Small-Cap Fund (R)

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

R
Share Class

ERSGX
Symbol

$14.21 ▲$0.06
NAV as of Mar 28, 2024

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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

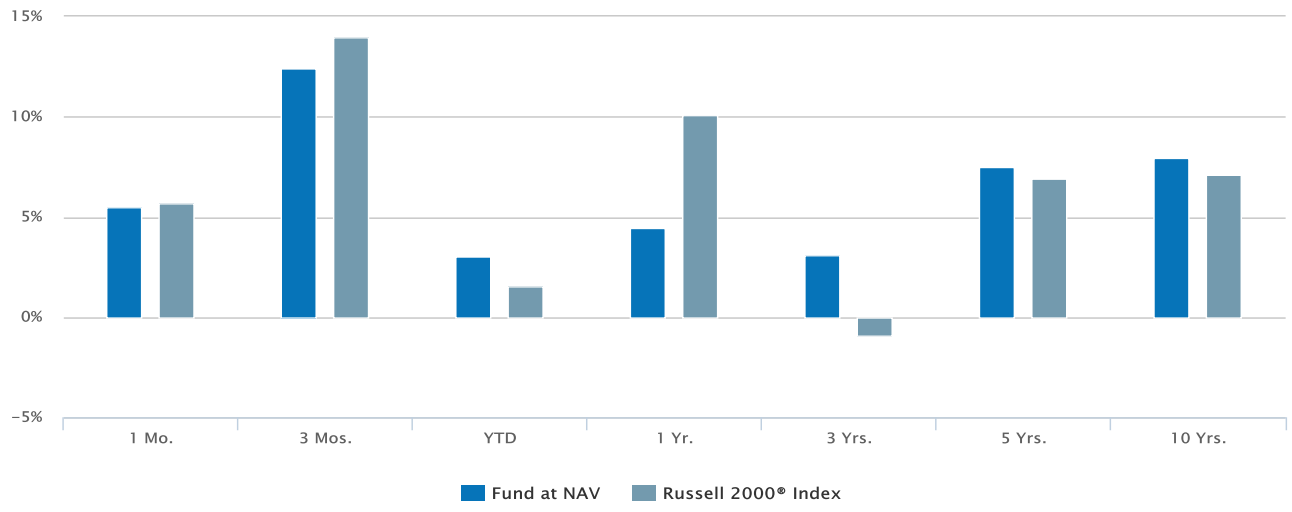
Led by two portfolio managers with more than 35 years of collective investing experience and supported by a focused team of small-cap analysts. The team holds approximately 1,000 company meetings per year to construct a high conviction diversified portfolio of quality small cap companies.

Overview

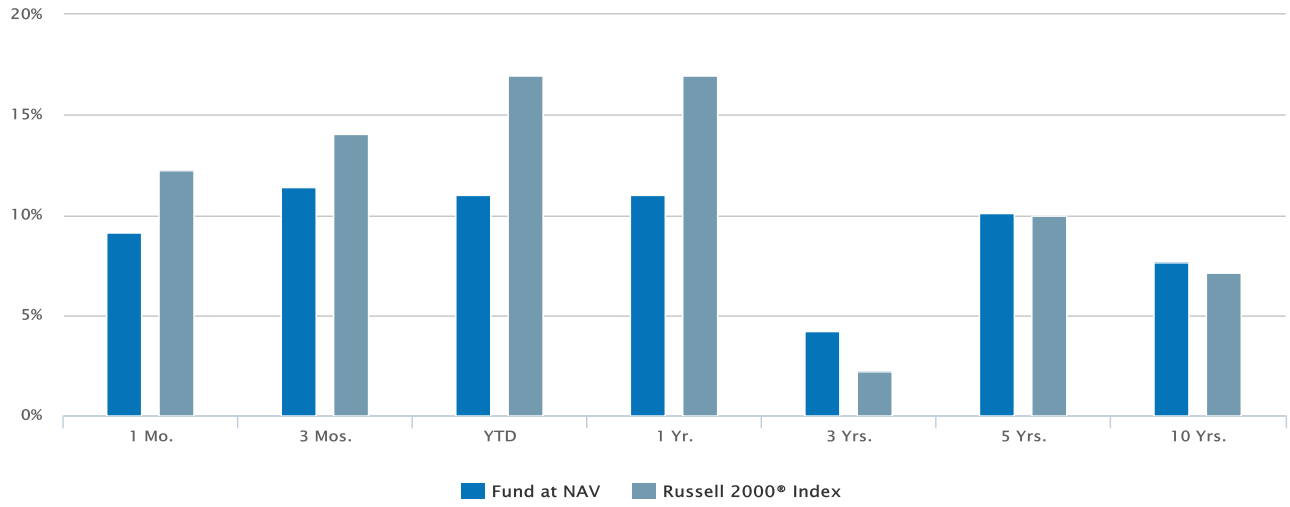
Historical Returns (%)

