



# Small Cap Growth

September 30, 2021

## Investment Philosophy

Our philosophy is to own the highest quality, fastest growing companies in America. We believe we can outperform the benchmark by picking companies that have higher, more sustainable revenue and earnings growth on average than those in the benchmark index.

### Strategy Highlights\*

**Benchmark:**

Russell 2000 Growth Index

**Number of Securities:**

40-60

**Inception:**

January 1, 1999

**Strategy Assets:**

\$488M

**Firm Assets:**

\$1.18B

### Portfolio Management Team\*

**Years Investment Experience**

Thomas Press, CFA, 37 Years

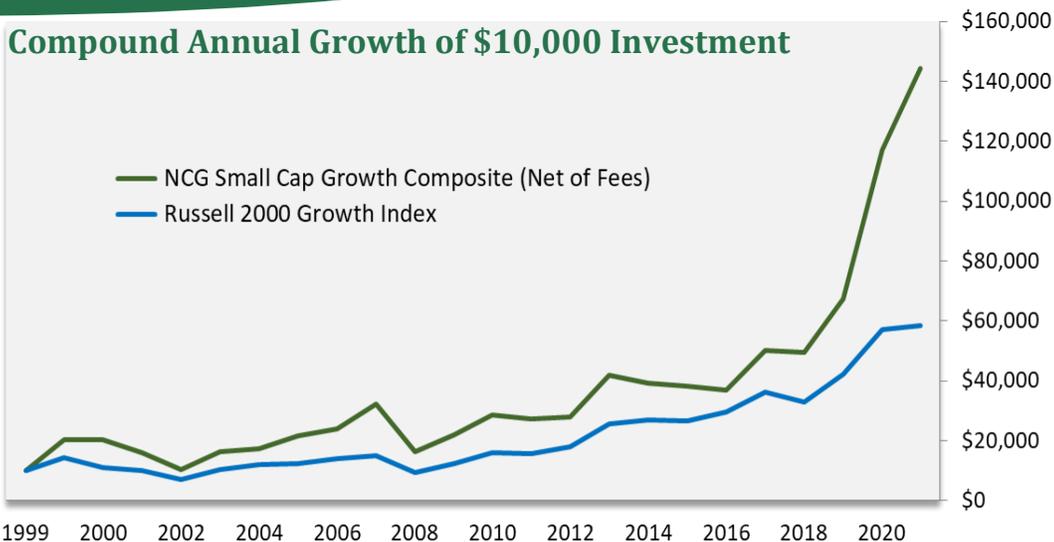
Robert Scott, CFA, 27 Years

Peter Capouch, CFA, 19 Years

Kaj Doerring, 23 Years

Tom Dignard, CFA, 8 Years

## Compound Annual Growth of \$10,000 Investment



Results Displayed in US Dollar. Source: Axys 1/1/1999-09/30/2021. This graph is for illustrative purposes only. Information for Small Cap Growth is based on composite returns calculated net of fees. Performance does not represent actual client accounts. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance and the value of your account may increase or decrease over time.

## Strategy Overview

We invest in fast growing small cap companies that can become much larger companies over our holdings period. Key attributes we look for in our holdings:

- Organic revenue growth substantially faster than the benchmark index
- Companies that are addressing growing, large markets
- Differentiated product offering allowing market disruption and leadership
- Strong, defensible competitive position
- Generally profitable and expanding margins even as they grow rapidly
- Proven management team that can articulate a clear growth strategy

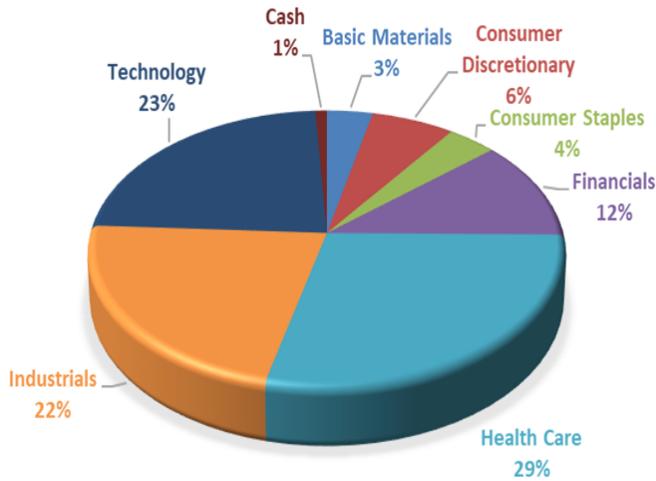
By investing in companies that have the potential to grow faster and more consistently than those in the benchmark we believe our portfolio will, over the long-term, perform better than the unmanaged index.

