

# Small Cap Growth Fund II - WSGFAX

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**Benchmark**  
Russell 2000 Growth TR USD

**Fee Class**  
I1

**Overall Morningstar Rating™**  
★★★★☆

**Morningstar Return**  
High

**Morningstar Risk**  
Average

Out of 576 Small Growth investments. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure page for details.

## Investment Information

### Investment Objective & Strategy

The Fund's objective is long-term growth of capital through comprehensive stock selection.

The strategy employs a highly disciplined stock selection process that marries in-depth fundamental research with quantitative analysis to identify high-quality, rapidly growing companies with earnings growth potential that appear likely to outpace market expectations. The AB US Small Cap Growth Collective Trust invests in a diversified portfolio of equity securities with relatively smaller capitalizations as compared to the overall U.S. market. flexPATH Strategies, LLC has recommended the Trustee has approved the AB US Small Cap Growth CIT as the underlying fund.

### Operations and Management

Inception Date 08-03-20  
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### Portfolio Manager(s)

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### Morningstar Category: Small Growth

Small-growth portfolios focus on faster-growing companies whose shares are at the lower end of the market-capitalization range. These portfolios tend to favor companies in up-and-coming industries or young firms in their early growth stages. Because these businesses are fast-growing and often richly valued, their stocks tend to be volatile. Stocks in the bottom 10% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as small cap. Growth is defined based on fast growth (high growth rates for earnings, sales, book value, and cash flow) and high valuations (high price ratios and low dividend yields).

### Volatility Analysis

3-Yr Risk Measures as of 03-31-21	Port Avg	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	25.25	25.53
Sharpe Ratio	1.01	0.70
Information Ratio	1.59	—
R-Squared	94.67	—
Beta	0.96	—
Alpha	8.40	—

### Best 3 Month Return

37.09%  
(Apr '20 - Jun '20)

### Worst 3 Month Return

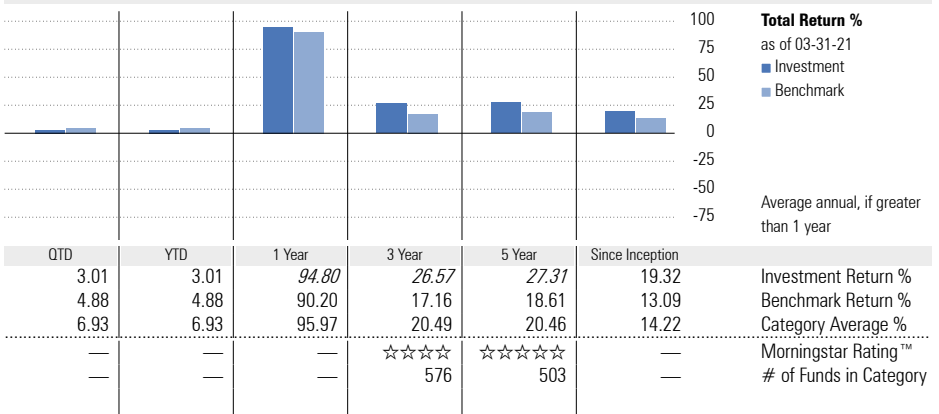
-22.34%  
(Oct '18 - Dec '18)

### Notes

Wilmington Trust, N.A. Collective Funds (WTNA Funds) are bank collective investment funds; they are not mutual funds.

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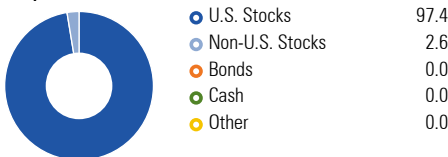
## Performance



**Performance Disclosure:** The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; thus an investor's units, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than return data quoted herein. Performance returns prior to inception are shown in italics and are based upon the performance of the AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio CI Z from its inception date 06-30-2015. Please refer to the performance section of the disclosure page for more information.