as of Dec 31, 2023

02/29/2024



12/31/2023



02/29/2024							
Fund at NAV	5.49	12.42	3.02	4.47	3.08	7.51	7.94
Russell 2000® Index[1]	5.65	13.95	1.54	10.05	-0.94	6.89	7.12
12/31/2023							
Fund at NAV	9.13	11.40	11.03	11.03	4.18	10.09	7.61
Russell 2000® Index[1]	12.22	14.03	16.93	16.93	2.22	9.97	7.15

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Fund Facts

as of Feb 29, 2024

Class R Inception	07/31/2009
Performance Inception	01/02/1997
Investment Objective	Long-term capital appreciation
Total Net Assets	$162.5M
Minimum Investment	$1000
Expense Ratio (Gross)[2,3]	1.64%
Expense Ratio (Net)[2,3]	1.46%
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Top 10 Holdings (%)[4,5]

as of Dec 31, 2023

Core & Main Inc	3.16
Chemed Corp	3.07
Dorman Products Inc	2.92
CBIZ Inc	2.81
Valvoline Inc	2.70
Essential Properties Realty Trust Inc	2.69
AptarGroup Inc	2.61
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts Inc	2.37
IDACORP Inc	2.36
Commerce Bancshares Inc/MO	2.35
Total	**27.03**

Portfolio Management

Griff Noble, CFA	Managed Fund since 2015
Michael D. McLean, CFA	Managed Fund since 2015

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RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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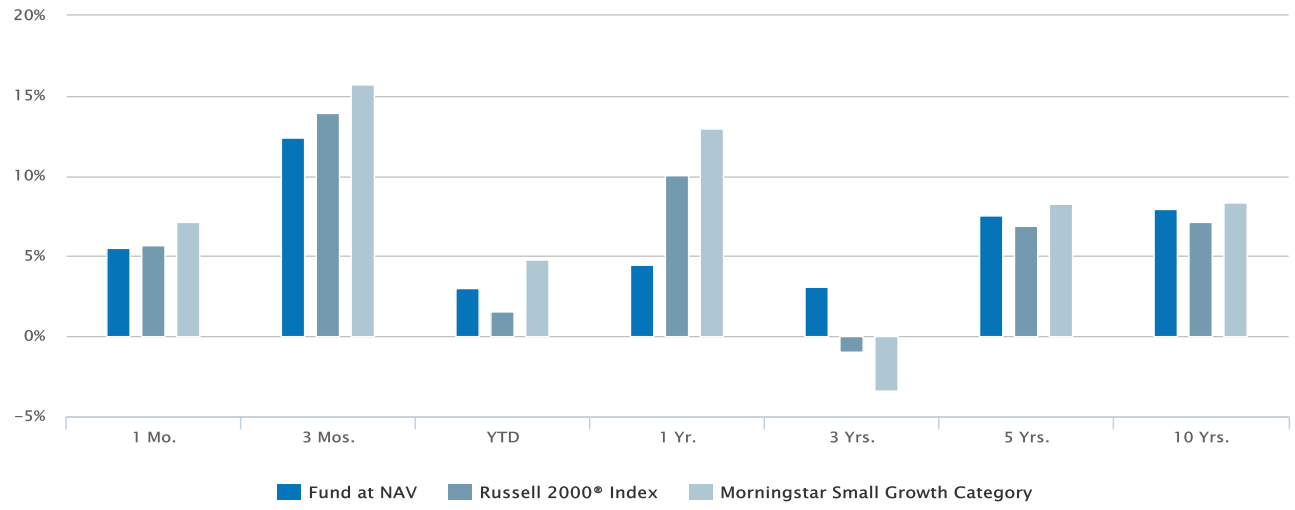
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2. Source: Fund prospectus.
3. Net expense ratio reflects a contractual expense reimbursement that continues through 04/30/24. Without the reimbursement, if applicable, performance would have been lower.
4. Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.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

