

US small caps can offer above-average growth potential; investing in the next generation of companies in the world's largest economy.

**DASHBOARD** AS AT 31.08.2023

Asset Class	Benchmark	No. of Holdings	Fund Size (USD millions)
Equity	Russel 2000 (USD) RI	86	667
Risk Indicator	YTD Performance (1)	3-year Annualised Perf. (2)	Morningstar Rating
<div> <div>1</div> <div>2</div> <div>3</div> <div>4</div> <div>5</div> <div>6</div> <div>7</div> </div>	<b>9.08 %</b> Benchmark 8.96 %	<b>8.05 %</b> Benchmark 8.01 %	<div> <div>★</div> <div>★</div> <div>★</div> <div>★</div> <div>☆</div> </div> 31.07.2023

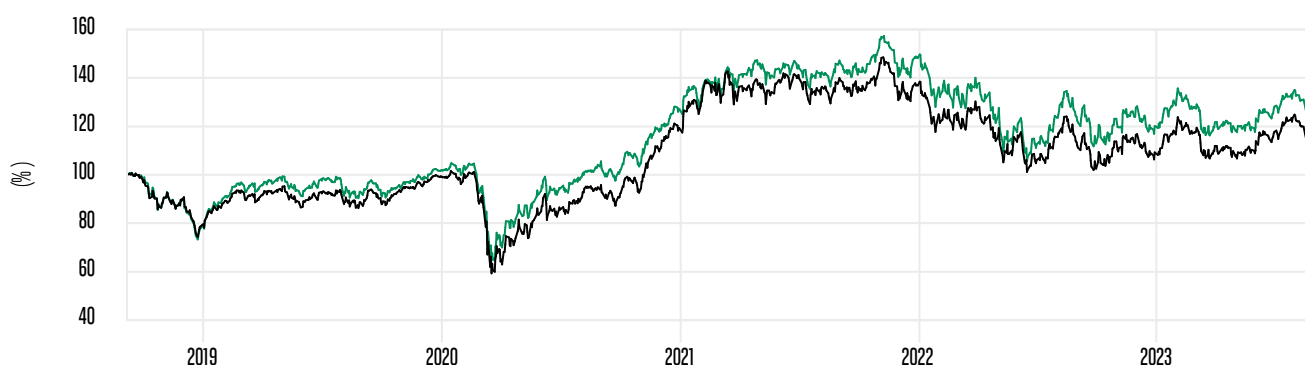
(1) All figures net of fees (in USD).

(2) Based on 360 days

**OPPORTUNITY:** SMALLER COMPANIES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATION.

US small caps present an abundance of opportunities, particularly for active fundamental investing approaches that take a long-term view. Companies are at the forefront of innovation providing higher potential growth in an evolving business environment.~ With historically low valuations, they are poised for potential long-term outperformance. Many of these companies are under researched, this is where the skills of our investment team come into play.

#### PERFORMANCE (CUMULATIVE OVER 5 YEARS) (USD) (NET)



**Cumulated Performance** at 31.08.2023 (%)

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
● FUND	9.08	-3.13	11.20	2.50	5.63	-10.07	26.56	40.83	29.25
● BENCHMARK	8.96	-5.00	9.00	0.99	4.65	-14.06	26.40	34.01	16.73

**Calendar Performance** at 31.08.2023 (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
● FUND	-19.09	16.69	24.93	29.42	-13.87	16.90	19.10	-0.60	6.80	43.60
● BENCHMARK	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52	-11.01	14.60	21.30	-4.40	4.90	38.80

(1) All figures net of fees (in USD). The value of your investments may fluctuate. Past performance is no guarantee for future results.

A - 08/2011-05/2013: Following a corporate action on 21/05/2013, the performances listed are the simulated past performance and fees of the BNP PARIBAS L1 EQUITY USA SMALL CAP.