## Portfolio Analysis

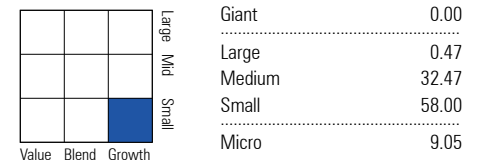
### Composition as of 03-31-21



### Top 10 Holdings as of 03-31-21

Company	% Assets
Tetra Tech Inc	1.74
Sleep Number Corp	1.71
John Bean Technologies Corp	1.64
Silicon Laboratories Inc	1.62
Plug Power Inc	1.59
Texas Roadhouse Inc	1.58
Lattice Semiconductor Corp	1.57
Lithia Motors Inc Class A	1.56
II-VI Inc	1.56
SiteOne Landscape Supply Inc	1.55
Total Number of Stock Holdings	111
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Annual Turnover Ratio %	—
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	60.91

### Morningstar Equity Style Box™ as of 03-31-21



### Morningstar Equity Sectors as of 03-31-21

Sector	% Fund
Cyclical	25.15
Basic Materials	0.86
Consumer Cyclical	16.19
Financial Services	7.01
Real Estate	1.09
Sensitive	43.80
Communication Services	0.00
Energy	0.59
Industrials	16.85
Technology	26.36
Defensive	31.05
Consumer Defensive	2.58
Healthcare	28.47
Utilities	0.00

**Principal Risks:** Please refer to the Additional Fund Information and Principal Risk Definitions document for more information.

Capitalization, Conflict of Interest, Country or Region, Currency, Derivatives, Equity Securities, High Portfolio Turnover, Leverage, Loss of Money, Management, Market/Market Volatility, Non-Diversification, Other, Portfolio Diversification, Restricted/Illiquid Securities, Small Cap

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## Performance

Performance data given represents past performance and should not be considered indicative of future results of the Small Cap Growth Fund II - WSGFAX (the "Fund"). The Fund is not a mutual fund and is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund is not FDIC-insured, may lose value and is not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution.

Performance data reflects a specific class of units. Other fee classes may currently be available or may become available in the future. Not all fee classes are available for investment by all plans. Fees vary across fee classes, and the net returns investors earn will be different from one fee class to another.

Effective March 31, 2021, the performance on the fact sheet is representative of the AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio performance class Z for periods prior to the fund's inception on 08/03/2020. Performance previously shown for periods prior to the Fund's inception of 08/03/2020 was based on the AB Small Cap Growth Portfolio Advisor. For consistency in reporting, the sub-advisor, flexPATH Strategies, LLC requested the performance reflect mutual fund performance for the 3 and 5 year returns.

## Management of the Fund

*Trustee:* Wilmington Trust, N.A. (the "Trustee") serves as the Trustee of the Fund and maintains ultimate fiduciary authority over the management of, and investments made in, the Fund. The Fund is part of the Wilmington Trust Collective Investment Trust (the "Trust") operated by the Trustee.

Wilmington Trust is a registered service mark. Wilmington Trust Company, operating in Delaware only, Wilmington Trust, N.A., M&T Bank and certain other affiliates, provide various fiduciary and non-fiduciary services, including trustee, custodial, agency, investment management and other services. Loans, retail and business deposits, and other personal and business banking services and products are offered by M&T Bank, member FDIC. Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors, Inc. is a SEC-registered investment advisor providing investment management services to Wilmington Trust and M&T affiliates and clients.

*Sub-Advisor:* flexPATH Strategies, LLC

flexPATH Strategies, LLC was established and began managing assets in June 2015. flexPATH Strategies designs, manages and oversees custom asset allocation strategies designed exclusively for retirement plans. flexPATH Strategies is located in Aliso Viejo, CA.

## Investment Process: Investment Process

The goal of the Underlying Fund's investment process is to construct a portfolio of approximately 100 to 125 high-quality, rapidly growing companies with strong earnings-growth potential that appear likely to outpace market expectations. Research-driven stock selection is the primary driver of the portfolio's return and composition.

**Stock Selection:** Each portfolio manager/analyst is responsible for stock selection within their sectors of expertise. AB uses quantitative screens, growth screens, and

industry sources to narrow the initial small- and mid-cap universe of approximately 2,200 stocks (those companies with market capitalizations between \$100 million and the largest market cap of the Russell 2000 Growth Index at the time of purchase) to a working universe of approximately 600 stocks. Typically, these are companies with the potential to outpace consensus growth forecasts over the coming quarters.

**Fundamental Ranking:** The portfolio manager/analysts research and monitor the stocks in the working universe, and also draw upon AB's deep fundamental research resources for additional insight. Meetings with company managements serve as one of the most critical aspects of this research process. Additionally, AB evaluates company business models, analyze financial statements, develop valuation projections and review market expectations, from both the buy and sell side perspective. Industry analysis is further refined through interviews with suppliers, customers and competitors. Each portfolio manager/analyst summarizes their fundamental research findings by ranking companies, on a normalized basis by sector, from 1 (best) to 5 (worst) based on expected returns for a six- to 18-month time horizon. Typically, stocks ranked 1 and 2 are high-quality companies with attractive business models, talented management teams and strong potential to outpace consensus growth forecasts over the coming quarters.

