

# Emerging Growth Fund

Asset class: U.S. Equity

## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™,†



The Overall Morningstar Rating, a weighted average of the three-, five-, and ten-year (if applicable) ratings, is out of 575 funds in the Small Growth category, based on risk-adjusted return as of 09-30-21.

Class	CUSIP	Ticker
Institutional	949921688	WEMIX
Administrator	949917264	WFGDX
Class A	949921720	WEMAX
Class C	949921712	WEMCX

## THE FUND

The Wells Fargo Emerging Growth Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by principally investing in small-capitalization companies where growth is robust, sustainable, and not fully recognized by the market.

## FUND STRATEGY

- Invests in companies where growth of revenue and earnings is robust, sustainable, and not fully recognized by the market
- Conducts fundamental, all-cap research that provides unique insights into a company's true growth rate
- Continuously manages risk by evaluating the rate and sustainability of a company's true growth rate relative to the market's expectations
- Acts quickly on new information, both positive and negative, in an effort to exploit investor biases

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

SPS Commerce, Inc.	3.43
ASGN Inc	3.20
Shockwave Medical, Inc.	3.09
Rapid7 Inc.	2.97
Rexnord Corporation	2.86
Sprout Social Inc Class A	2.84
Workiva Inc. Class A	2.50
Crocs, Inc.	2.34
Boot Barn Holdings, Inc.	2.32
Celsius Holdings, Inc.	2.23

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security.

## FUND MANAGERS

Name	Years of investment experience
Thomas C. Ognar, CFA	27
Robert Gruendyke, CFA	21
David Nazaret, CFA	20

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## Competitive advantages

- Access to volatility-managed "pure growth": Focusing on companies where growth is robust, sustainable, and not fully recognized by the marketplace enables the team to exploit sizable gaps between market consensus and a company's true growth rate.
- Fundamental, all-cap research: Conducting rigorous, bottom-up research across the market-capitalization spectrum provides powerful insights and an informational advantage that supports the team's efforts to identify the most attractive investment opportunities.
- Continuous risk management and a strict sell discipline: These are critical elements ingrained in the team's investment process, given that fast-growing companies often command premium valuations and can be prone to higher volatility.

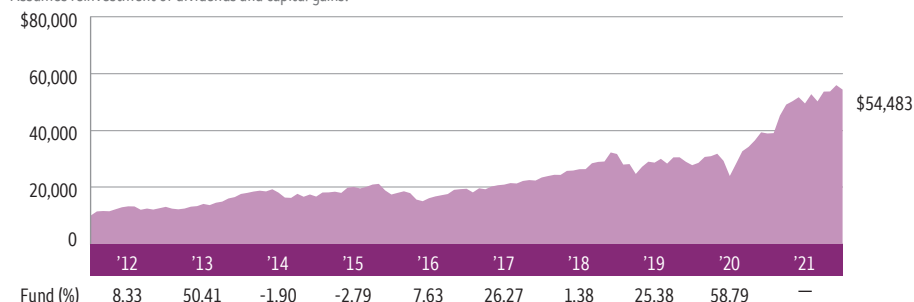
## Sector allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund	Russell 2000® Growth Index <sup>2</sup>
Information technology	33	23
Health care	28	29
Consumer discretionary	15	15
Industrials	13	14
Consumer staples	5	4
Financials	4	5
Communication services	1	3
Utilities	1	0
Materials	0	3
Real estate	0	3
Energy	0	2

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## Growth of \$10,000 and annual returns (Institutional shares 9-30-11 through 9-30-21)

Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.



TOTAL RETURNS (%)	3 Month	Year to date	ANNUALIZED				Gross expense ratio	Net expense ratio
			1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year		
Administrator Shares	1.23	10.50	39.26	19.35	22.46	18.12	1.27	1.20
Institutional Shares	1.32	10.75	39.71	19.72	22.83	18.47	1.02	0.90
Russell 2000® Growth Index <sup>2</sup>	-5.65	2.82	33.27	11.70	15.34	15.74	–	–

**Figures quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder may pay on an investment in a fund.** 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 data quoted and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current month-end performance is available at the funds' website, wfam.com. Administrator and Institutional Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge.

The manager has contractually committed, through 9-30-22, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap the fund's total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 1.20% for the Administrator Class and 0.90% for the Institutional Class. Brokerage commissions, stamp duty fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses (if any) from funds in which the underlying affiliated master portfolios and funds invest and from money market funds, and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the expense cap. All other acquired fund fees and expenses from the affiliated master portfolios and funds are included in the expense cap. Prior to or after the commitment expiration date, the cap may be increased or the commitment to maintain the cap may be terminated only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Without this cap, the fund's returns would have been lower. The expense ratio paid by an investor is the net expense ratio (the total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers) as stated in the prospectus.

