

As of 03/31/2021 | Class K: PSGKX | Class R: BSGRX | Institutional: PSGIX | Investor A: CSGEX | Investor C: CGICX | Service: PCGEX

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 Silver medal (Effective 01/25/2021).†

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Institutional	89.39	19.91	19.34	13.01
Benchmark	90.20	17.16	18.61	13.02
Morningstar Average	95.97	20.49	20.46	13.43

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD	1Q2021
Institutional	13.45	14.86	-5.04	33.87	33.40	4.73	4.73
Benchmark	11.32	22.17	-9.31	28.48	34.63	4.88	4.88
Morningstar Average	11.20	21.50	-5.76	27.68	38.62	6.93	6.93

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. Institutional shares have limited availability and may be purchased at various minimums. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

## MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	300/619	264/576	280/503	236/379
Quartile Rank	3	2	3	3

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)	\$1,010.1M
Fund Launch Date	09/14/1993
Share Class Launch Date	09/14/1993
Morningstar Category	Small Growth
Number Of Holdings	607
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Growth Index

## ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gross Expense Ratio	0.73%
Net Expense Ratio	0.50%

The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 0.50%. Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.00%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.00%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 01/31/2022 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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

SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY INC	1.31
HB FULLER CO	1.01
PLUG POWER INC	0.95
DECKERS OUTDOOR CORPORATION	0.94
HAMILTON LANE INC	0.92
MDC HOLDINGS INC	0.89
MAXIMUS INC	0.82
OSI SYSTEMS INC	0.81
LOUISIANA PACIFIC CORP	0.75
SUNRUN INC	0.75
<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>9.15</b>

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

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Health Care	31.3	33.1	-1.9
Information Technology	19.8	20.1	-0.3
Industrials	15.3	14.8	0.4
Consumer Discretionary	15.2	14.9	0.2
Financials	3.9	3.9	-0.0
Materials	3.4	2.6	0.8
Cash and/or Derivatives	3.3	0.0	3.3
Real Estate	3.0	3.5	-0.5
Consumer Staples	2.1	3.1	-1.0
Utilities	1.2	1.5	-0.3
Communication	1.2	2.2	-1.0
Energy	0.5	0.2	0.3

## RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	0.19	-
Beta	1.01	-
R-Squared	99.45	-
Standard Deviation	25.75%	25.53%
Sharpe Ratio	0.78	0.69

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Forward Price to Earnings	23.61x
Price to Book Ratio	4.92x
Average Market Capitalization (millions)	\$4,537.8M

<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 fund's 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 fund's 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 fund's returns. Higher deviation represents higher volatility. **Sharpe Ratio:** Sharpe Ratio uses a fund's standard deviation and its excess return (difference between the fund's return and the risk-free return of 90-day Treasury Bills) to determine reward per unit of risk.

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## SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

The metrics below have been provided for transparency and informational purposes only. The existence of an ESG rating is not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be integrated into a fund. The metrics are based on MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and, unless otherwise stated in fund documentation and included within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that an ESG or Impact focused investment strategy or exclusionary screens will be adopted by a fund. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	<b>BBB</b>	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	<b>4.69</b>
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	<b>38.57%</b>	MSCI ESG % Coverage	<b>94.76%</b>
Fund Lipper Global Classification	<b>Equity US Sm&amp;Mid Cap</b>	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	<b>45.08</b>
Funds in Peer Group	<b>1</b>		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **05-Mar-2021**, based on holdings as of **30-Nov-2020**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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## 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. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. 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 a fund's holdings that have MSCI ESG ratings data.

**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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