

# **Nationwide WCM Focused Small Cap Fund**

Q1 2023 AS OF 03/31/23 **Objective:** Seeks long-term capital appreciation

Inst Svc: NWGSX

Class A: NWGPX
Class C: NWGQX

Asset class: U.S. Equity
Morningstar category: Small

Blend

# Focused approach

25-40 highest conviction names in the Russell 2000 universe

## Three keys to success

Firm must have a durable competitive advantage, shareholder friendly management and trade at a discount to intrinsic value

# High quality bias

Rigorous due diligence process leads to a high quality portfolio, historically resulting in solid downside protection

## **Portfolio Characteristics**

Total Net Assets (all classes)	\$188M
Total Number of holdings	32
P/E ratio	24.5x
Sharpe ratio*	0.90
Standard deviation*	20.32
Alpha*	4.16
Beta*	0.81
R-Squared*	83
Turnover	34%

Portfolio characteristics are based on Class A shares.

## **Top Holdings**

	% of portfolio
Addus HomeCare Corporation	7.7
ePlus inc.	5.3
Element Solutions Inc	4.9
Verra Mobility Corp. Class A	4.8
Enstar Group Limited	4.2
Landstar System Inc	3.9
ICU Medical Inc	3.8
Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.	3.7
Dorman Products, Inc.	3.6
Inter Parfums, Inc.	3.4

Holdings are provided for informational purposes and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities.

# Average Annual Total Returns (%)

QTD	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
8.71	8.71	-1.16	19.07	5.73	8.96
2.46	2.46	-6.84	16.75	4.49	8.32
8.53	8.53	-1.91	18.15	4.94	8.16
8.80	8.80	-0.85	19.40	6.02	9.26
2.74	2.74	-11.61	17.51	4.71	8.04
-0.66	-0.66	-12.96	21.01	4.55	7.22
3.20	3.20	-7.94	20.92	5.68	8.17
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Performance returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Total returns reflect a contractual expense limitation for direct annual Fund expenses for all classes for certain periods since inception, without which returns would have been lower. Pre-inception historical performance for newer share classes is based on the corresponding share class performance of a Fund's predecessor fund with its existing fee structure, which began on 03/01/2007.

Share class	Expense ratios	Inception date	
	Gross (%) Net (%)	inception date	
Class A	1.24 1.16	09/16/2013	
Class C	2.00 1.92	09/16/2013	
Institutional Service Class	0.96 0.88	09/16/2013	

The 12b-1 fees listed below are already included in the gross and net fees. The maximum sales charge would be paid directly from your investment. Sales charges and 12b-1 Fees: Class A -  $\max$  front end sales charge of 5.75%, 0.25% 12b-1 fee (investment size may reduce or eliminate front-end sales charge). Class C - 1.00% Contingent Deferred Sales Charge, 1.00% 12b-1 fee. Institutional Service Class - no sales charge, no 12b-1 fee.

The expense ratios are as shown in the most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net operating expenses reflects contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in place through 02/29/2024. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

# Growth of \$10k (04/01/18-03/31/23)

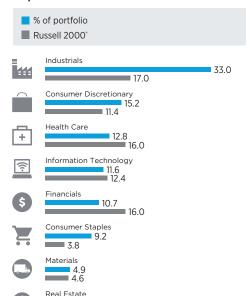


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<sup>\*</sup>Rolling 36 months

### **Top Sectors**

2.6



### Calendar Year Returns (%) (without sales charge)



# Portfolio Management

WCM Investment Management, Subadviser
Jon Detter, CFA, Fund tenure since 2017
Anthony Glickhouse, CFA, Fund tenure since 2017
Pat McGee, CFA, Fund tenure since 2017



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