**Quantitative Ranking:** Additionally, AB uses a proprietary model to rank stocks from a quantitative standpoint using the following factors: earnings revision (30%), earnings momentum (20%), relative strength (20%), earnings acceleration (10%), earnings surprise (10%), and sales revision (10%). Using these inputs, the model produces a ranking for each company, on a normalized basis by sector, from 1 (best) to 5 (worst). The quantitative screens ensure consistency of the "growth-style" characteristics across all sectors and limit sub-optimal characteristics. AB combines the rankings above to arrive at a final overall score for each stock, with the fundamental component representing 60% of a stock's score and the quantitative component representing 40%. Stocks are then ranked and again normalized by sector to fall into one of three categories: buy (top 30%), neutral (middle 40%), or sell (bottom 30%). A stock must be rated "buy" at the time of purchase.

## Benchmark: Russell 2000 Growth TR USD

The index measures the performance of small-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values. It is market-capitalization weighted. Russell Investment Group is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. Russell® is a trademark of Russell Investment Group.

## Notes Regarding Return Information

Return figures represent the total change in net assets with capital gains and income dividends reinvested. Performance information is presented net of any applicable trustee fees, management fees, or other fees or expenses which are borne by the Fund. See "Fees and Expenses" for more information.

## Morningstar Rating™

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed portfolios (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, close-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales load. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.

For collective investment funds, the Morningstar Rating presented is hypothetical, because Morningstar does not independently analyze CITs. Rather, the rating is assigned as a means to compare these funds with the universe of mutual funds that Morningstar rates. The evaluation of this investment does not affect the retail mutual fund data published by Morningstar.

## Morningstar Return

The Morningstar Return rates a fund's performance relative to other managed products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of a product's excess return over a risk-free rate (the return of the 90-day Treasury Bill) in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the top 10% of products earn a High Morningstar Return (High), the next 22.5% Above Average (+ Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Below Average (- Avg), and the bottom 10% Low (Low). Morningstar Return is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

## Morningstar Risk

Morningstar Risk evaluates a fund's downside volatility relative to that of other products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of the variations in monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations, in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the 10% of products with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk (Low), the next 22.5% Below Average (-Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), and the top 10% High (High). Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

## Morningstar Style Box™

For equity funds, the vertical axis shows the market

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capitalization of the long stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend, or growth).

For fixed-income funds, the vertical axis shows the credit quality of the long bonds owned, and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by a bond's effective duration.

Morningstar seeks credit rating information from fund companies on a periodic basis (e.g., quarterly). In compiling credit rating information, Morningstar accepts credit ratings reported by fund companies that have been issued by all Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs). For a list of all NRSROs, please visit <http://www.sec.gov/occr/ratingagency.html>. Additionally, Morningstar accepts foreign credit ratings from widely recognized or registered rating agencies. If two rating organizations/agencies have rated a security, fund companies are to report the lower rating; if three or more organizations/agencies have rated a security, fund companies are to report the median rating, and in cases where there are more than two organization/agency ratings and a median rating does not exist, fund companies are to use the lower of the two middle ratings. PLEASE NOTE: Morningstar, Inc. is not itself an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. An NRSRO or rating agency ratings can change from time-to-time.

For credit quality, Morningstar combines the credit rating information provided by the fund companies with an average default rate calculation to come up with a weighted-average credit quality. The weighted-average credit quality is currently a letter that roughly corresponds to the scale used by a leading NRSRO. Bond funds are assigned a style box placement of "low", "medium", or "high" based on their average credit quality. Funds with a low credit quality are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be less than "BBB-"; medium are those less than "AA-", but greater or equal to "BBB-"; and high are those with a weighted-average credit quality of "AA-" or higher. When classifying a bond portfolio, Morningstar first maps the NRSRO credit ratings of the underlying holdings to their respective default rates (as determined by Morningstar's analysis of actual historical default rates). Morningstar then averages these default rates to determine the average default rate for the entire bond fund. Finally, Morningstar maps this average default rate to its corresponding credit rating along a convex curve.