Source: BNP Paribas Asset Management



## HOLDINGS: % OF PORTFOLIO

Main Holdings (%)		by Sector (%)		Against Benchmark
PLEXUS CORP	1.99	Industrials	18.45	+ 1.28
PURE STORAGE INC CLASS A A	1.93	Health care	16.31	+ 0.99
CHAMPIONX CORP	1.89	Financials	15.26	- 0.63
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET INC	1.87	Information technology	14.49	+ 0.92
CYBER ARK SOFTWARE LTD	1.86	Consumer discretionary	10.43	- 0.31
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD	1.79	Real estate	5.99	- 0.15
HAMILTON LANE INC CLASS A A	1.75	Energy	5.18	- 2.59
JFROG LTD	1.74	Materials	3.88	- 0.67
CIENA CORP	1.73	Utilities	2.82	- 0.01
RADIAN GROUP INC	1.68	Consumer staples	1.87	- 1.66
<b>No. of Holdings in Portfolio</b>	<b>86</b>	Forex contracts	-0.19	- 0.19
		Other	1.67	- 0.81
		Cash	3.85	+ 3.85
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

Source of data: BNP Paribas Asset Management, as at 31.08.2023

The above mentioned securities are for illustrative purpose only and do not constitute any investment recommendation.

The data as shown in the factsheets are based on official accounting data and are based on trade date.



## SUSTAINABLE INDICATORS

ESG global score

**53.55**

Benchmark : 47.83

## ESG CONTRIBUTION

	Environmental contrib.	Social contrib.	Governance contrib.
Portfolio	0.41	0.92	2.22
Benchmark	-0.88	-1.36	0.07

## CARBON FOOTPRINT

	T/Co2 per M€ per year
Portfolio	46.73
Benchmark	128.63

## PORTFOLIO COVERAGE

	Coverage rate
ESG coverage	98.79 %
Carbon footprint coverage	93.34 %

## Total ESG score

BNPP AM's internal ESG scoring methodology determines an issuer's ESG score by evaluating performance vs. scoring peers on a narrow set of key ESG issues related to the environment (e.g. climate change), social issues (e.g. human resources management) and governance (e.g. independence and competence of directors). BNPP AM uses numerous research inputs and data sources (e.g. Sustainalytics, ISS & Trucost) to determine issuers' ESG scores. If the issuer's commitments and practices on a pillar of assessment (E, S or G) is better than scoring peers, it will receive a positive 'contribution' for this pillar. Each issuer is assigned a final score from 1 to 99 which is the result of 50 as a reference plus the sum of the contributions from each of the three pillars.

## ESG Contribution

The ESG contributions are determined by BNP Paribas Asset Management's ESG analysts on the basis of detailed criteria to systematically evaluate companies' commitments and practices in the areas of environmental, social and governance. Each of the above contributions at the portfolio level, is the weighted average of the contributions of the individual portfolio holdings. Environmental Contribution (E) takes into account, among other things, climate change, environmental risk management, and the use of natural resources. Social Contribution (S) takes into account, among other things, human capital management, the quality of social dialogue, and the respect of diversity. Governance Contribution (G) takes into account, among other things, the transparency on executive compensation, the fight against corruption, and gender equality.

## Carbon footprint

The portfolio or benchmark carbon footprint is the sum of companies' carbon emissions divided by companies' Enterprise Value multiplied by the weight of companies in the portfolio or the benchmark. Carbon emissions are the sum of Scope 1 emissions (direct emission from the company's facilities) & Scope 2 emissions (indirect emissions linked to the company's energy consumption). Carbon data provider is Trucost. The footprint is expressed in tons of CO2 equivalent per year and per million euros invested. Enterprise Value (EV) is the measure of a company's total value. It is calculated by adding the market capitalization and the financial debt of a company.

## Portfolio Coverage

The coverage represents, within a portfolio or benchmark or ESG benchmark, the percentage of securities that have an ESG score or carbon footprint within those that are eligible to have an ESG score or carbon footprint using BNPP AM's internal methodology. Non-eligible securities include, but are not limited to cash, external funds.

For more information on ESG indicators, please refer to BNPP AM's webpage : <https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en/esg-scoring-framework/> & <https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en/measuring-carbon-footprints/>

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## RISK

## Risk Indicator



## Risk Analysis (3 years, monthly)

	Fund
Volatility	20.17
Ex-post Tracking Error	5.50
Information Ratio	0.01
Sharpe Ratio	0.30
Alpha	0.82
Beta	0.89
R <sup>2</sup>	0.93

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this Product compared to other Products. It shows how likely it is that the Product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this Product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class.

