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Small-Cap Fund (R)

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

R ▾

Share Class

ERSGX

Symbol

\$13.16 \$0.01

NAV as of Apr 18, 2024



Fact Sheet
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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

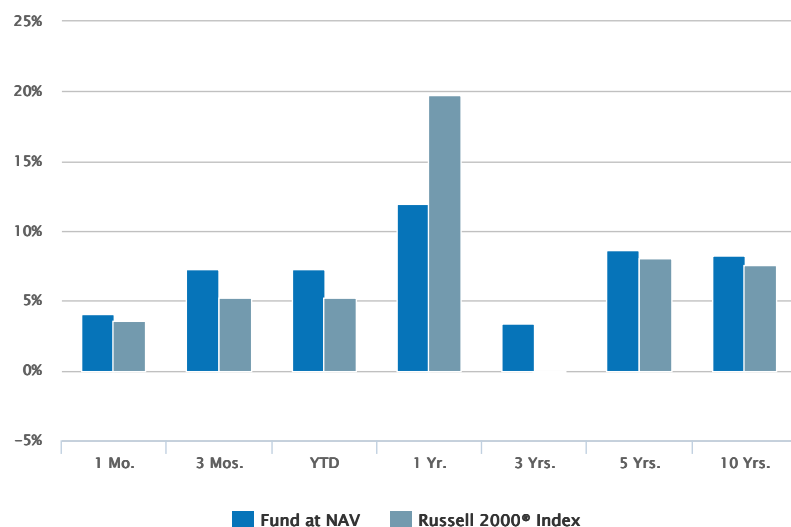
Led by two portfolio managers with more than 35 years of collective investing experience and supported by a focused team of small-cap analysts. The team holds approximately 1,000 company meetings per year to construct a high conviction diversified portfolio of quality small cap companies.

Overview

Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



Fund at NAV	4.10	7.25	7.25	11.90	3.41	8.62	8.29
Russell 2000® Index ¹	3.58	5.18	5.18	19.71	-0.10	8.10	7.57

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, the Fund's current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value (NAV) with all distributions reinvested. Returns for other classes of shares offered by the Fund are different. Performance less than or equal to one year is cumulative. The share class has no sales charge.

Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

Class R Inception	07/31/2009
Performance Inception	01/02/1997
Investment Objective	Long-term capital appreciation
Total Net Assets	\$172.1M
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 Mar 31, 2024

Core & Main Inc	3.90
CBIZ Inc	3.07
Chemed Corp	2.95
Valvoline Inc	2.91
Dorman Products Inc	2.82
AptarGroup Inc	2.74
US Physical Therapy Inc	2.57
Essential Properties Realty Trust Inc	2.54
Aramark	2.28
AZEK Co Inc	2.17
Total	27.96

Portfolio Management

[Griff Noble, CFA](#)

[Managed Fund since 2015](#)

[Michael D. McLean, CFA](#)

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RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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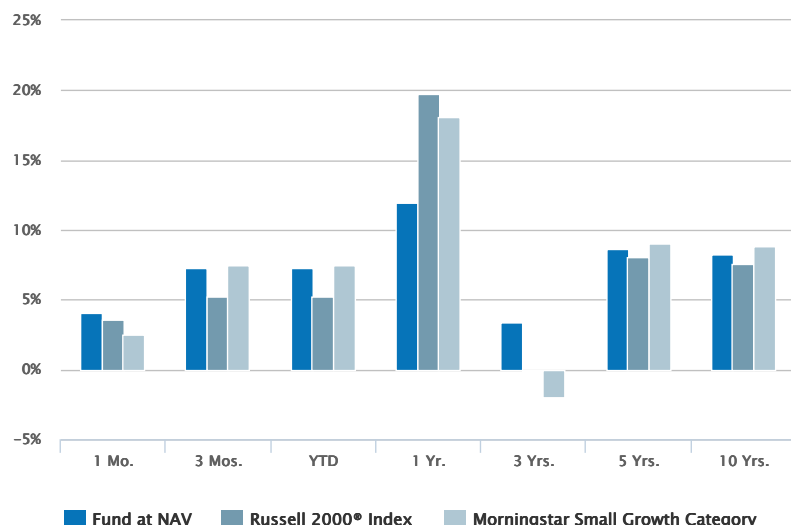
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- Source: Fund prospectus.
- Net expense ratio reflects a contractual expense reimbursement that continues through 04/30/24. Without the reimbursement, if applicable, performance would have been lower.
- Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.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

