

# Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund

3rd Quarter 2021 As of September 30, 2021

## Ticker Symbols

Class I **ALSRX**  
Class Z-2 **AISZX**

## Investment Strategy

Primarily invests in growth equity securities of U.S. small cap companies identified through our fundamental research as demonstrating promising growth potential.

## Portfolio Managers



**Dan Chung, CFA**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Chief Investment Officer  
Portfolio Manager  
27 Years Investment Experience



**Amy Zhang, CFA**  
Executive Vice President  
Portfolio Manager  
26 Years Investment Experience



**Congratulations to Portfolio Manager Amy Zhang, CFA!**

## Benchmark

Russell 2000 Growth

## Morningstar

Category: Small Growth

## Morningstar Style Box™

reveals a fund's investment strategy by showing its investment style and market capitalization based on the portfolio holdings. As of 07/31/2021

	STYLE		
	Value	Blend	Growth
SIZE	Large		
	Medium		
	Small		

## Overall Rating:

(Class I, among 575 Small Growth funds, based on Risk adjusted Returns)



## Who We Are

Fred Alger Management, LLC is widely recognized as a pioneer of growth-style investment management. We have been an independent, privately owned firm since our founding in 1964. For more than 50 years, we have had **three leaders with one vision**: Maintaining the legacy and continuity of the Alger Investment Philosophy.

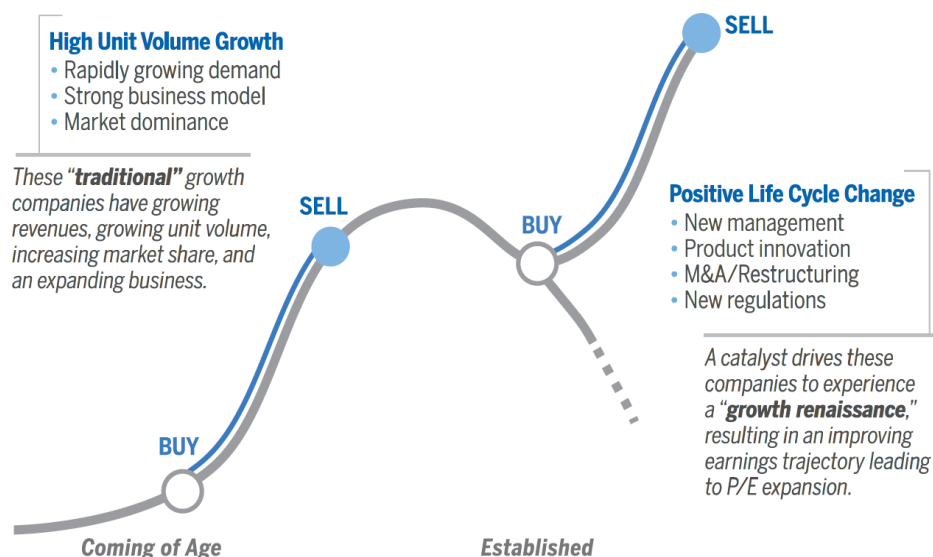
## Philosophy

Alger has been committed to a growth style of investing since the firm was founded in 1964. We believe that the best way to uncover and evaluate such companies is through intensive, fundamental, proprietary investment research. At Alger, we believe companies undergoing **Positive Dynamic Change** offer the best investment opportunities. By Positive Dynamic Change, we mean those companies experiencing High Unit Volume Growth and Positive Life Cycle Change.

### High Unit Volume Growth

- Rapidly growing demand
- Strong business model
- Market dominance

These "**traditional**" growth companies have growing revenues, growing unit volume, increasing market share, and an expanding business.