For interest-rate sensitivity, Morningstar obtains from fund companies the average effective duration. Generally, Morningstar classifies a fixed-income fund's interest-rate sensitivity based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI), which is currently three years. The classification of Limited will be assigned to those funds whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI's average effective duration; funds whose average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI will be classified as Moderate; and those that are at 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as Extensive. In addition, for non-US taxable and non-US domiciled fixed income funds, static duration breakpoints are used: (i) Limited: less than or equal to 3.5

years; (ii) Moderate: greater than 3.5 and less than equal to 6 years; (iii) Extensive: greater than 6 years.

## Fees and Expenses

The participant will incur management fees, trustee fees, and other operating expenses related to the Fund. Other operating expenses may include, but are not limited to, audit expenses, custody service fees, tax form preparation expenses, legal and other fees. A portion of this fee may be paid by the Trustee to the Fund's Sub-Advisor for its sub-advisory services to the Fund.

All fees and expenses will be reimbursed from the Fund when they are incurred. Any expenses incurred in connection with the investment and reinvestment of Fund assets including without limitation, any transfer agency fees, brokerage commissions and expenses, will be charged against the Fund.

Below is a breakdown of the fees on the Fund:

<u>Small Cap Growth Fund II - WSGFAX</u>	<u>Fee Class I1</u>
Management Fee %	0.00
Trustee Fee %	0.05
Service Provider Fee %	0.00
Other Expenses %	0.00
Underlying Funds Fees %	0.54
<b>Gross Ratio %</b>	<b>0.59</b>
Fee Waiver %	0.00
<b>Net Expense Ratio %</b>	<b>0.59</b>

Fees and expenses are only one of several factors that participants and beneficiaries should consider when making investment decisions.

The cumulative effect of fees and expenses can substantially reduce the growth of a participant's or beneficiary's retirement account. Participants and beneficiaries can visit the Employee Benefit Security Administration's website for an example demonstrating the long-term effect of fees and expenses.

The example in the following table is intended explain the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other collective funds. The table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 0.00% per year, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual account balance or expenses you paid for the period. This example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested for one year:

<u>Small Cap Growth Fund II - WSGFAX</u>	<u>Fee Class I1</u>
Hypothetical Beginning Balance	\$1,000.00
Hypothetical Ending Balance (1 year)	\$994.12
Hypothetical Expenses (1 year)	\$5.88

## Risk Considerations

The decision to invest in the Fund and the risks involved in doing so should be carefully considered. The Fund should be

considered a long-term investment.

The Principal Risks that are listed on the first page are described in the Additional Fund Information and Risk Definition booklet and should be read in connection with this profile.

The value of your investment in the Fund will increase and decrease over time in accordance with changes in the value of the securities held in the Fund. When assets of the Fund are invested in other investment vehicles (such as collective trusts or mutual funds), the Trustee does not have control over the trading policies or strategies of such entities.

The Trustee of the Fund may change the investment objective of the Fund at any time without prior notice or approval.

Investments in the Fund are not insured or guaranteed by any bank, the FDIC, or any other governmental entity.

## Basic Terms and Conditions

This profile is only a summary of some of the key features of the Fund and should be carefully read in connection with the Additional Fund Information and Principal Risk Definitions. Participation in the Fund is governed by the Trust Agreement and the terms of the participation materials, which must be reviewed and signed by the plan sponsor or plan fiduciary. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this profile and the Trust Agreement or participation materials, the Trust Agreement or participation materials control. Please carefully review the Trust Agreement and participation materials before investing in the Fund.

Investments in the WTNA Portfolios are not deposits or obligations of a guaranteed by Wilmington Trust, and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, or any other governmental agency. The Portfolios are commingled investment vehicles, and as such, the values of the underlying investments will rise and fall according to market activity; it is possible to lose money by investing in the Portfolios. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of any pooled investment company carefully before investing.

The Fund is maintained by the Trustee as part of the Wilmington Trust Collective Investment Trust, which was established on October 6, 2005 and most recently amended on June 20, 2016. It is a "group trust" within the meaning of Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling 81-100, as amended, and is exempt from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

## For More Information:

Please carefully review the Trust Agreement and participation materials prior to investing in the Fund. The Trust Agreement and participation materials provide limitations on liability and indemnifications in favor of the Trustee. To learn more or obtain additional materials governing the Fund, please contact your plan sponsor or plan trustee. You may also obtain a copy of the Trust Agreement and participation materials, without charge, by contacting:

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