

## **Advantage Small Cap Growth Fund**



As of 12/31/2023 | Class K: PSGKX | Class R: BSGRX | Institutional: PSGIX | Investor A: CSGEX

A low cost, small-cap growth portfolio

Powered by innovation and a technology driven investment process

Seeks long- term growth, with a focus on risk management



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a Bronze medal (Effective 01/10/2023).†

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	12.25	-4.62	9.04	6.36
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	18.47	-2.89	10.23	6.93
Benchmark	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16
Morningstar Average	16.68	-2 29	10 99	8.09

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	4Q2023
Investor A	33.45	33.13	3.32	-25.18	18.47	18.47	13.93
Benchmark	28.48	34.63	2.83	-26.36	18.66	18.66	12.75
Morningstar Average	27.68	38.62	11.89	-27.77	16.68	16.68	11.49

Performance data shown represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.25%. The calendar year performance shown does not reflect the deduction of the sales load. If reflected, the performance would have been lower. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

## MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	194/597	301/563	283/528	305/405
Quartile Rank	2	3	3	4

Rankings based on total return excluding sales charges, independently calculated and not combined to create an overall ranking. For periods not shown, Morningstar does not provide rankings based on synthetic performance.

KEY RISKS: The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Stock and bond values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility. Performance may be attributable to unusually high IPO profits. There is no guarantee this level of performance will be repeated. IPO securities have no trading history and the price may be volatile. Small cap companies may have limited product lines or markets. They may be less financially secure than larger, more established companies.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Size of Fund (Millions)	\$563.7M
Fund Launch Date	09/14/1993
Share Class Launch D	ate 09/15/1993
Morningstar Category	Small Growth
Number Of Holdings	582
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Growth Index

0.97%

# ANNUAL EXPENSES Gross Expense Ratio

Net Expense Ratio	0.75%
The Net Expense Ratio excluding	Investment
Related Expenses is 0.75% Investr	nent Related
Expenses include acquired fund fee	es of 0.00%,
and interest expense (cost of borrow	ing securities
to seek to enhance return or reduce ri	sk) of 0.00%,
and certain other expenses, if	applicable.
Expenses stated as of the fund's	most recent
prospectus. The difference between g	ross and net
expense ratios are due to contra	ctual and/or
voluntary waivers, if applicable. This	share class
has a contractual waiver with an end	date of 06/30/
2024 terminable upon 90 days' notice	e. BlackRock
may agree to voluntarily waive cert	ain fees and
expenses, which the adviser may d	

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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## TOP HOLDINGS (%)<sup>2</sup>

any time without notice.

BOISE CASCADE CO	1.29
SUPER MICRO COMPUTER INC	1.14
QUALYS INC COM	1.13
ATKORE INC	1.13
INSPERITY INC	1.09
MAGNOLIA OIL & GAS CORP	1.01
UFP INDUSTRIES INC	0.96
AXCELIS TECHNOLOGIES INC	0.91
FLUOR CORPORATION	0.84
ENSIGN GROUP INC	0.81
Total of Portfolio	10.31

## TOP SECTORS (%)2

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	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Health Care	23.4	22.4	1.0
Information Technology	21.9	21.7	0.2
Industrials	20.0	20.0	-0.0
Consumer Discretionary	12.2	11.1	1.1
Financials	5.9	6.3	-0.4
Energy	3.9	4.5	-0.6
Consumer Staples	3.7	4.5	-0.8
Communication	3.2	2.2	1.0
Materials	2.9	4.2	-1.3
Real Estate	1.3	1.7	-0.4
Cash and/or Derivatives	1.1	0.0	1.1
Utilities	0.6	1.5	-0.9

### RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	0.05	-
Beta	0.99	-
R-Squared	99.21	-
Standard Deviation	22.00%	22.10%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.12	-0.15

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Forward Price to Earnings 17.89x
Price to Book Ratio 3.02x
Average Market Capitalization (millions) \$3,910.1M

<sup>2</sup>% of net assets represents the Fund's exposure based on the economic value of securities and is adjusted for futures, options, swaps, and convertible bonds. Allocations subject to change.

Price to Earnings Ratio: The price-to-earnings ratio is used to assess a company's valuation. To compute this ratio, the latest closing price is divided by the company's last fiscal year's Earnings Per Share. The ratio represents a weighted harmonic mean of the price-to-earnings ratios of its holdings with negative values being excluded from the calculation. Price to Book Ratio: represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share. Average Market Cap: The average size of the securities the fund invests in. Alpha: A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. Beta: Beta measures the funds sensitivity to market movements beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market. R-Squared: R-Squared reflects the percentage of a funds movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and benchmark. This figure is helpful in assessing how likely it is that beta is statistically significant. Standard Deviation: Standard Deviation measures the volatility of the funds returns. Higher deviation represents higher volatility. Sharpe Ratio: Sharpe Ratio uses a funds standard deviation and its excess return (difference between the funds return and the risk-free return of 90-day Treasury Bills) to determine reward per unit of risk.

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The unmanaged Russell 2000 Growth Index measures performance of the small-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 Index companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

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## Advantage Small Cap Growth Fund

Investor A



## SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

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This fund does not seek to follow a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy. The metrics do not change the fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investment of the fund's investment

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	BBB	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	5.49
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	26.58%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	95.66%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity US Sm&Mid Cap	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	73.43
Funds in Peer Group	1,437	Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	
		MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	95.05%
		Intensity % Coverage	

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 21 Dec 2023, based on holdings as of 30 Jun 2023. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds) of the fund's gross weight must come from securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities.

### **ESG GLOSSARY:**

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC): The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile: The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

Fund Lipper Global Classification: The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

Funds in Peer Group: The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10): The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

MSCI ESG % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score and MSCI ESG Quality Score – Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES): Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

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