## Process

### NEW IDEAS

Analysts identify companies experiencing positive dynamic change in their sectors and regions to generate potential investment ideas

### ANALYSIS

Analysts perform in-depth company analysis to develop a differentiated view supported by detailed financial models and stress-tested for a range of potential outcomes

### DIALOGUE

Analysts present their ideas to portfolio managers and have their investment thesis and assumptions challenged

### CONSTRUCTION

Portfolio managers construct portfolios of the highest conviction ideas while managing risk

### MONITORING

Risks are collaboratively managed by analysts, portfolio managers, the Director of Quantitative and Risk Management, and compliance



Alger is committed to sustainability and is a signatory to the PRI.

Inspired by Change, Driven by Growth.

## 3rd Quarter 2021

## Average Annual Total Returns (%) (as of 9/30/21)

	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
<b>Class I</b> (Incepted 11/8/93)	-4.32	3.21	21.85	19.78	23.72	17.68	11.22
<b>Class Z-2</b> (Incepted 8/1/16)	-4.25	3.46	22.18	20.17	24.13	—	24.10
<b>Morningstar Category Average</b> (Small Growth)	-2.57	9.63	39.55	15.66	18.25	16.46	—
<b>Russell 2000 Growth Index</b>	-5.65	2.82	33.27	11.70	15.34	15.74	(Since 11/08/1993) 8.46 (Since 08/01/2016) 15.31
<b>Morningstar Percentile Rank</b> (Small Growth) Based on Total Returns							
<b>Class I</b>	—	—	94% 582/611	21% 117/575	12% 58/506	29% 106/381	—
<b>Class Z-2</b>	—	—	94% 581/611	19% 102/575	10% 51/506	—	—

## Total Annual Operating Expenses by Class

(Prospectus Dated 3/1/21)

I: 1.30% Z-2: 0.99%

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is not an indication or a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will 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 the performance quoted. Performance figures assume all distributions are reinvested. For performance current to the most recent month end, visit [www.alger.com](http://www.alger.com) or call 800.992.3863.

## Calendar Year Returns (%) (as of 12/31/20)

	Fund (Class I)	Morningstar Small Growth Category Average	Russell 2000 Growth Index
<b>2020</b>	64.87	38.62	34.63
<b>2019</b>	29.78	27.68	28.48
<b>2018</b>	0.02	-5.76	-9.31
<b>2017</b>	28.43	21.50	22.17
<b>2016</b>	7.13	11.20	11.32
<b>2015</b>	-3.32	-2.41	-1.38
<b>2014</b>	-0.25	2.44	5.60
<b>2013</b>	34.18	40.91	43.30
<b>2012</b>	12.43	13.15	14.59
<b>2011</b>	-2.91	-3.55	-2.91

## Characteristics (as of 9/30/21)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund	Russell 2000 Growth Index
<b>Equity Holdings</b>	100	1226
<b>Active Share (%)</b>	92.54	—
<b>Market Cap (Median—\$Bn)</b>	\$4.81	\$1.38
<b>Market Cap (Wtd Average—\$Bn)</b>	\$9.32	\$3.87
<b>P/E Ratio</b>	39.49	21.66
<b>EPS Growth (1 Yr Forecasted) (%)</b>	8.00	9.18
<b>EPS Growth (3-5 Yr Forecasted) (%)</b>	19.00	15.50

## Portfolio Statistics (5 Years as of 9/30/21 for Class I)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund	Russell 2000 Growth Index
<b>Alpha</b>	8.99	—
<b>Beta</b>	0.86	1.00
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	20.13	20.95
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	1.11	0.73
<b>Information Ratio</b>	0.79	—
<b>Upside Capture (%)</b>	103.32	—
<b>Downside Capture (%)</b>	70.57	—

