

# Neuberger Berman Small Cap Growth Fund

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**TICKER:** Institutional Class: NBSMX, Class A: NSNAX, Class C: NSNCX, Class R6: NSRSX, Class R3: NSNRX, Investor Class: NBMIX, Trust Class: NBMOX, Advisor Class: NBMVX

## Fund Highlights

- Research-driven Small Cap Growth strategy focused on identifying developing growth stories that we believe are under-owned, under-followed and offer underappreciated catalysts for future growth
- Bottom-up fundamental approach that strives to be both active, relative to the benchmark, and well diversified
- Led by an experienced and dedicated team, with an average of 25 years of investment experience

## Portfolio Characteristics<sup>4</sup>

Portfolio Assets (\$mn)	412.2
Number of Holdings	86
Median Market Capitalization (\$bn)	5.3
Forward Price/Earnings Ratio	23.88
Long Term Growth Rate (%)	21.47
Beta (3 Year)	0.91
Sharpe Ratio (3 Year)	0.67
Standard Deviation (3 Year)	24.12
Portfolio Turnover as of 8/31/21 (%)	127
Active Share	86.61

## Top 10 Holdings (%)

Calix Inc	3.9
Shift4 Payments Inc Class A	2.9
Natera Inc	2.1
Manhattan Associates Inc	2.0
Digital Turbine Inc	1.9
R1 Rcm Inc	1.9
Lattice Semiconductor Corp	1.9
Pinnacle Financial Partners	1.8
Descartes Systems Group	1.8
Seacoast Banking Corp	1.8

## Morningstar Overall Rating™

Institutional Class: ★ ★ ★ ★  
(Out of 575 Small Growth Funds)

The Morningstar ratings for Neuberger Berman Small Cap Growth Fund – Institutional Class for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods ended September 30, 2021 was 4 stars (out of 575 Small Growth Funds), 4 stars (out of 506 Small Growth Funds) and 4 stars (out of 381 Small Growth Funds), respectively. Morningstar calculates a Morningstar rating based on a risk adjusted total return.

## Investment Performance

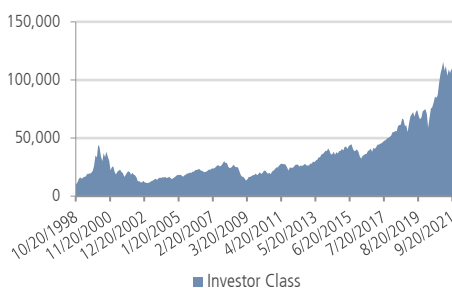
As of September 30, 2021\*

AT NAV	AVERAGE ANNUALIZED							EXPENSE RATIOS <sup>3</sup>	
	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Gross Expense	Total (Net) Expense
Institutional Class <sup>1</sup>	-2.37	0.72	26.07	17.58	21.41	17.34	11.03	1.19	0.91
Class A <sup>1</sup>	-2.46	0.46	25.63	17.16	20.97	16.92	10.79	1.61	1.27
Class C <sup>1</sup>	-2.63	-0.11	24.70	16.28	20.07	16.05	10.34	2.31	2.02
Class R6 <sup>1</sup>	-2.34	0.80	26.20	17.70	21.34	17.12	10.90	1.09	0.81
Class R3 <sup>1</sup>	-2.52	0.27	25.32	16.86	20.67	16.63	10.64	1.86	1.52
Investor Class <sup>1</sup>	-2.39	0.64	25.88	17.29	21.08	17.00	10.85	1.42	1.31
Trust Class <sup>1</sup>	-2.45	0.45	25.62	17.14	20.90	16.81	10.69	1.55	1.41
Advisor Class <sup>1</sup>	-2.49	0.35	25.46	16.96	20.72	16.64	10.59	1.71	1.61
<b>WITH SALES CHARGE</b>									
Class A <sup>1</sup>	-8.07	-5.32	18.42	14.87	19.54	16.23	10.50		
Class C <sup>1</sup>	-3.61	-1.11	23.70	16.28	20.07	16.05	10.34		
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index <sup>2</sup>	-5.65	2.82	33.27	11.70	15.34	15.74	9.16		
Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Index <sup>2</sup>	-4.36	12.41	47.68	10.54	13.45	14.63	9.75		

**Performance data quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.** The 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 costs. Results are shown on a "total return" basis and include reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For current performance data, including current to the most recent month end, please visit [www.nb.com/performance](http://www.nb.com/performance).

