

# Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund



Growth Factsheet as of March 31, 2023

## Investment Overview

The fund seeks long-term capital growth by investing at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of small and medium-sized companies, within the market capitalization ranges of the Russell 2500™ Index for small-sized companies and Russell Midcap® Index for medium-sized companies, at the time of purchase.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	Without Sales Charges					With Sales Charges					Inception Date
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	
Advisor Class	-13.36	15.08	9.10	10.40	10.50	-13.36	15.08	9.10	10.40	10.50	2/14/1992
Class A	-13.58	14.80	8.83	10.13	10.22	-18.33	12.66	7.61	9.51	10.02	2/14/1992
Class C	-14.18	13.96	8.04	9.31	7.93	-14.93	13.96	8.04	9.31	7.93	10/2/1995
Class R	-13.79	14.53	8.58	9.86	9.91	-13.79	14.53	8.58	9.86	9.91	2/14/1992
Class R6	-13.23	15.23	9.24	10.60	10.79	-13.23	15.23	9.24	10.60	10.79	2/14/1992
Benchmark 1	-8.52	15.21	9.07	11.17	—	-8.52	15.21	9.07	11.17	—	—
Benchmark 2	-7.73	18.62	11.19	12.24	—	-7.73	18.62	11.19	12.24	—	—

## Cumulative Total Returns (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Advisor Class	10.59	10.59	-33.55	10.19	56.35	32.17	-4.41	21.82	4.62	-1.73	7.81	38.94
Class A	10.54	10.54	-33.71	9.91	55.96	31.81	-4.60	21.53	4.33	-1.98	7.53	38.58
Class C	10.39	10.39	-34.23	9.10	54.78	30.72	-5.19	20.57	3.58	-2.77	6.81	37.51
Class R	10.45	10.45	-33.84	9.63	55.59	31.48	-4.82	21.25	4.06	-2.24	7.30	38.25
Class R6	10.64	10.64	-33.46	10.28	56.57	32.34	-4.29	22.21	4.84	-1.51	8.03	39.27
Benchmark 1	9.14	9.14	-26.72	12.73	35.59	35.47	-4.75	25.27	7.33	-0.20	11.90	35.74
Benchmark 2	7.50	7.50	-18.11	28.71	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69	32.39

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results.** Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit [www.franklintempleton.com](http://www.franklintempleton.com).

The fund began offering R Class shares on 2/14/1992, the fund began offering Advisor Class shares on 12/31/1996, and the fund began offering R6 Class shares on 5/1/2013. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) for R Class periods prior to 2/14/1992, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A performance; for Advisor Class periods prior to 12/31/1996, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A performance; for R6 Class periods prior to 5/1/2013, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class Advisor performance. The performance was adjusted to take into account differences in class-specific operating expenses and maximum sales charges. (b) For periods after share class offering, performance for the specific share class is used, reflecting the expenses and maximum sales charges applicable to that class.

## Share Class Details

	CUSIP	Ticker	Sales Charges (%)		Expenses (%)	
			Max	CDSC	Gross	Net
Advisor Class	354 713 869	FSGAX	0.00	—	0.60	0.60
Class A	354 713 109	FRSGX	5.50	—	0.85	0.85
Class C	354 713 802	FRSIX	0.00	1.00	1.60	1.60
Class R	354 713 547	FSMRX	0.00	—	1.10	1.10
Class R6	354 713 331	FMGGX	0.00	—	0.51	0.51

The total annual operating expenses are as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

## Growth of \$10,000

Advisor Class Shares—Inception through March 31, 2023  
Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



## Fund Overview

Dividend Frequency, if any	Annually
Morningstar Category	Mid-Cap Growth
Lipper Classification	Mid-Cap Growth Funds
Turnover (fiscal yr)	49%

## Benchmark(s)

- 1—Russell Midcap Growth Index
- 2—S&P 500 Index

## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
Total Net Assets	\$3.73 Billion
Number of Issuers	101
Average Market Cap (Millions USD)	\$27,886
Price to Book	7.03x
Price to Earnings (12-Month Trailing)	34.19x

## Risk Statistics (3-Year—Advisor Class vs. Russell Midcap Growth Index)

	Fund	Benchmark 1
Beta	1.06	—
R-Squared	0.96	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.62
Standard Deviation (%)	24.48	22.76
Alpha (%)	-0.57	—
Information Ratio	-0.02	—
Tracking Error	4.94	—

## Top Equity Issuers (% of Total)

	Fund
SYNOPLYS INC	3.08
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC	2.39
LULULEMON ATHLETICA INC	2.27
ARISTA NETWORKS INC	2.06
DEXCOM INC	1.99
MSCI INC	1.94
METTLER-TOLEDO INTERNATIONAL INC	1.90
FASTENAL CO	1.83
IDEXX LABORATORIES INC	1.72
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	1.69

## Sector Allocation (% of Total)

	Fund	Benchmark 1
Information Technology	24.61	25.97
Health Care	18.50	17.06
Consumer Discretionary	18.36	15.08
Industrials	16.16	17.69
Financials	5.71	6.73
Energy	2.50	4.16
Communication Services	2.42	4.41
Consumer Staples	2.42	3.27
Other	4.26	5.63
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5.07	0.00

## Portfolio Management

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience
John Scandalios, CFA	26	33
Michael McCarthy, CFA	30	31

## What should I know before investing?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Growth stock prices reflect projections of future earnings or revenues, and can, therefore, fall dramatically if the company fails to meet those projections. **Smaller, mid-sized and relatively new or unseasoned companies** can be particularly sensitive to changing economic conditions, and their prospects for growth are less certain than those of larger, more established companies. Historically, these securities have experienced more price volatility than larger company stocks, especially over the short-term. To the extent the fund **focuses on particular countries, regions, industries, sectors or types of investment** from time to time, it may be subject to greater risks of adverse developments in such areas of focus than a fund that invests in a wider variety of countries, regions, industries, sectors or investments. From time to time, the **trading market for a particular security or type of security in which the fund invests may become less liquid or even illiquid. The manager's portfolio selection strategy is not solely based on ESG considerations**, and therefore the issuers in which the fund invests may not be considered ESG-focused companies. **Integrating ESG considerations into the investment process is not a guarantee that better performance will be achieved.** These and other risks are described more fully in the fund's prospectus.

## Glossary

**Beta** A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. **R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. **Sharpe Ratio** refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. **Standard Deviation** measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. **Alpha** is the annualized percentage difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance given its level of market risk, as measured by beta. **Information Ratio** In investing terminology, the ratio of expected return to risk. Usually, this statistical technique is used to measure a manager's performance against a benchmark. This measure explicitly relates the degree by which an investment has beaten the benchmark to the consistency by which the investment has beaten the benchmark. **Tracking Error** measure of the deviation of the return of a fund compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period of time. Expressed as a percentage. The more passively the investment fund is managed, the smaller the tracking error. **Turnover** is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover. **Price to Book** The price per share of a stock divided by its book value (i.e., net worth) per share. For a portfolio, the value represents a weighted average of the stocks it holds. **Price to Earnings (12-Month Trailing)** is the share price of a stock, divided by its per-share earnings over the past year. For a portfolio, the value represents a weighted average of the stocks it holds.

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