## Characteristics

	Small Cap Growth Rep Account	Russell 2000 Growth Index
Est. Sales Growth (3-5 Year)	25%	17%
Est. EPS Growth (3-5 Year)	25%	20%
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$5.66B	\$3.77B
Median Market Cap	\$5.13B	\$1.33B
Turnover (annualized)	46.5%	-
Number of Securities	57	1226

\*Securities excluded with less than \$50 million revenue (2021 mean)

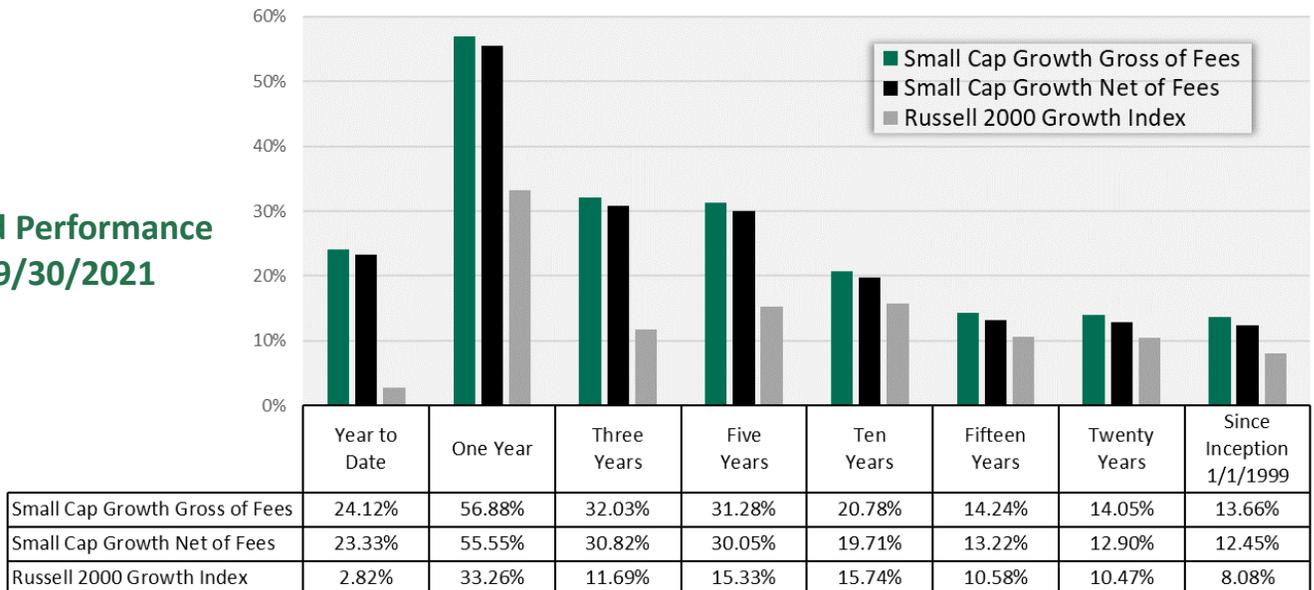
## Strategy Sector Weights\*



## Firm History

Next Century Growth is an independent investment firm specializing in high growth equity portfolios. Based in Minneapolis, NCG utilizes a similar growth stock investment strategy across four products: Micro Cap, Small Cap, SMID Cap and Large Cap. The firm is primarily owned by its portfolio managers and has delivered investment results for institutional clients since its inception in 1999.

## Annualized Performance as of 09/30/2021



\*As of September 30, 2021

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Past performance is not an indicator of future performance and the value of your account may increase or decrease over time. An investment in this strategy is speculative and involves substantial risks, including the possible loss of the entire investment and the potential for economic and market conditions and factors to materially adversely affect the value of the investments. Performance information presented may include "estimated" figures in circumstances where "final" figures are not yet available. The performance information provided above includes the reinvestment of all dividends and other earnings. ^IPOs contributed significantly to performance in 1999.

The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap growth segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is not an actual investment and does not reflect the deduction of transaction charges and other expenses that your account must bear.

The NCG Small Capitalization Growth Equity Composite contains portfolios investing primarily in the equity securities of smaller U.S. companies that the portfolio manager believes have substantial potential for high long-term growth. The portfolio manager seeks to identify the fastest growing and highest quality companies for investment. Investment results are measured versus the Russell 2000® Growth Index.

The net returns reflect the deduction of actual advisory fees. Prior to April 2004, monthly net returns reflect the deduction of a model advisory fee of 1.00%. This fee is the maximum annual advisory fee based upon the accompanying fee schedule in effect during each respective performance period for each portfolio in the composite, for net composite returns.

Characteristics and sector weighting information are from a representative account, are subject to change, and should not be considered as recommendations. Additional information regarding policies for calculating and reporting returns is available upon request. Source: Factset.

Next Century Growth Investors, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). Performance shown in USD.

A GIPS Report and/or the firm's list of composite descriptions is available upon request.

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Small Capitalization Growth Equity Composite represents 41.20% of total firm assets as of 09/30/2021. Source of indices: ICE.