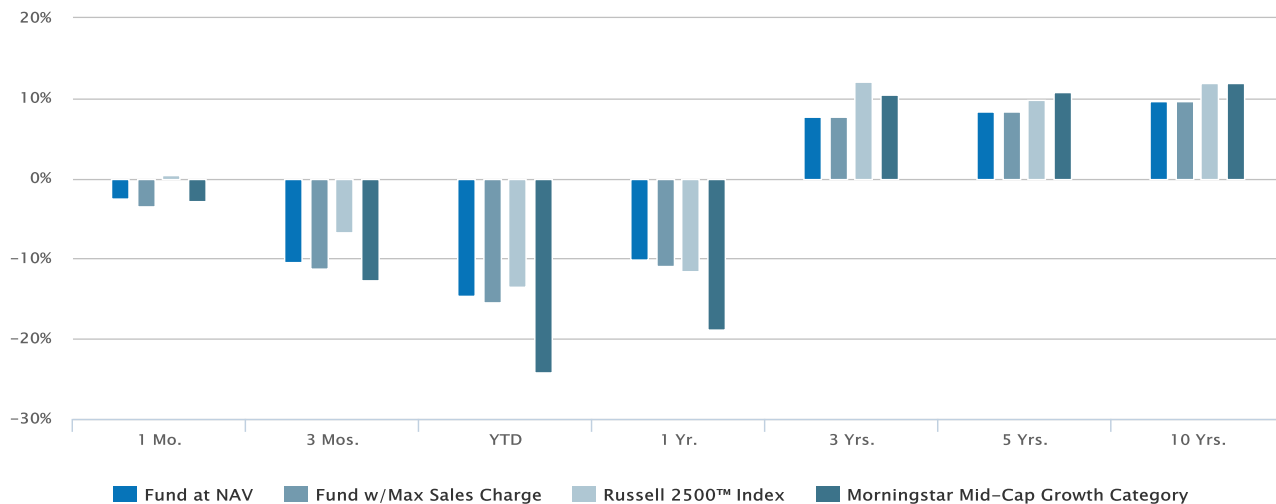
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3. Source: Fund prospectus.
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5. Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.
6. Percent of total net assets.

Performance

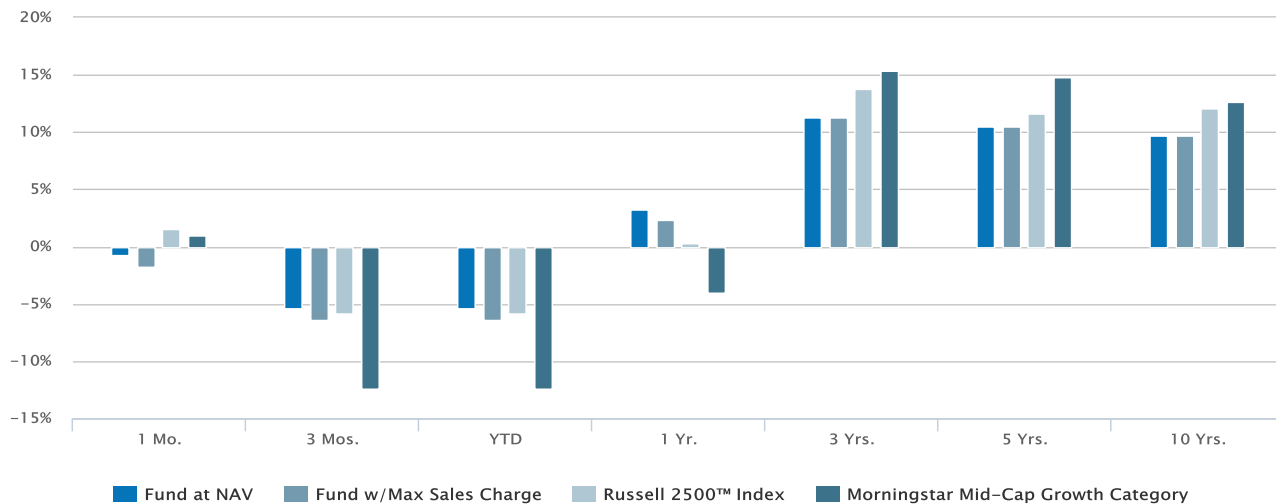
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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Fund at NAV	5.77	35.59	1.01	-3.68	14.57	14.46	-5.66	27.14	12.00	18.02
Russell 2500™ Index²	17.88	36.80	7.07	-2.90	17.59	16.81	-10.00	27.77	19.99	18.18

Fund Facts

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Performance Inception	04/22/1968
Distribution Frequency	Annually

Risk Measures (3 Year)⁸

as of May 31, 2022

Alpha (%)	-2.04
Beta	0.81
R-Squared (%)	92.14
Standard Deviation (%)	19.21
Sharpe Ratio	0.36

Morningstar Rating™

as of May 31, 2022

Time Period	Rating	Funds in Mid-Cap Growth Category
Overall	★★★★	532
3 Years	★★★★	532
5 Years	★★★★	496
10 Years	★★	379

