

# Optimum Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund

Institutional Class: OISGX Class A: OASGX Class C: OCSGX

September 30, 2021



- The objective of Optimum Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital.
- Columbus Circle targets small- to mid-sized businesses providing new technologies, products or services and that it believes are poised to exceed investor expectations.
- Peregrine focuses its research on companies experiencing high growth and significant fundamental change.

## Overall Morningstar Ratings™



Institutional Class shares



Class A shares

As of September 30, 2021 Optimum Small-Mid Cap Growth rated against the following numbers of Small Growth funds over the following time periods: 575 funds in the last three years 506 funds in the last five years; 381 funds in the last 10 years. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The calculation is based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance.

## Portfolio managers (start date on Fund)

**Investment manager:**  
Delaware Management Company

**Sub-advised by:**  
**Columbus Circle Investors (CCI)**  
Michael Iacono, CFA April 2016  
Christopher Corbett, CFA July 2017  
Marc Shapiro July 2020

**Sub-advised by:**  
**Peregrine Capital Management, LLC (Peregrine)**  
William A. Grierson, CFA April 2016  
Daniel J. Hagen, CFA April 2016  
Paul E. von Kuster, CFA April 2016  
Samuel D. Smith, CFA January 2021  
Ryan H. Smith, CFA January 2021

## Portfolio characteristics

Inception date (all share classes)	8/1/03
Total assets	\$777.2 million
Number of holdings	182
Market cap (median) <sup>5</sup>	\$4.9 billion
Market cap (weighted average) <sup>5</sup>	\$9.1 billion
Portfolio turnover (last fiscal year)	111
P/E ratio (weighted average next 12 months) <sup>5,6</sup>	20.67x
Annualized standard deviation, 3 years <sup>7</sup>	25.60

5. Source FactSet. 6. P/E ratio is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its earnings per share. In this case, P/E is calculated using consensus forecasted earnings per share for the next 12 months. 7. Annualized standard deviation measures historical volatility of returns.

## Average annual total returns (%)

as of September 30, 2021

	3Q21 <sup>1</sup>	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	EXPENSE RATIO (%)	
						GROSS	NET <sup>2</sup>
Institutional Class	-2.16	39.08	18.38	21.38	16.66	1.33	1.29
Class A (at NAV)	-2.23	38.80	18.08	21.09	16.35	1.58	1.54
Class A (at Offer) <sup>3</sup>	-7.86	30.78	15.77	19.67	15.66		
Class C (at NAV)	-2.36	37.74	17.21	20.19	15.51	2.33	2.29
Class C (at Offer) <sup>4</sup>	-3.34	36.74	17.21	20.19	15.51		
Russell 2500® Growth Index	-3.53	31.98	16.01	18.21	17.20		
Morningstar Small Growth Category	-2.57	39.55	15.66	18.25	16.46		

## Calendar year total returns (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund (Institutional Class)	2.85	27.61	-3.30	25.65	57.33
Russell 2500 Growth Index	9.73	24.46	-7.47	32.65	40.47
Morningstar Small Growth Category	11.20	21.50	-5.76	32.52	38.62

1. Returns for less than one year are not annualized. 2. Net expense ratio reflects contractual waivers of certain fees and/or expense reimbursements from July 29, 2021 through July 29, 2022. Please see the fee waiver in the Fund's prospectus for more information. 3 Class A shares includes maximum 5.75% up-front sales charge and are subject to an annual distribution fee. 4 Class C shares redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC).

**The performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that 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 data for all share classes current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800 914-0278 or visiting optimummutualfunds.com**

Total returns may reflect waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the manager and/or distributor for some or all of the periods shown. Performance would have been lower without such waivers and reimbursements.

Performance at NAV assumes that no front-end or contingent deferred sales charge applied or the investment was not redeemed. Performance at offer assumes that a front-end or contingent deferred sales charge applied to the extent applicable.

All performance and Fund data from Delaware Management Company, LPL Financial Research and other sources believed to be reliable.

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## Sector allocations<sup>8,9</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark
Information technology	27.0%	27.5%
Healthcare	24.4%	24.7%
Industrials	13.3%	13.9%
Consumer discretionary	11.6%	15.4%
Financials	8.8%	5.4%
Materials	4.5%	2.9%
Consumer staples	2.6%	2.7%
Communication services	2.4%	2.6%
Energy	1.2%	1.9%
Real estate	0.6%	2.7%

## Top 10 holdings<sup>9</sup>

Horizon Therapeutics Public Plc	2.1%
Nutanix Inc.	1.9%
Avantor Inc.	1.8%
Omnicell Inc.	1.6%
Axonics Inc.	1.6%
Element Solutions Inc.	1.5%
SVB Financial Group	1.4%
Signature Bank	1.3%
International Game Technology Plc	1.3%
Zoominfo Technologies Inc.	1.2%
<b>Total for top 10 holdings</b>	<b>15.7%</b>

8. Source: FactSet.

9. List may exclude cash, cash equivalents, and ETFs that are used for cash management purposes. Please see the Fund's complete list of holdings on our web site for more information.

**Carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, charges, and expenses before investing. This and other information can be found in the Fund's prospectus, which may be obtained by visiting [optimummutualfunds.com/literature](http://optimummutualfunds.com/literature) or calling 800 914-0278. Investors should read the prospectus and, if available, the summary prospectus carefully before investing.**

**Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal.**

Investments in small and/or medium-sized companies typically exhibit greater risk and higher volatility than larger, more established companies. • The disruptions caused by natural disasters, pandemics, or similar events could prevent the Fund from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and could negatively impact the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and the value of the Fund's investments.

Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indices are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. The **Russell 2500 Growth Index** measures the performance of the small- to mid-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The **Morningstar Small Growth Category** compares funds that focus on faster-growing companies whose shares are at the lower end of the market-capitalization range. These funds tend to favor companies in up-and-coming industries or young firms in their early growth stages. Small-cap stocks are those in the bottom 10% of the capitalization of the US equity market, and growth is defined based on fast growth (high growth rates for earnings, sales, book value, and cash flow) and high valuations (high price ratios and low dividend yields).

**Institutional Class shares rated 4, 4, and 3 stars and Class A shares rated 4, 4, and 3 stars for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods ended 9/30/21 among 575, 506, and 381 Small Growth funds, respectively. There are 575 funds in the overall category.**

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