# INSTITUTIONALLY MANAGED FUNDS

# SARATOGA SMALL CAPITALIZATION FUND



UPDATE AS OF 9/30/22

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Saratoga Small Capitalization Portfolio seeks maximum capital appreciation.

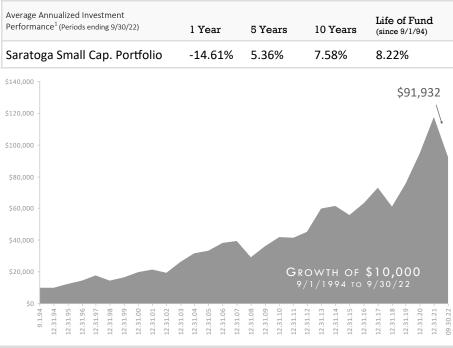
## FUND ADVANTAGES

Fund management is "style consistent" so the fund can be used effectively in asset allocation strategies.

Simplifies investing in the small-cap sector by eliminating the need to choose individual stocks.

Seeks to invest in higher-quality U.S. companies whose stocks sell at discounted price-to-earnings and price-to-cash flow multiples.

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE (CLASS I)



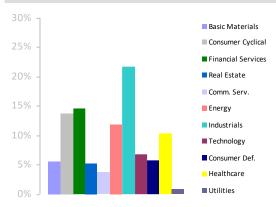
#### Calendar Year Total Returns<sup>1</sup>

1995 <b>27.31%</b>	2003 <b>35.51%</b>	2011 - <b>0.78%</b>	2019 <b>23.71%</b>
1996 <b>15.89%</b>	2004 <b>20.39%</b>	2012 <b>8.87%</b>	2020 <b>25.37%</b>
1997 <b>23.20%</b>	2005 4.47%	2013 <b>32.13%</b>	2021 <b>24.52%</b>
1998 <b>-18.61%</b>	2006 15.42%	2014 <b>3.20%</b>	
1999 <b>13.01%</b>	2007 <b>2.93%</b>	2015 -9.67%	
2000 <b>21.93%</b>	2008 -26.35%	2016 <b>13.13%</b>	
2001 <b>6.27%</b>	2009 <b>24.00%</b>	2017 <b>15.58%</b>	
2002 <b>-8.38%</b>	2010 <b>16.69%</b>	2018 <b>-16.31%</b>	

## FUND FACTS as of 8/31/22

Fund Symbol	SSCPX
Total Net Assets (\$million) as of 9/30/22	\$5.76
Number of Holdings	104
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$Billion)	\$3.144
P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 Months) <sup>2</sup>	10.32
P/B Ratio (Trailing 12 Months) <sup>2</sup>	2.17
EPS Growth (trailing 3 year) <sup>3</sup>	23.68%
Inception Date	9/1/1994
Dividends Frequency	Annual
Capital Gains Frequency	Annual

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION as of 8/31/22



## TOP HOLDINGS<sup>4</sup> as of 8/31/22

Dreyfus Instl Preferred Govt MMkt a mutual fund company	5.51%
Matador Resources Co. a mining company	2.29%
WESCO International Inc. a maintenance company	2.23%
Chord Energy Corp a petroleum company	2.05%
Chesapeake Energy Corp. an oil & gas company	1.99%
Total Top Holdings	14.07%

The performance noted above is net of (after) the Portfolio's expense ratio, which is 1.70%. Performance is historical; past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. 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. Fund's management has waived or is currently waiving a portion of its management fees. Performance shown reflects the waivers, without which performance would have been lower. For performance numbers current to the most recent month-end please call (800) 807-FUND.

# ZACKS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

#### Assets Under Management: \$12.1 billion | Typical Minimum Account Size: \$2 million

The Saratoga Small Capitalization Portfolio is managed by Zacks Investment Management (ZIM). ZIM was founded in 1992, and is owned and operated by Zacks Investment Research. ZIM's portfolio management team consists of six senior portfolio managers, and is supported by a full complement of research, trading, operations and administrative professionals. ZIM is owned by Zacks Investment Research. Zacks Investment Research, founded in 1978, is one of the largest independent providers of equity research in the United States.

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Zacks Investment Management believes the following: Markets are very efficient over the long run and the ability to outperform using active management is limited to managers who have the discipline to maintain a proven investment process through all market environments. Academic research shows equity anomalies exist but the excess returns generated from these anomalies can only be realized by holding stocks exposed to the anomaly over long periods of time. Proven multi-factor strategies run in a systematic and disciplined manner can generate meaningful alpha over a full market cycle, while simultaneously tempering the periods of underperformance that would be experienced by a single anomaly. Zacks Investment Management utilizes tools and models developed in-house to create investment strategies based on statistical anomalies backed by academic and proprietary research. With regard to their Small Cap Core strategy, ZIM's believes that estimate revisions are a leading indicator of future stock performance and that small- to mid-size companies exhibit stronger price response to earnings estimate revisions.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

During Q3 2022, small-cap stocks as an asset class outperformed mid-cap and-large cap stocks. During the quarter, employment growth and the US economy as a whole remained relatively resilient. Russia's war in Ukraine continued to strain the global energy supply, while China maintained its Zero- COVID policy further applying pressure to global supply chains. All of these factors contributed to broad and high inflation. In an attempt to bring inflation down, the Federal Reserve continued the tightening of financial conditions by raising interest rates faster, while winding down its balance sheet. Global markets appeared to anticipate a slowdown in economic growth that may lead to a global recession. In this environment, small-cap companies with a domestic focus outperformed.

In the Saratoga Advantage Trust Small Capitalization Portfolio, both the Energy and Health Care sectors outperformed while Real Estate, Utilities, Consumer Staples, Technology, and Materials underperformed. The portfolio's overweight exposure to Energy and underweight exposure to Consumer Staples, Utilities, and Technology sectors helped relative performance, while an underweight to Health Care and overweight to Materials detracted.

#### IMPORTANT RISK INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE

Mutual Funds involve risk, including possible loss of principal. Investments in lesser-known, small and medium capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. Micro-cap stocks may offer greater opportunity for capital appreciation than the stocks of larger and more established companies; however, they also involve substantially greater risks of loss and price fluctuations. Micro-cap companies carry additional risks because their earnings and revenues tend to be less predictable.

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Saratoga Funds. This and other information about the Saratoga Funds is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained by calling (800) 807-FUND and should be read carefully before investing.

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- 1. Total Return for all periods less than one year is an aggregate number (not annualized) and is based on the change in net asset value plus the reinvestment of all income dividends and capital gains distributions. Performance shown for Class I shares (please see a prospectus for information about other share classes).
- 2. Price/Earnings and Price/Book (P/E and P/B Ratios) are the ratios of the price of a stock to the firm's per-share earnings and a firm's book value, respectively.
- 3. The Earnings (EPS) Growth Rate is an average of the three-year trailing annualized earnings growth record of the stocks in the portfolio. EPS Growth Rate refers to the underlying holdings of the Fund and is not a forecast of the Fund's performance..
- 4. Top holdings are shown as a % of total net assets. Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advise. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.