The risk category is justified by the investment mainly in stocks and shares, the value of which can fluctuate considerably. These fluctuations are often amplified in the short term.

**Be aware of currency risk.** If the currency of your account is different from the currency of this Product, the payments you will get depend on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

Other risks materially relevant to the Product not included in the summary risk indicator:

- **Operational and Custody Risk:** In the event of an operational breakdown within the management company, one of its representatives or the depositary, investors could face various disruptions (late payment, delivery etc.).

For additional details regarding the risks, please refer to the prospectus.

## DETAILS

Fees		Key Figures (USD)		Codes	
Maximum Subscription Fee	3.00%	NAV	309.44	ISIN Code	LU0823411458
Maximum Redemption Fee	0.00%	12M NAV max. (02.02.23)	321.02	Bloomberg Code	FOLESPR LX
Maximum conversion Fees	1.50%	12M NAV min. (26.09.22)	264.31		
Real Ongoing Charges (31.12.22)	1.23%	Fund Size (USD millions)	667.30		
Maximum Management Fees	0.90%	Initial NAV	121.28		
		Periodicity of NAV Calculation	Daily		

## Characteristics

Legal form	Sub-fund of SICAV BNP PARIBAS FUNDS Luxembourg domicile
Dealing Deadline	16:00 CET STP (12:00 CET NON STP)
Recommended Investment Horizon	5
Benchmark	Russel 2000 (USD) RI
Domicile	Luxembourg
First NAV date	17.05.2013
Fund Manager(s)	Geoff DAILEY
Management Company	BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Luxembourg
Delegated Manager	BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT USA, Inc.
Delegated Manager	BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT UK Limited
Custodian	BNP PARIBAS, Luxembourg Branch
Base Currency	USD
Subscription/execution type	NAV + 1
SFDR article	Article 8 - Promotion of environmental or social characteristics



## GLOSSARY

**Alpha**

Alpha is an indicator used to measure the value added by an active portfolio manager relative to a passive exposure to a benchmark. A positive alpha expresses an outperformance whereas a negative alpha indicates an underperformance. A simple way to calculate alpha is to subtract a portfolio's expected return (based on the benchmark's performance adjusted with the beta of the portfolio, see Beta definition for further details). For instance, an alpha of 0.50 means that the portfolio outperformed the market-based return (benchmark's performance adjusted from the Beta exposure of the portfolio) by 0.50%.

**Beta**

Beta is a measure of portfolio market risk, the market being represented by financial indices (such as MSCI World) that are consistent with the portfolio's guidelines. It measures the sensitivity of portfolio performance to the performance of the market. For example a beta of 1.5 means the portfolio will move by 1.5% for a market performance of 1%. Mathematically, it is the correlation between the portfolio and the market multiplied by their ratio of volatilities.

**Information Ratio**

The information ratio is a risk-adjusted return that measures the relationship between the portfolio's tracking error and its relative return compared with the benchmark index (called active return).

**R<sup>2</sup>**

The Correlation Coefficient indicates the strength and direction of a linear relationship between fund performance and benchmark. The coefficient is an element of [-1,1], where 1 equals a perfectly correlated increasing linear relationship, -1 equals a perfectly correlated decreasing linear relationship, and 0 means that there is no linear correlation.

**Sharpe Ratio**

A measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It indicates the return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of risk. It is calculated by dividing the difference between the return and the risk-free rate by the standard deviation of the return on the investment. The Sharpe ratio indicates whether the excess return was obtained thanks to good investment management or by taking additional risk. The higher the ratio, the better the risk-adjusted return.

**Tracking Error**

The tracking error measures the volatility of a portfolio's relative return in relation to its benchmark index.

**Volatility**

An asset's volatility is the standard deviation of its return. As a measure of dispersion, it evaluates the uncertainty of asset prices, which is often equated to their risk. Volatility can be calculated ex post (retrospectively) or estimated ex ante (anticipatively).

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