Performance

Historical Returns (%)

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Morningstar Small Growth Category ⁶	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	3.54	-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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Expense Ratio (Net) ^{2,3}	1.46%
Distribution Frequency	Annually

Risk Measures (3 Year)⁷

as of Mar 31, 2024	
Alpha (%)	3.38
Beta	0.84
R-Squared (%)	89.49
Standard Deviation (%)	19.01
Sharpe Ratio	0.04

Morningstar

as of Mar 31, 2024

Time Period

Overall

3 Years

5 Years

10 Years

The Morningstar three-year return is based on a risk-adjusted emphasis on performance. The three-year return is 22.5% recorded as of Mar 31, 2024.

The Overall Morningstar 10-year (if available) return is based on three-year returns. When the three-year return is not available, the greatest Morningstar return is used. Morningstar returns are based on the greatest Morningstar return and expense ratio.

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NAV History

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 18, 2024	\$13.16	\$0.01
Apr 17, 2024	\$13.15	-\$0.12
Apr 16, 2024	\$13.27	\$0.00
Apr 15, 2024	\$13.27	-\$0.11
Apr 12, 2024	\$13.38	-\$0.19
Apr 11, 2024	\$13.57	\$0.03
Apr 10, 2024	\$13.54	-\$0.36
Apr 09, 2024	\$13.90	\$0.01
Apr 08, 2024	\$13.89	\$0.06
Apr 05, 2024	\$13.83	\$0.10

Distribution History⁸

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 History⁸

Ex-Date	Short-Term	Long-Term	Reinvest NAV
Dec 12, 2023		\$0.08090	
Dec 13, 2022	\$0.02160	\$0.35980	
Dec 07, 2021	\$0.70930	\$1.38490	\$14.37

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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.
- 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}

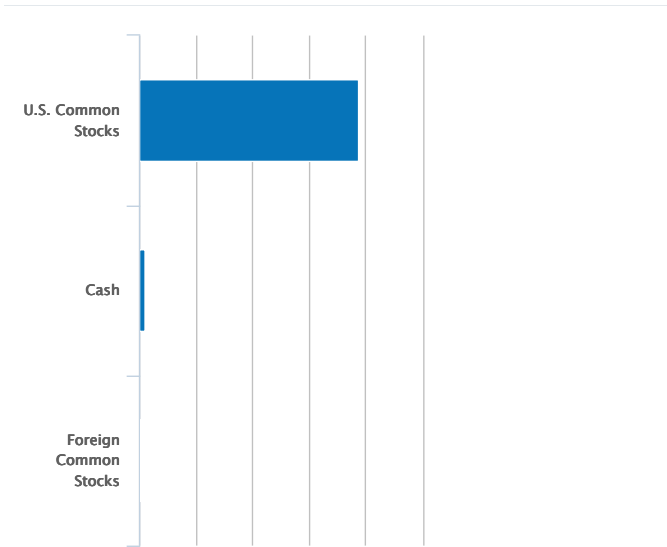
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Portfolio Statistics

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

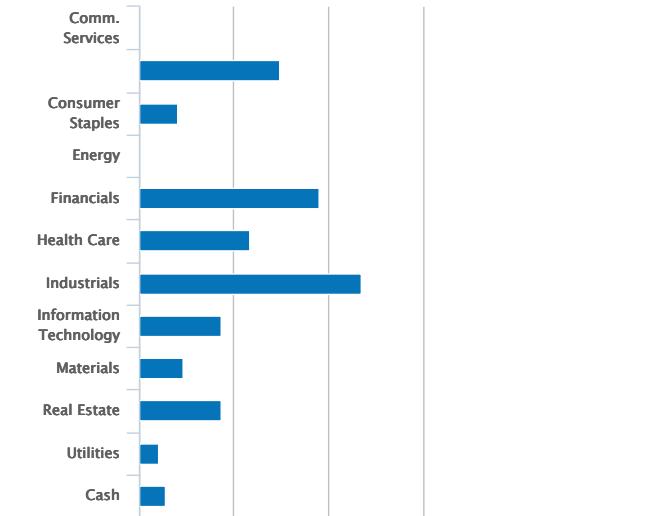


U.S. Common Stocks	96.70
Cash	2.68
Foreign Common Stocks	0.62
Total	100.00

GICS Sector Breakdown (%)⁵

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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 (%)^{5,11}

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%
View All	

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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.



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
Joined Eaton Vance 2001

Biography

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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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