



Investment Team

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Characteristics

Total Net Assets
(millions): \$388.4

Number of holdings: 76

Top 10 Holdings

Chart Industries
Omniceil
Medpace
AMN Healthcare Services
Vericel
Ambarella
J2 Global
Insperity
Cohen & Steers
NeoGenomics

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Market Overview

Following several strong quarters, small-cap growth stocks retreated during the third quarter of 2021 as the Russell 2000® Growth Index declined 5.6%. Over the past three months, small cap stocks with the following characteristics – market capitalizations greater than \$1 billion, higher return on equity, and higher stock prices – outperformed their counterparts. Finally, investors continued to favor value over growth as small cap value outperformed small cap growth by approximately 2.7% during the quarter.

The U.S. economy continued to gain strength as businesses rapidly returned to some state of normal with vaccination rates climbing nationally. The president's domestic agenda stalled slightly during the quarter as Congress was unable to pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill due to ongoing in-party disputes regarding a wide-ranging reconciliation bill. While the U.S. Federal Reserve maintained low interest rates, hints of future tapering and the potential for rate increases late next year bubbled up. With increased government spending and an economy rapidly recovering from last year's lockdown, inflation is once again topping many investors' lists of concerns as oil prices continued to climb, gaining an additional 5.8% during the quarter.

Portfolio Review

Best Securities	Average Weight (%)	Contribution to Return (%)
Chart Industries	2.99	0.82
Ambarella	1.57	0.65
AMN Healthcare Services	2.29	0.40
Insperity	1.71	0.35
Eagle Pharmaceuticals	1.14	0.30
Worst Securities		
TPI Composites	1.50	-0.55
LHC Group	1.82	-0.42
Kratos Defense & Security	1.39	-0.35
II-VI	1.69	-0.35
Stonerridge	0.94	-0.34

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Chart Industries is a leading maker of engineered cryogenic equipment for the energy and industrial gas industries. The company continues to report solid operating results while broadening the business away from being perceived as a pure oil and gas levered business. Additionally, the company is beginning to see an emergence of new liquefied natural gas opportunities and significant projects in the hydrogen market and has benefitted from a sharp rise in oil and natural gas prices this year.

Ambarella develops low-power, system-on-a-chip semiconductors providing artificial intelligence processing, advanced image signal processing, and high-resolution video compression. Increased wins in the computer vision business, including security and automotive, helped drive current and future forecasts.

AMN Healthcare Services provides healthcare staffing, recruitment services, and other solutions including travel nurse deployment. Strong demand for travel nurse and allied staffing continues to benefit the company. Travel nurse services

benefitted from increased volume and higher billing rates. Expectations were positive for the remainder of the year as utilization normalizes.

Insperty provides an array of outsourced human resources and business solutions designed to help improve business performance. The company allows customers to save on benefit costs while also removing some of the complexities of administering these programs. Management reported worksite employee growth ahead of plan and guided above expectations.

Eagle Pharmaceuticals focuses on products for oncology, critical care, and the central nervous system. During the quarter, the company succeeded in a lawsuit against a competitor for Eagle's pituitary drug vasopressin as well as made progress on business development deals impacting 2022.

TPI Composites is a leading merchant supplier of turbine blades to the wind power industry. The company lowered earnings expectations due to rising input and logistics costs. Additionally, TPI forecast that growth in 2022 was expected to be relatively flat versus 2021.

LHC Group provides post-acute healthcare services in both facility and home-based locations. Quarterly results and guidance were lighter than expectations. Hospice outlook was lowered due to the pressure in senior housing and nursing home care.

Kratos Defense & Security Solutions is a defense contractor producing satellite communications, microwave electronics, drones, and propulsion systems. The stock weakened during the quarter following commentary from the U.S. Air Force suggesting a delay in Kratos' widely anticipated Skyborg autonomous drone program. Subsequent indications have suggested that the program remains on track.

II-VI designs and manufactures optical and optoelectronic devices for a variety of electronic, communication, and industrial end markets. The stock underperformed as the optical industry wrestles with supply chain shortages and the market digests the company's sizeable pending acquisition of a leading provider of lasers, laser-based technologies, and laser-based system solutions.

Stoneridge is a global designer and manufacturer of highly engineered electrical and electronic components, modules, and systems for the automotive, commercial, off-highway, motorcycle, and agricultural vehicle markets. Difficult supply chain disruptions caused the company to provide lower expectations.

Outlook

Heading into fall, case counts due to the COVID-19 delta variant appear to have stabilized and the number of people vaccinated continues to rise. These positive signs help support a return to "normal" mentality that may continue to propel the markets. Yet investors face many uncertainties with potentially new COVID-19 variants, near-term impacts from vaccination mandates, domestic political infighting, and multiple geopolitical risks. Facing this backdrop, the management team will continue to invest in companies that exhibit higher quality characteristics and stand to benefit from long-term secular growth trends. Sector allocations remain a byproduct of the investment process as the management team primarily evaluates companies on their own merit.

During the quarter, the management team added three new holdings and eliminated one position from the portfolio. With very little cash, the portfolio remains fully invested.

Risk considerations: Due to the limited focus, the Fund is more susceptible to market volatility because smaller companies may not have the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths of larger companies. Additionally, smaller company stocks tend to be sold less often and in smaller amounts than larger company stocks.

Investments in mid-cap and small-cap companies generally involve greater risks than investing in larger capitalization companies. Mid-cap companies often have narrower commercial markets, more limited managerial and financial resources, and more volatile trading than larger, more established companies.

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS) may be affected by economic conditions including credit risk, interest rate risk and other factors that affect property values, rents or occupancies of real estate.

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Groups of stocks, such as value and growth, go in and out of favor which may cause certain funds to underperform other equity funds.

Because the fund normally will hold a focused portfolio of stocks of fewer companies than many other diversified funds, the increase or decrease of the value of a single stock may have a greater impact on the fund's net asset value and total return.

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