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
Jun 24, 2022	\$18.79	\$0.62
Jun 23, 2022	\$18.17	\$0.26
Jun 22, 2022	\$17.91	\$0.03
Jun 21, 2022	\$17.88	\$0.20
Jun 17, 2022	\$17.68	\$0.23
Jun 16, 2022	\$17.45	-\$0.76
Jun 15, 2022	\$18.21	\$0.25
Jun 14, 2022	\$17.96	-\$0.08
Jun 13, 2022	\$18.04	-\$0.73
Jun 10, 2022	\$18.77	-\$0.49

Distribution History⁹

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 History⁹

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 07, 2021	\$0.98150	\$2.71920	\$22.39
Dec 08, 2020		\$0.51810	\$21.91
Aug 18, 2020	\$0.02120	\$0.19060	\$19.94
Dec 05, 2019	\$0.18080	\$0.65320	\$20.62
Aug 08, 2019	\$0.04430	\$0.19380	\$21.11

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7. The Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category includes funds that invest in U.S. companies of all sizes or focus on mid-cap names with growth characteristics such as high earnings growth and high valuations.

8. 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.

9. 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 (%)^{6,10}

as of Mar 31, 2022

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Portfolio Statistics

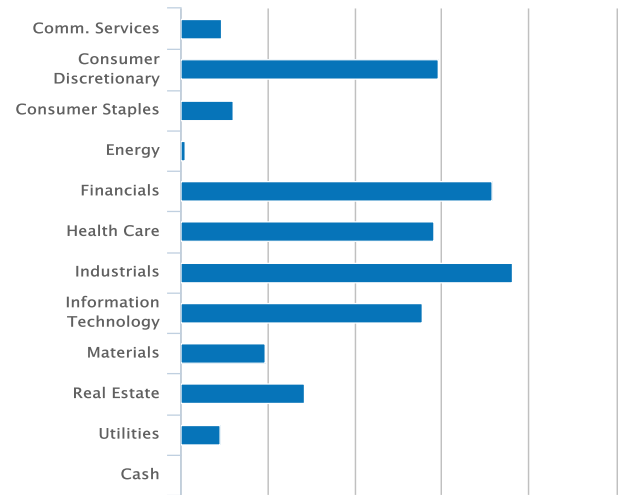
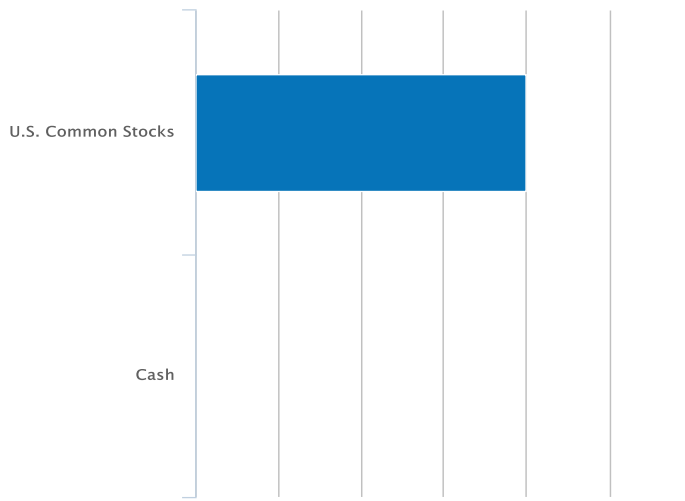
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Average Market Cap	\$7.7B
Price/Earnings Ratio	21.72
Number of Holdings	78
Price/Book Ratio	3.31
Active Share ¹¹	93.77%

GICS Sector Breakdown (%)⁶

as of Mar 31, 2022

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U.S. Common Stocks	99.99
Cash	0.01
Total	100.00

Comm. Services	2.33	2.73
Consumer Discretionary	14.83	10.86
Consumer Staples	3.00	3.14
Energy	0.28	5.66
Financials	17.88	14.79
Health Care	14.55	12.83
Industrials	19.08	16.42
Information Technology	13.90	15.84
Materials	4.82	6.20
Real Estate	7.08	8.83
Utilities	2.23	2.72
Cash	0.01	—

Fund Holdings (%)^{6,12}

as of Apr 30, 2022

Holding	% of Net Assets
Performance Food Group Co	3.10%
CBIZ Inc	2.97%
Terminix Global Holdings Inc	2.63%
Valvoline Inc	2.52%
Dorman Products Inc	2.15%
Selective Insurance Group Inc	2.09%
R1 RCM Inc	2.06%
W R Berkley Corp	2.05%
Commerce Bancshares Inc/MO	1.99%
Cargurus Inc	1.95%

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6. Percent of total net assets.

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

Management



J. Griffith 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.

Education

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

Experience

- Managed Fund since 2015

Other funds managed

- [Global Small-Cap Equity Fund](#)
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Michael D. McLean, CFA

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