

Portfolio Manager



Chris Retzler

Manager since 1/2008

Education:

Bucknell University

Fulbright Scholar

Columbia Business School

Experience:

1994 - 2002: Merrill Lynch Investment Banking

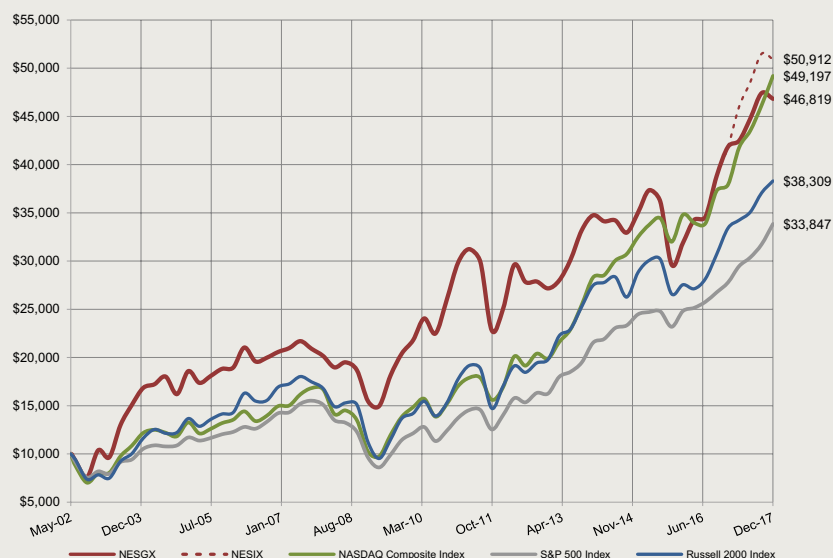
2002 - 2005: Winterkorn Orthopedic

2005 - present: Needham Investment Management, LLC

Fund Highlights

- Seeks to create long-term, tax-efficient capital appreciation
- Invests in domestic growth equities of smaller companies
- Expertise in sectors including technology, healthcare, energy, specialty retail, media and business and consumer services
- Sound valuation discipline of buying growth companies at a reasonable price
- Seeks to invest in companies with focused, incentivized management teams
- Seeks investments with unrecognized product or operating margin expansion opportunities
- The Fund may engage in short sales and hold cash
- Invests in venture-backed post-IPO opportunities

Growth of \$10,000 Investment as of December 31, 2017



The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the Fund since the fund's inception. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not reflect the effect of any redemption fees. This chart does not imply any future performance.

Risk/Reward Metrics*

	Fund	Russell 2000
Average Annual Return	10.99	8.98
Active Share	100.4	0.00
Alpha	2.93	0.00
Beta	0.85	1.00
Maximum Drawdown	-35.75	-52.89
Downside Capture Ratio	85.66	100.00
Standard Deviation	19.14	18.72
R-Squared	68.63	100.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.48	0.42

*Risk/Reward metrics based on the Fund's retail share class. Metrics are since inception of the Fund, 5/22/02 to 12/31/17. Active Share is as of 12/31/17.

Top Ten Holdings

	% of Net Assets
PDF Solutions, Inc.	8.47%
Pure Storage, Inc.	6.96%
Amber Road, Inc.	6.69%
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	4.94%
Invuity, Inc.	4.71%
NeoPhotonics Corp.	4.66%
Reis, Inc.	4.53%
Aspen Aerogels, Inc.	4.51%
FireEye, Inc.	4.31%
Frequency Electronics, Inc.	4.26%
Total	54.04%

Market Capitalization Exposure

> \$8 billion	6.07%
\$2 - 8 billion	13.49%
\$250 million - \$2 billion	44.38%
< \$250 million	36.05%

Active Share: Represents the proportion of portfolio holdings that differ from those in the benchmark index.

Alpha: A statistic that measures the difference between the Fund's actual returns and its benchmark, given its level of risk as measured by beta. The difference is expressed as an annual percentage.

Beta: A statistic that measures the volatility of the fund, as compared to that of the overall market.

Maximum Drawdown: Measures the largest single drop from peak to trough in the value of a portfolio (before a new peak is achieved).