Please keep in mind that high double-digit returns were primarily achieved during favorable market conditions. You should not expect that such favorable returns can be consistently achieved. A fund's performance, especially for short time periods, should not be the sole factor in making your investment decision.

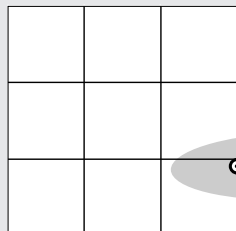
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## MORNINGSTAR OWNERSHIP ZONE<sup>3</sup>

### INVESTMENT STYLE

Value Blend Growth



MARKET CAPITALIZATION  
Large  
Medium  
Small

Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions. Smaller-company stocks tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger companies. Certain investment strategies tend to increase the total risk of an investment (relative to the broader market). This fund is exposed to foreign investment risk. Consult the fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

## Fund characteristics

	Fund	Russell 2000® Growth Index <sup>2</sup>
P/E ratio excl. negative EPS	36.10x	23.78x
P/B	8.83x	5.77x
Median market cap. (\$B)	3.68	1.33
5 year earnings growth (historic)	24.69%	13.99%
Portfolio turnover	49.24%	–
Number of holdings	99	1,226

## Performance and volatility measures<sup>†</sup>

	Fund (Inst class shares)
Alpha	7.11
Beta	1.02
Sharpe ratio	0.70
Standard deviation	26.69
R-squared	0.93
Information ratio	1.11

## Fund information

**Advisor:** Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC

**Sub-Advisor:** Wells Capital Management, LLC

**Fund Inception Date:** 1-31-07

	Administrator class	Institutional class
CUSIP/Ticker	949917264/WFGDX	949921688/WEMIX
Class inception date	1-31-07	3-31-08
Distribution frequency	Annually	Annually
Fiscal year-end	May 31	May 31
Net expense ratio	1.20%	0.90%
Net asset value	\$20.53	\$22.25
YTD high-low NAV	\$21.79/\$17.55	\$23.61/\$18.99
Class/fund assets (\$M)	\$29.98/\$525.83	\$246.16/\$525.83

† The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or star rating, is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar risk-adjusted return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% 3-year rating for 36–59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60–119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent 3-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Across U.S.-domiciled Small Growth funds, the Emerging Growth Fund received 4 stars among 575 funds, 4 stars among 506 funds, and 3 stars among 381 funds for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods, respectively. The Morningstar Rating is for the Institutional Class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

**Definition of terms:** **Alpha** measures the excess return of an investment vehicle, such as a mutual fund, relative to the return of its benchmark, given its level of risk (as measured by beta). **Beta** measures fund volatility relative to general market movements. It is a standardized measure of systematic risk in comparison to a specified index. The benchmark beta is 1.00 by definition. **Sharpe ratio** measures the potential reward offered by a mutual fund relative to its risk level. The ratio uses a fund's standard deviation and its excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund's historical risk-adjusted performance. **Standard deviation** of return measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean and is often used as a measure of risk. **R-squared** is a measurement of how similar a fund's historical performance has been to that of the benchmark. The measure ranges from 0.00, which means that the fund's performance bears no relationship to the performance of the index, to 1.00, which means that the fund's performance was perfectly synchronized with the performance of the benchmark. **Information ratio** measures how much the fund outperformed the benchmark per unit of additional risk taken. This value is determined by taking the annualized excess return over a benchmark and dividing it by the standard deviation of excess return. ‡ Calculated based on a three-year period. Relative measures are compared with the Russell 2000® Growth Index. **1.** Sector allocation is a breakdown of the Fund's investments based on the S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), a breakdown of market sectors used by Standard & Poor's. **2.** The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. You cannot invest directly in an index. **3.** Placement within the Morningstar Equity Style Box is based on two variables: relative median market capitalization and relative price valuations (price/book and price/earnings) of the fund's portfolio holdings. These numbers are drawn from the fund's portfolio holdings figures most recently entered into Morningstar's database and the corresponding market conditions. The Ownership Zone is represented by a shaded area surrounding the centroid. This zone encompasses 75% of a portfolio's holdings on an asset-weighted basis and is designed to be a visual measure of how wide-ranging the portfolio is. © 2021 Morningstar. All rights reserved. The information contained herein is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; may not be copied or distributed; and is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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