

# Transamerica Small Cap Growth

Class A ASGTX | Class I ISCGX

## Investment Objective

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Sub-adviser

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## Product Profile

A small-cap strategy designed to help preserve and seek growth of capital

- ➔ Invests in growing, high quality companies when they can be purchased at attractive valuations
- ➔ Investment philosophy focused on bottom-up, fundamental research
- ➔ Unique proprietary risk management process that includes real time portfolio monitoring

## Fund Facts

Inception Date (A-I)	08/31/12 - 08/31/12
Benchmark Index	Russell 2000® Growth Index
Morningstar Category	Small Growth
Lipper Category	Small-Cap Growth
Dividend Frequency	Annually

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## Macroeconomic Overview

Small cap stocks are off to a strong start in the first nine months of 2018, with the Russell 2000® Growth Index and Russell 2000® Index advancing 15.8% and 11.5%, respectively. These returns far outpaced the S&P 500® index and Dow Jones Industrial Average returns of 10.6% and 8.8%, respectively. The strength in small cap stocks is attributable to a number of factors. First, small cap companies are disproportionately benefiting from the tax cut passed last year. Second, economic growth in the U.S. is stronger than overseas, and the rising dollar (since mid-April) has hurt U.S. companies that export. Finally, small cap companies thus far are relatively insulated from the developing global trade disputes. These factors led to better fundamentals and an environment more conducive for smaller company outperformance. The key question is whether the major points of uncertainty (tariffs, inflation and geopolitical risk) change the macroeconomic environment enough to bring a halt to economic growth and a historically long bull market. The U.S. economy is showing a mix of mid-cycle dynamics and late-cycle trends. As is typical during a late-cycle phase, tighter employment markets are pushing up wages and the U.S. Federal Reserve's tightening of monetary policy is flattening the yield curve. However, credit conditions are not yet restrictive. Moreover, the U.S. corporate backdrop remains strong, and pro-business policies are helping boost earnings expectations. Lower tax burdens and access to offshore cash provide companies with additional spending capacity, which are being used on a wide variety of activities, including investor-friendly actions (buybacks, dividends, mergers & acquisitions) as well as direct boosts to the real economy (raising wages, capital expenditures).

## Fund Overview

During the quarter, Transamerica Small Cap Growth advanced 5.46% compared with the 5.52% return of the Russell 2000® Growth index. On a sector basis, healthcare, materials & processing and technology were the largest relative outperforming sectors in the Fund. Producer durables, energy and consumer staples underperformed on a relative basis.

## Outlook

Currently, the aggressive U.S. trade posture is becoming a major risk to the global economy. China and the U.S. are the most central economies in a highly integrated global trade network. Plans by the U.S. to confront China's trade and investment policies could ratchet up bilateral commercial tensions, thus complicating future global growth. At this point, Ranger believes global growth and inflation are firm enough to keep policy makers moving toward tighter monetary policy. Ranger also expects elevated market volatility due to declining global economic momentum as risks to the monetary, political, and economic outlooks continue. With this increased market volatility, quality companies should outperform the overall market. Ranger is reminded that volatility in the financial markets is the norm, not the exception. The transition from a liquidity-powered market for risk assets to one influenced by fundamentals is not likely to be smooth. With increasing volatility, Ranger is hopeful that the differentiation between risk assets and fundamentals will present opportunities to acquire high quality businesses at attractive valuations.

## Contributors\*

Leading Contributors	Weight (%)	Return (%)	Contribution (%)
Cambrex Corp	3.03	30.78	0.86
BioTelemetry Inc	1.91	43.22	0.69
Integrated Device Technology Inc	1.62	47.46	0.67

## Detractors\*

Leading Detractors	Weight (%)	Return (%)	Contribution (%)
TopBuild Corp	1.63	-27.47	-0.51
e.l.f. Beauty Inc	0.52	-29.27	-0.39
Supernus Pharmaceuticals Inc	1.89	-15.87	-0.35

\*Source: Morningstar Direct

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## Top 10 Holdings

	% of Holdings
Pegasystems, Inc.	4.48
Steven Madden, Ltd.	3.56
PRA Health Sciences, Inc.	3.55
Inter Parfums, Inc.	3.22
Cambrex Corp.	3.21
WildHorse Resource Development Corp.	3.08
Qualys, Inc.	3.05
Saia, Inc.	2.99
Banc of California, Inc.	2.98
Knoll, Inc.	2.96
<b>Percentage of total portfolio</b>	<b>33.08</b>

Holdings are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell a security. Holdings excludes net other assets (liabilities).

## Equity Statistics

Median Market Cap	<b>\$2.43 (B)</b>
Weighted Average Market Cap	<b>\$2.69 (B)</b>

**B** = Billions

## Total Return Performance (%)

	3 Mo	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr*	5 Yr*	10 Yr	Inception*
Class A (at NAV)	5.46	15.41	20.45	17.48	12.09	N/A	13.39
Class A (at POP)	-0.41	9.06	13.87	15.28	10.82	N/A	12.35
Class I (at NAV)	5.56	15.50	20.75	17.72	12.38	N/A	13.68
Russell 2000® Growth Index	5.52	15.76	21.06	17.98	12.14	N/A	–

\* Average Annual Total Return

## Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Class A (at NAV)	15.12	19.37	3.08	2.74	36.79	N/A	N/A
Class I (at NAV)	15.52	19.53	3.47	3.04	37.11	N/A	N/A
Russell 2000® Growth Index	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60	43.30	N/A	N/A

There are no sales charges on Class I. Class I shares are primarily offered for investment to institutional investors including, but not limited to, fee-based programs, pension plans, and certain endowment plans and foundations.

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**Net asset value (NAV) returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains but do not reflect the deduction of any sales charges. If a sales charge had been deducted, the results would have been lower. Public offering price (POP) returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and reflect the maximum sales charge of 5.50%. Performance for other share classes will vary.**

**The gross expense ratios for this fund are 1.50% and 1.17% for Class A and Class I shares, respectively. The net expense ratios for this fund are 1.40% and 1.15% for Class A and Class I shares, respectively. Contractual arrangements (if applicable) have been made with the fund's investment manager, Transamerica Asset Management, Inc. (TAM), through March 1, 2019.**

Performance figures reflect any fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the Investment Manager. Without such waivers and/or reimbursements, the performance would be lower. Future waivers and/or reimbursements are at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

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