\* The inception date for Neuberger Berman Small Cap Growth Fund Class R6 is 9/7/2018. The inception date for Neuberger Berman Small Cap Growth Fund Class A, Class C and Class R3 is 5/27/09. The inception dates for the Small Cap Growth Fund Institutional, Investor, Trust, and Advisor Classes are 4/1/08, 10/20/98, 11/3/98, and 5/3/02, respectively. The inception date used to calculate benchmark performance is that of the Investor Class. *Average Annual Total Returns with sales charge reflect deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.75% for Class A shares and applicable contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) for Class C shares. The maximum CDSC for Class C shares is 1%, which is reduced to 0% after 1 year.*

## \$10,000 Hypothetical Investment<sup>5</sup>



## Portfolio Composition (%)

Common Stocks	93.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.6

## Annual Returns (%)

	Fund (Investor)	Benchmark
2020	42.81	34.63
2019	34.50	28.48
2018	5.56	-9.31
2017	28.13	22.17
2016	6.15	11.32
2015	-5.61	-1.36
2014	3.89	5.60
2013	47.14	43.30
2012	9.02	14.59
2011	-1.40	-2.91

*An investor should consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks and fees and expenses carefully before investing. This and other important information can be found in the Fund's prospectus, and if available summary prospectus, which you can obtain by calling 877.628.2583. Please read the prospectus, and if available the summary prospectus, carefully before making an investment.*

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### Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>6</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark
Health Care	28.1	28.9
Information Technology	22.9	22.4
Industrials	15.9	14.1
Consumer Discretionary	13.7	14.7
Financials	5.2	5.2
Communication Services	3.2	3.0
Consumer Staples	2.3	3.6
Materials	1.0	2.9
Energy	0.4	2.1
Real Estate	0.0	2.8
Utilities	0.0	0.3

### Management Team

**KENNETH J. TUREK**

36 Years of Industry Experience

**CHAD A. BRUSO**

21 Years of Industry Experience

**TREVOR MORENO**

21 Years of Industry Experience

**JENNIFER BLACHFORD**

22 Years of Industry Experience

Investing in companies in anticipation of a catalyst carries the risk that the catalyst may not happen as anticipated, possibly due to the actions of other market participants, or the market may react to the catalyst differently than expected.

Because the prices of most growth stocks are based on future expectations, these stocks tend to be more sensitive than value stocks to bad economic news and negative earnings surprises.

The Fund may engage in active and frequent trading and may have a high portfolio turnover rate, which may increase the Fund's transaction costs, may adversely affect the Fund's performance and may generate a greater amount of capital gain distributions to shareholders than if the Fund had a low portfolio turnover rate.

An individual security may be more volatile, and may perform differently, than the market as a whole.

The Fund may experience periods of heavy redemptions that could cause the Fund to sell assets at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value.

National economies are increasingly interconnected, as are global financial markets, which increases the possibilities that conditions in one country or region might adversely impact issuers in a different country or region. Some countries, including the U.S., have in recent years adopted more protectionist trade policies. The rise in protectionist trade policies, changes to some major international trade agreements and the potential for changes to others, could affect the economies of many nations in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen at the present time. Equity markets in the U.S. and China have been very sensitive to the outlook for resolving the U.S.-China "trade war," a trend that may continue in the future.

High public debt in the U.S. and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policymaking uncertainty, and there may be a further increase in the amount of debt due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing public health measures. Governments and central banks have moved to limit the potential negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic with interventions that are unprecedented in size and scope and may continue to do so, but the ultimate impact of these efforts is uncertain. Governments' efforts to limit potential negative economic effects of the pandemic may be altered, delayed, or eliminated at inopportune times for political, policy or other reasons. Interest rates have been unusually low in recent years in the U.S. and abroad, and central banks have reduced rates further in an effort to combat the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Because there is little precedent for this situation, it is difficult to predict the impact on various markets of a significant rate increase or other significant policy changes. Over the longer term, rising interest rates may present a greater risk than has historically been the case due to the current period of relatively low rates and the effect of government fiscal and monetary policy initiatives and potential market reaction to those initiatives or their alteration or cessation.

Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

From time to time, based on market or economic conditions, the Fund may have significant positions in one or more sectors of the market. To the extent the Fund invests more heavily in particular sectors, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors. Individual sectors may be more volatile, and may perform differently, than the broader market.

Securities lending involves a possible delay in recovery of the loaned securities or a possible loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower fail financially. The Fund could also lose money if the value of the collateral decreases.

The securities of small- and mid-cap companies are often more volatile and less liquid than the securities of larger companies and may be more affected than other types of securities by the underperformance of a sector or during market downturns.

A decline in the Fund's average net assets during the current fiscal year due to market volatility or other factors could cause the Fund's expenses for the current fiscal year to be higher than the expense information presented.

The Fund and its service providers, and your ability to transact with the Fund, may be negatively impacted due to operational matters arising from, among other problems, human errors, systems and technology disruptions or failures, or cybersecurity incidents. It is not possible for the Manager or the other Fund service providers to identify all of the cybersecurity or other operational risks that may affect the Fund or to develop processes and controls to completely eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects.

Risk is an essential part of investing.

The Fund may not be able to sell an investment at the price at which the Fund has valued the investment.

The composition, sectors, and holdings of the Fund are as of the period shown and are subject to change without notice.

For each retail mutual fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a fund's monthly performance (including the effects of sales charges, loads and redemption fees), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of funds in each category receive five stars, the next 22.5% receive four stars, the next 35% receive three stars, the next 22.5% receive two stars and the bottom 10% receive one star. (Each share class is counted as a fraction of one fund within this scale and rated separately, which may cause slight variations in the distribution percentages.) The Overall Morningstar Rating for a retail mutual fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. Ratings are ©2021 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) 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.