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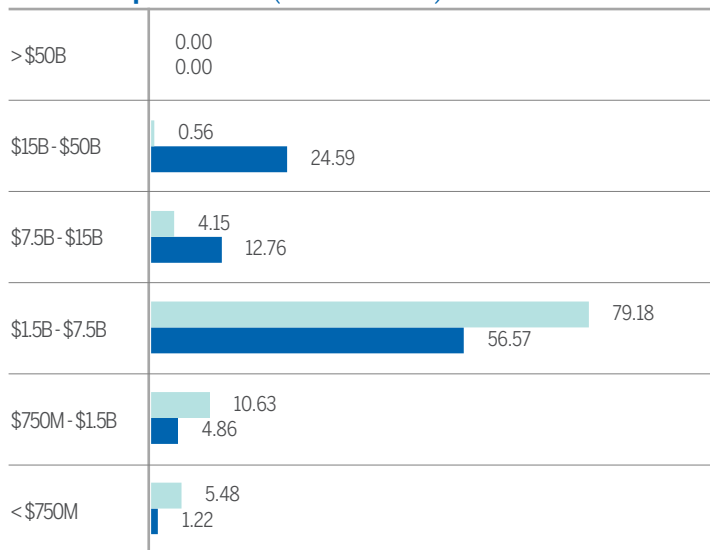
## Top 10 Holdings (%) (as of 9/30/21)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund	Russell 2000 Growth Index	Active Weight
Bio-Techne Corporation	2.77	0.00	2.77
CareDx, Inc.	2.75	0.21	2.54
HubSpot, Inc.	2.51	0.00	2.51
Neogen Corporation	2.48	0.29	2.19
Joint Corp	2.28	0.09	2.18
Chime Financial Inc Series G Pfd Stock	2.25	0.00	2.25
InMode Ltd.	2.25	0.00	2.25
Vocera Communications, Inc.	2.24	0.11	2.13
Avalara Inc	2.20	0.00	2.20
Insulet Corporation	2.07	0.00	2.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.80</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>23.10</b>

## Top 10 Active Holdings (%) (as of 7/31/21)

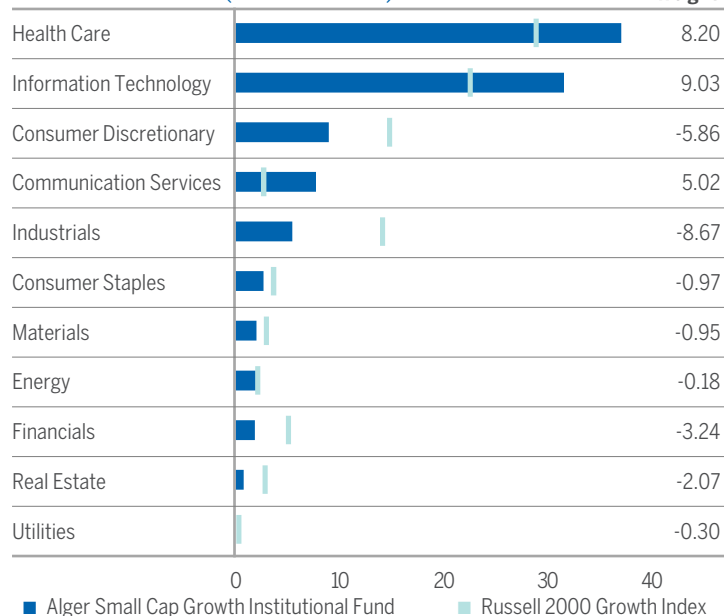
	Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund	Russell 2000 Growth Index	Active Weight
CareDx, Inc.	3.12	0.28	2.83
Bio-Techne Corporation	2.60	0.00	2.60
Veeva Systems Inc Class A	2.39	0.00	2.39
Neogen Corporation	2.57	0.30	2.27
HubSpot, Inc.	2.17	0.00	2.17
Avalara Inc	1.91	0.00	1.91
Insulet Corporation	1.86	0.00	1.86
Balchem Corporation	2.11	0.29	1.82
Magnite, Inc.	2.01	0.21	1.79
Vocera Communications, Inc.	1.87	0.10	1.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.60</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>21.42</b>

## Market Capitalization (as of 9/30/21)



■ Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund ■ Russell 2000 Growth Index

## Sector Allocation (as of 9/30/21)



■ Alger Small Cap Growth Institutional Fund ■ Russell 2000 Growth Index

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