Performance

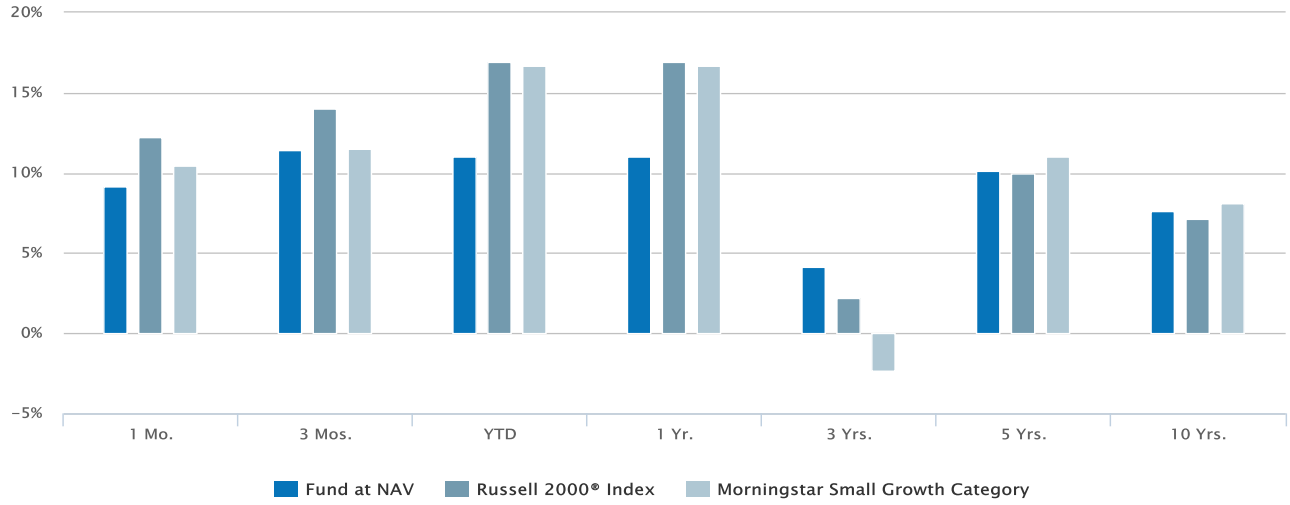
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Morningstar Small Growth Category[6]	7.12	15.75	4.81	12.95	-3.41	8.30	8.32
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Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund at NAV	3.54	-3.05	19.04	14.64	-6.04	27.18	12.51	20.82	-15.73	11.03
Russell 2000® Index[1]	4.89	-4.41	21.31	14.65	-11.01	25.52	19.96	14.82	-20.44	16.93

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Distribution Frequency	Annually

Risk Measures (3 Year)[7]

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Alpha (%)	3.79
Beta	0.84
R-Squared (%)	89.11
Standard Deviation (%)	18.96
Sharpe Ratio	0.03

Morningstar Rating™

as of Feb 29, 2024

Time Period	Rating	Funds in Small Growth Category
Overall	★★★	559
3 Years	★★★★★	559
5 Years	★★★	527
10 Years	★★★	405

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
Mar 28, 2024	$14.21	$0.06
Mar 27, 2024	$14.15	$0.27
Mar 26, 2024	$13.88	$0.00
Mar 25, 2024	$13.88	-$0.04
Mar 22, 2024	$13.92	-$0.11
Mar 21, 2024	$14.03	$0.14
Mar 20, 2024	$13.89	$0.16
Mar 19, 2024	$13.73	$0.12
Mar 18, 2024	$13.61	-$0.02
Mar 15, 2024	$13.63	$0.01