Downside Capture Ratio: Measures a fund's performance versus a benchmark during periods where the benchmark had a negative return.

Standard Deviation: A statistical measure of portfolio risk used to measure variability of total return around an average, over a specified period of time. The greater the standard deviation over the period, the wider the variability or range of returns and hence, the greater the fund's volatility.

R-Squared: Measures the percentage of a fund's returns that can be explained by the returns of the benchmark.

Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate, such as that of the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns.

Average Annual Returns as of 12/31/17

	3 Month	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR	Since Inception
Needham Small Cap Growth Fund Retail Class	-1.27%	11.88%	11.88%	10.16%	11.50%	8.79%	10.39%
After Taxes on Distributions	-4.41%	8.32%	8.32%	8.07%	9.64%	7.54%	9.02%
After Taxes on Distributions & Redemptions	-0.36%	7.13%	7.13%	7.20%	8.60%	6.85%	8.57%
Needham Small Cap Growth Fund Inst Class**	-1.13%	12.48%	12.48%	10.75%	12.10%	9.38%	10.99%
After Taxes on Distributions	-4.27%	8.92%	8.92%	8.66%	10.23%	8.12%	9.61%
After Taxes on Distributions & Redemptions	-0.29%	7.47%	7.47%	7.66%	9.09%	7.34%	9.09%
Russell 2000 Total Return Index	3.34%	14.65%	14.65%	9.96%	14.12%	8.71%	8.98%
S&P 500 TR Index	6.64%	21.83%	21.83%	11.41%	15.79%	8.50%	8.12%
NASDAQ Composite Index	6.57%	29.73%	29.73%	14.81%	19.49%	11.35%	10.73%

The Needham Small Cap Growth Fund inception date is 5/22/02. Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Figures include changes in principal value, reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions. Investment return and principal value will vary, and shares may be worth more or less at redemption than at original purchase. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit www.needhamfunds.com or call 1-800-625-7071 for the most current month-end performance data.

**Performance for any periods prior to the inception date of Institutional Class Shares are based on the historical performance of the Retail Class Shares adjusted to assume the expenses associated with Institutional Class Shares.

Sector Weightings***

	Long	(Short)	Net
Biotechnology	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Communications Equipment	4.0%	0.0%	4.0%
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	5.9%	0.0%	5.9%
Energy Equipment & Services	4.5%	0.0%	4.5%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies/Health Care	6.2%	(0.8)%	5.4%
Household Durables	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Internet Software & Services	21.7%	0.0%	21.7%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%
Pharmaceuticals	5.1%	0.0%	5.1%
Real Estate Management & Development	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	17.7%	0.0%	17.7%
Software	4.6%	0.0%	4.6%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	13.8%	0.0%	13.8%
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Trading Companies & Distributors	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%
Closed End Funds	4.2%	0.0%	4.2%
Money Market Fund	8.8%	0.0%	8.8%

Fund Statistics

Net Assets	\$30 million
12-month Trailing Turnover	80%

Class Statistics

	Retail	Institutional
Share Class	No-Load	No-Load
NASDAQ Symbol	NESGX	NESIX
NAV	\$15.67	\$15.76
Minimum Initial Investment	\$2,000/\$1,000 for IRA	\$100,000
Minimum Subsequent Investment	\$100/No min for IRA	None
12b-1 Fees	0.25%	None
Gross Expense Ratio	2.36%	2.11%
Net Expense Ratio*	2.15%	1.60%
Inception Date	5/22/2002	12/30/2016

*Reflects a contractual agreement by the Fund's investment adviser to waive its fee and/or reimburse the Fund through May 1, 2018 to the extent the Gross Expense Ratio exceeds 1.95% and 1.40% of the average daily net assets of Retail Class Shares and Institutional Class Shares (Expense Cap). The Expense Cap excludes taxes, interest, brokerage, dividends on short positions, fees and expenses of "acquired funds," extraordinary items and shareholder redemption fees but includes the management fee.

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***Percentage of total investments as of 12/31/17, which means all stocks held long plus cash minus all short positions.

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