Class I SSETX ★★★★

Class Y SSYGX ★★★★

Morningstar Rating™ based on risk-adjusted returns as of 9/30/2022 for the fund's Class I and Y shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Overall rating for the Small Growth category. Fund ratings are out of 5 stars: Overall 4 stars Class I and Y (582 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 4 stars Class I and Y (585 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 4 stars Class I and Y (extended rating) (401 funds rated). Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

Class I Class Y

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Assets for the Fund \$17,658,948

Holdings²

Dividend Frequency Annually

Morningstar Category Small Growth

Lipper Category Small-Cap Growth Funds

Sub-Adviser



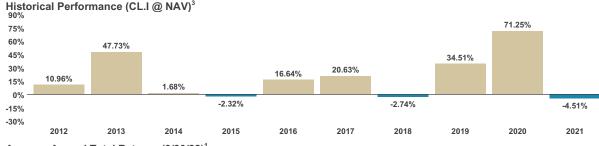
Investment Adviser BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.

Growth of a \$10,000 Investment

A hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's Class I shares on 12/23/96 would have been worth \$125,367 on 9/30/22.



Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for the fund's other share classes would vary.



| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 201 | 17 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-----------------|-------------|------|------|--------|------|---------|---------|--------|-------|--------|
| Average Annual Total Returns (9/30/22) ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sha | are Class/Ince | eption Date | Э | | 3 | M | YTD | 1 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr |
| Cla | ss I (NAV) 12/ | 23/96 | | | 3.03 | 3% - | -28.14% | -28.67% | 10.13% | 9.91% | 11.89% |
| Cla | ss Y (NAV) 07 | 7/01/13 | | | 3.02 | 2% - | -28.15% | -28.67% | 10.11% | 9.91% | 11.91% |
| Rus | ssell 2000® Gro | owth Index | 1 | | 0.24 | -% | -29.28% | -29.27% | 2.94% | 3.60% | 8.81% |
| | | | | | 12.1.2 | | | | | | |

The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate, and an investor's shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance for periods less than 1 year is not annualized. Go to im.bnymellon.com for the fund's most recent month-end returns. The net expense ratio(s) reflect a contractual expense reduction agreement through 2/1/2023, without which, the returns would have been lower. Total Expense Ratios: Class I 1.57%, Class Y 1.48%. Net Expense Ratios: Class I 1.00%, Class Y 1.00%. Not all classes of shares may be available to all investors or through all broker-dealer platforms.

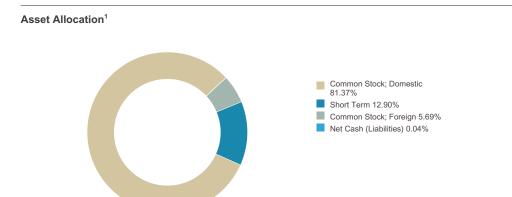
¹Investors should consider, when deciding whether to purchase a particular class of shares, the investment amount, class restrictions, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. ²Portfolio composition is as of 9/30/2022 and is subject to change at any time. ³Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. ⁴Source: FactSet. The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with higher growth earning potential as defined by Russell's leading style methodology. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap growth segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

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BNY Mellon Small Cap Growth Fund

Class I SSETX

Class Y SSYGX

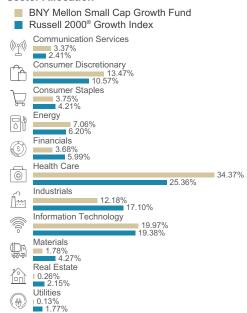


Top Ten Holdings¹

| EQT Corporate | 4.16% |
|--|-------|
| PRIVIA HEALTH GROUP INC | 3.51% |
| Biohaven Pharmaceutical Holding Co Ltd | 3.47% |
| Calix Inc | 3.37% |
| Grocery Outlet Holding Corporate | 2.89% |
| Construction Partners Inc | 2.88% |
| Planet Fitness Inc | 2.85% |
| 1Life Healthcare Inc | 2.83% |
| Cactus Inc | 2.77% |
| Sarepta Therapeutics Inc | 2.66% |

The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell a security. Large concentrations can increase share price volatility.





Goal/Approach

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital. The fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of small-cap U.S. companies. The fund focuses on companies with market capitalizations that are equal to or less than the total market capitalization of the largest company included in the Russell 2000 Growth Index. The portfolio managers focus on what they view as high-quality companies, especially those with products or services that are believed to be leaders in their market niches.

Portfolio Management

The fund is managed by a team of investment professionals employed by Newton Investment Management North America, LLC (Newton). The team members who are jointly and primarily responsible for managing the fund's portfolio are John Porter, the lead portfolio manager, Karen Behr, Todd W. Wakefield, CFA, and Robert C. Zeuthen, CFA. Mr. Porter has been a primary portfolio manager of the fund since March 2017. He is Chief Investment Officer and Head of Equity at Newton. Ms. Behr has been a primary portfolio manager of the fund since September 2021. She is a portfolio manager at Newton. Messrs. Wakefield and Zeuthen have been primary portfolio managers of the fund since April 2013, and each is a research analyst at Newton.

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Risks: Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, among other factors, to varying degrees. Small and midsized company stocks tend to be more volatile and less liquid than larger company stocks as these companies are less established and have more volatile earnings histories. Recent market risks include pandemic risks related to COVID-19. The effects of COVID-19 have contributed to increased volatility in global markets and will likely affect certain countries, companies, industries and market sectors more dramatically than others. To the extent the fund may overweight its investments in certain countries, companies, industries or market sectors, such positions will increase the fund's exposure to risk of loss from adverse developments affecting those countries, companies, industries or sectors.

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