Distribution History[8]

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.
Fund prospectus

Capital Gain History[8]

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 12, 2023		$0.08090	

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 13, 2022	$0.02160	$0.35980	
Dec 07, 2021	$0.70930	$1.38490	$14.37

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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 (%)[5,9]

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12/31/2023

Portfolio Statistics

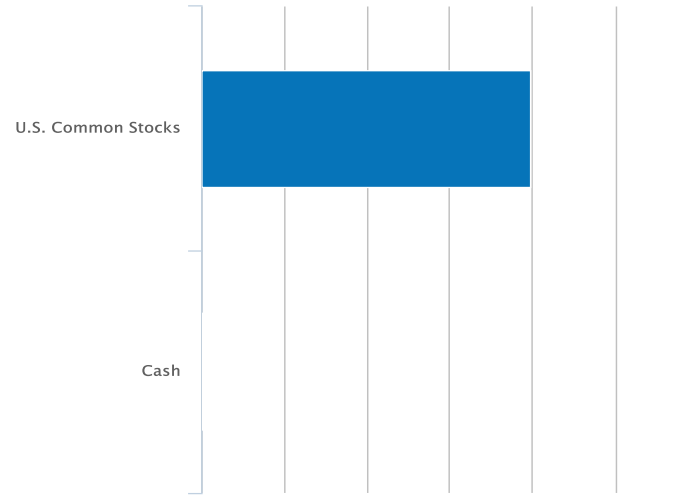
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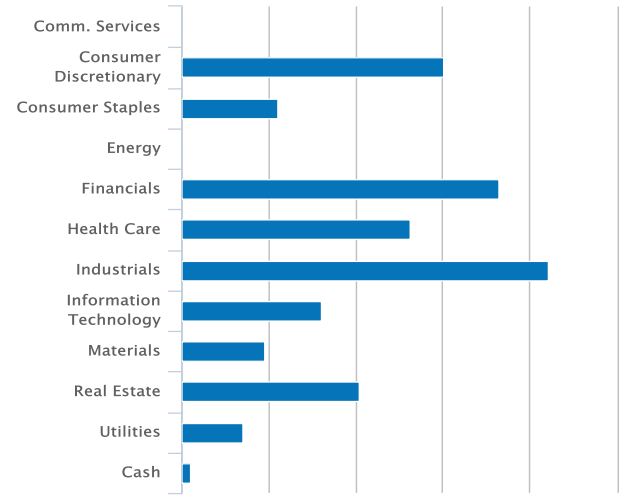
Average Market Cap	$5.2B
Price/Earnings Ratio	21.99
Number of Holdings	72
Price/Book Ratio	2.68
Active Share [10]	95.37%

GICS Sector Breakdown (%)[5]

as of Dec 31, 2023

12/31/2023





U.S. Common Stocks	99.46
Cash	0.54
Total	**100.00**

Comm. Services	—	2.31
Consumer Discretionary	15.04	10.98
Consumer Staples	5.50	3.39
Energy	—	6.89
Financials	18.23	17.06
Health Care	13.13	15.41
Industrials	21.03	17.01
Information Technology	8.02	13.52
Materials	4.74	4.46
Real Estate	10.23	6.19
Utilities	3.53	2.74
Cash	0.54	—

Fund Holdings (%)[5,11]

as of Jan 31, 2024

Holding	% of Net Assets
Core & Main Inc	3.32%
Chemed Corp	3.03%
CBIZ Inc	2.94%
Dorman Products Inc	2.93%
AptarGroup Inc	2.82%
Valvoline Inc	2.70%
Essential Properties Realty Trust Inc	2.69%
US Physical Therapy Inc	2.36%
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts Inc	2.36%
Commerce Bancshares Inc/MO	2.35%

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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.

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.

Education

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

Experience

- Managed Fund since 2015

Other funds managed

- Tax-Managed Small-Cap Fund



Michael D. McLean, CFA

Managing Director, Co-Head of US Small/Mid Cap
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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.

Education

- B.S. Providence College

Experience

- Managed Fund since 2015

Other funds managed

- Tax-Managed Small-Cap Fund

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