

# **Small Cap Growth Fund II**

Benchmark Russell 2000 Growth TR USD Fee Class



Release Date: 06-30-2022

 Overall Morningstar Rating™
 Morningstar Return
 Morningstar Risk

 ☆☆☆☆
 Above Average
 Above Average

 Out of 582 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 seeks to deliver long-term growth of capital and to outperform the Russell 2000 Growth Index over full market cycles, which indirectly invests in the AB US Small Cap Growth Collective Trust (Series W) ("Underlying Fund"), for which AB Trust Company, LLC is trustee and Alliance Bernstein L.P. is investment adviser.

The Underlying Fund's strategy employs a highly disciplined stock selection process that marries in-depth fundamental research with quantitative analysis to identify high-quality, rapidly growing smaller capitalization companies with earnings growth potential that appear likely to outpace market expectations.

#### **Operations and Management**

Inception Date	08-31-21
Trustee	Wilmington Trust, N.A.
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SA Website	www.flexpathstrategies.com
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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 marketcapitalization 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 06-30-22	Port Avg	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	25.51	24.74
Sharpe Ratio	0.21	0.16
Information Ratio	0.19	_
R-Squared	92.90	—
Beta	0.99	—
Alpha	1.45	_

## Best 3 Month Return

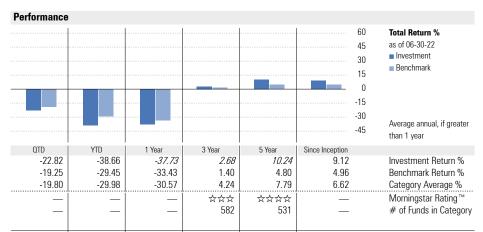
37.09% (Apr '20 - Jun '20)

#### Worst 3 Month Return -22.82% (Apr '22 - Jun '22)

#### Notes

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

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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 Z from its inception date 06-30-2015. Please refer to the performance section of the disclosure page for more information.

% Assets

98.3

1.7

0.0

0.0

0.0

% Assets

#### **Portfolio Analysis**



Matador Resources Co	2.02
Hilton Grand Vacations Inc	1.97
Lattice Semiconductor Corp	1.90
Tetra Tech Inc	1.83
John Bean Technologies Corp	1.75
Driven Brands Holdings Inc Ordinary Shares	1.75
Novanta Inc	1.70
MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings Inc	1.59
First Financial Bankshares Inc	1.56
Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp Class A	1.56
Total Number of Stock Holdings	99
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Annual Turnover Ratio % as of 12-31-2020	82
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	5.42

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			Large	Giant	0.0
				Large	0.4
			Mid	Medium	15.8
			Small	Small	70.0
			≞	Micro	13 6
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Morningstar Equity Sectors as of 06-30-22	% Fund
∿ Cyclical	27.57
🛃 Basic Materials	1.24
Consumer Cyclical	16.75
Financial Services	9.58
neal Estate	0.00
🕶 Sensitive	48.20
Communication Services	0.00
Energy	5.60
Industrials	16.60
Technology	26.00
→ Defensive	24.22
E Consumer Defensive	4.09
Healthcare	20.13
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 (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.

#### **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.

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:**

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<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>TM</sup>

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The Morningstar Style Box  $^{\rm \tiny TM}$  reveals a fund's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned, and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, blend, or growth.) A darkened cell in the style box matrix indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

For portfolios holding fixed-income investments, a Fixed Income Style Box is calculated. The vertical axis shows the credit quality based on credit ratings and the horizontal axis shows interest-rate sensitivity as measured by effective

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duration. There are three credit categories - "High", "Medium", and "Low"; and there are three interest rate sensitivity categories - "Limited", "Moderate", and "Extensive"; resulting in nine possible combinations. As in the Equity Style Box, the combination of credit and interest rate sensitivity for a portfolio is represented by a darkened square in the matrix. Morningstar uses credit rating information from credit rating agencies (CRAs) that have been designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States. For a list of all NRSROs, please visit https:// www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-current-nrsros.html. Additionally, Morningstar will use credit ratings from CRAs which have been recognized by foreign regulatory institutions that are deemed the equivalent of the NRSRO designation. To determine the rating applicable to a holding and the subsequent holding weighted value of a portfolio two methods may be employed. First is a common methodology approach where if a case exists such that two CRAs have rated a holding, the lower rating of the two should be applied; if three or more CRAs have rated a holding, the median rating should be applied; and in cases where there are more than two ratings and a median rating cannot be determined, the lower of the two middle ratings should be applied. Alternatively, if there is more than one rating available an average can be calculated from all and applied.