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1 Shares of the Classes A, C, R6, R3, and Institutional Class, Trust Class and Advisor Class may not be purchased directly from the Manager; they may only be purchased through certain institutions that have entered into administrative services contracts with the Manager. The inception date of Class R6 is September 7, 2018. The inception date of Classes A, C and R3 is May 27, 2009. The inception dates of the Institutional Class, Investor Class, Trust Class and Advisor Class are April 1, 2008, October 20, 1998, November 3, 1998, May 3, 2002 and May 3, 2002, respectively. Performance prior to those inception dates is that of the Investor Class, which has lower expenses and typically higher returns than all other class shares. The Investor, Trust and Advisor Classes are closed to new investors.

2 The Russell 2000® Growth Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth rates. The index is rebalanced annually in June. Data about the performance of these indices are prepared or obtained by the Manager and include reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions. The Fund may invest in many securities not included in the above-described indices. These figures reflect no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes.

3 Total (net) expense represents the total annual operating expenses that shareholders pay (after the effect of fee waivers and/or expense reimbursement). The Fund's investment manager has contractually undertaken to waive and/or reimburse certain fees and expenses of the Fund so that the total annual operating expenses are capped (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, dividend and interest expenses relating to short sales, and extraordinary expenses, if any; consequently, total (net) expenses may exceed the contractual cap) through 8/31/2024 for Institutional Class at 0.90%, Class A at 1.26%, Class C at 2.01%, Class R3 at 1.51%, Class R6 at 0.80%, for Investor Class at 1.30%, Trust Class at 1.40%, and Advisor Class at 1.60% (each of average net assets). Absent such arrangements, which cannot be changed without Board approval, the returns may have been lower. Information as of the most recent prospectuses dated December 15, 2020.

4 Figures are derived from FactSet as of 9/30/2021. **The Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio** is the weighted harmonic aggregate of the Forward P/E ratios of all the stocks currently held in the Portfolio. The Forward P/E ratio of a stock is not a forecast of the Fund's performance and is calculated by dividing the current ending price of the stock by its forecasted calendar year Earnings Per Share (EPS). The forecasted EPS of a company is based on consensus estimates, not Neuberger Berman's own projections, and it may or may not be realized. In addition, any revision to a forecast could affect the market price of a security. By quoting them herein, Neuberger Berman does not offer an opinion as to the accuracy of, and does not guarantee, these forecasted numbers. The ratio shown excludes companies with negative EPS. **The long-term growth rate** is calculated weekly by taking the median of all First Call contributing broker estimates of a company's projected earnings growth over a period of two to five years. Baseline calculates a dollar-weighted figure at the beginning of each month based on the fund's portfolio holdings. The long-term growth rate is based on projections, which may or may not be realized. The Fund's Investor Class was used to calculate **beta**, a measure of the magnitude of a fund's past share price fluctuations in relation to the fluctuations in the stock market (as represented by the fund's benchmark). While not predictive of the future, funds with a beta greater than 1 have in the past been more volatile than the benchmark, and those with a beta less than 1 have in the past been less volatile than the benchmark. **Sharpe Ratio** is a measure of the risk adjusted return of a portfolio. The ratio represents the return gained per unit of risk taken. It is calculated by taking the excess return (annualized return less the risk free rate) divided by the standard deviation. To calculate the Sharpe Ratio, we require the time series of returns for the portfolio and the risk free rate returns, but not a benchmark. The Sharpe ratio is useful for comparing the performance of managers on a risk adjusted basis. The manager with the higher Sharpe Ratio is considered to have performed better taking risk into account. **Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of portfolio risk. The Standard Deviation describes the average deviation of the portfolio returns from the mean portfolio return over a certain period of time. Standard Deviation measures how wide this range of returns typically is. The wider the typical range of returns, the higher the Standard Deviation of returns, and the higher the portfolio risk.

**Active Share** measures the percentage of mutual fund assets that are invested differently from the benchmark, and will range between 0% and 100%, Funds with an active share below 20% are likely to be pure index funds, while those with an active share between 20% and 60% are considered to be closet index funds.

5 The hypothetical analysis assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on October 20, 1998, the inception date of the Fund's Investor Class. This analysis assumes the reinvestment of all income dividends and other distributions, if any. The analysis does not reflect the effect of taxes that would be paid on Fund distributions. The analysis is based on past performance and does not indicate future results. Given the potential fluctuation of the Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV), the hypothetical market value may be less than the hypothetical initial investment at any point during the time period considered. The above analysis also does not compare the Fund's relative performance to the Fund's prospectus benchmark, Russell 2000® Growth Index. Please see annualized performance table.

6 Figures are derived from FactSet as of 9/30/2021. The Global Industry Classification Standard<sup>SM</sup> is used to derive the component economic sectors of the benchmark and the Fund. The Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS")<sup>SM</sup> was developed by, and is the exclusive property of, MSCI and Standard & Poor's. "Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)," "GICS" and "GICS Direct" are service marks of MSCI and Standard & Poor's.

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