Please Note: Morningstar, Inc. is not an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. Credit ratings for any security held in a portfolio can change over time.

Morningstar uses the credit rating information to calculate a weighted-average credit quality value for the portfolio. This value is based only upon those holdings which are considered to be classified as "fixed income", such a government, corporate, or securitized issues. Other types of holdings such as equities and many, though not all, types of derivatives are excluded. The weighted-average credit quality value is represented by a rating symbol which corresponds to the long-term rating symbol schemas employed by most CRAs. Note that this value is not explicitly published but instead serves as an input in the Style Box calculation. This symbol is then used to map to a Style Box credit quality category of "low," "medium," or "high". Funds with a "low" credit quality category are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be equivalent to the commonly used High Yield classification, meaning a rating below "BBB", portfolios assigned to the "high" credit category have either a "AAA" or "AA+" average credit quality value, while "medium" are those with an average rating of "AA-" inclusive to "BBB-". It is expected and intended that the majority of portfolios will be assigned a credit category of "medium".

For assignment to an interest-rate sensitivity category, Morningstar uses the average effective duration of the portfolio. From this value there are three distinct methodologies employed to determine assignment to category. Portfolio which are assigned to Morningstar municipal-bond categories employ static breakpoints between categories. These breakpoints are: "Limited" equal to 4.5 years or less, "Moderate" equal to 4.5 years to less than 7 years; and "Extensive" equal to more than 7 years. For portfolios assigned to Morningstar categories other than U.S. Taxable, including all domiciled outside the United States, static duration breakpoints are also used: "Limited" equals less than or equal to 3.5 years, "Moderate" equals greater than 3.5 years but less than or equal to 6 years, and "Extensive" is assigned to portfolios with effective durations of more than 6 years.

Note: Interest-rate sensitivity for non-U.S. domiciled portfolios (excluding those in Morningstar convertible categories) may be assigned using average modified duration when average effective duration is not available.

For portfolios Morningstar classifies as U.S. Taxable Fixed-Income, interest-rate sensitivity category assignment is based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI). The classification assignment is dynamically determined relative to the benchmark index value. A "Limited" category will be assigned to portfolios whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI average effective duration, where the average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI the portfolio will be classified as "Moderate", and those portfolios with an average effective duration value 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as "Extensive".

### **Fees and Expenses**

The participant will incur trustee fees, sub-advisor fees and underlying fund fees including fees paid to the manager of the of the underlying fund 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.

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.

Participants in the Fund may also incur expenses from the Underlying Fund, which include audit fees and other expenses. The Underlying Fund Fees are expensed directly to the Underlying Fund or the Funds in which it invests, as applicable, and are not charged directly to the Fund. Underlying Fund Fees are not used to calculate the Fund's net asset value. They have no impact on the costs associated with Fund operations.

Below is a breakdown of the fees on the Fund:

Small Cap Growth Fund II	Fee Class 12
Management Fee %	0.000
Trustee Fee %	0.050
Service Provider Fee %	0.250
Other Expenses %	0.000
Underlying Fund Fees %	0.540
Gross Ratio %	0.840
Fee Waiver %	0.000
Net Expense Ratio %	0.840

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 to 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:

Small Cap Growth Fund II	Fee Class 12
Balance 06-30-2021	\$1,000.00
Hypothetical Balance 06-30-2022	\$991.64

Hypothetical Expenses (1 year) \$8.36

#### **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

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before investing in the Fund.

Investments in the WTNA Portfolios are not deposits or obligations of or 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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