

US VENTURE FUND

Investing in America's rising stars

A moderately positioned small-cap growth fund that seeks to provide consistent relative returns with lower volatility than the index. The fund invests in small-cap companies with differentiated business models and sustainable competitive advantages that we believe are positioned to grow market share regardless of economic conditions.

Why invest in the fund



Unique business models

Seeks small-cap companies that stand out from competitors – through differentiated business models, innovative approaches or unique products or services – that are using their competitive advantages to grow over a multi-year time frame.



Deep, specialised team

In-depth fundamental research supported by a team of analysts, a team of small to mid-cap specialists and a portfolio management team with experience looking for small-cap companies early in their life cycle that have the potential to grow into mid-cap companies.



Moderate approach to growth

The fund offers the potential for capital appreciation through exposure to small companies having the potential to quickly grow into mid-cap companies with a focus on resilient business models positioned to weather a variety of market environments.

How do we evaluate companies for smart growth?

Our proprietary methodology evaluates every company in the eligible universe on 10 fundamental factors in three key areas that we believe define *Smart Growth*.



Portfolio management



Jonathan Coleman, CFA

- Portfolio manager since 2013
- Industry since 1994



Scott Stutzman, CFAPortfolio manager since 2016

Industry since 2002



Aaron Schaechterle

- Portfolio manager since 2023
- Industry since 2007

Fund facts

Structure	Irish Investment Company (IIC)
Inception date	31 Dec 1999
Fund assets	\$135.32m (as at 31 Dec 2022)
Benchmark	Russell 2000® Growth Index
Investment style	Moderate Small-Cap Growth Equities
Sector	Morningstar US Small-Cap Equity
Excess return objective	+200 bps
Expected tracking error range	3.0-6.0%
Target beta range	≤1
Holdings range	80–130
Expected annual turnover	20–50%
Maximum position size	3.50%
Market cap range	Fund invests ≥ 50% of equity assets in small size companies whose market capitalisations (at time of purchase) fall within range of companies in Russell 2000® Growth Index
Base currency	USD

Note that any differences among portfolio securities currencies, share class currencies and costs to be paid or represented in currencies other than your home currency will expose you to currency risk. Costs and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

The ongoing charge is calculated using the PRIIP methodology. The PRIIP methodology differs to the UCITS ongoing charge methodology, as the PRIIP methodology captures additional recurring charges, including but not limited to: Interest paid on borrowing (e.g. bank interest); Any fees incurred in relation to stock-lending activity (i.e. the fee paid to the lending agent); Any costs associated with holding closed-ended vehicles.

Please note that these ranges are reflective of the portfolio managers' investment process and style at time of publication. They may not be hard limits and are subject to change without notice. Please refer to the Prospectus for the broader parameters within which the strategy may operate. For a list of available share classes, please contact your local sales representative.

Role in a diversified portfolio

Portfolio position



Traditional equity
Small-cap growth exposure

Portfolio implementation

Complement core traditional equity strategies

What this offers investors

- Capital appreciation
- Resilient business models positioned to weather a variety of market environments

Additional fund information

Investment objective & policy

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the Russell 2000 Growth Index by 2% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period. The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of shares (also known as equities) of companies, in any industry, in the United States. Companies will be incorporated, headquartered, listed on an exchange in, or deriving significant revenue from, the United States. The Fund will invest at least 50% in smaller US companies. The Fund may also invest in other assets including companies outside the United States, cash and money market instruments. The investment manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk, to manage the Fund more efficiently, or to generate additional capital or income for the Fund. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Russell 2000 Growth Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The investment manager has discretion to choose individual investments for the Fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index, but at times the Fund may hold investments similar to the index. The investment manager follows a fundamental, research-driven strategy, seeking to identify innovative companies with distinct advantages over their competitors, which allow them to protect market share and/or profitability. Commonly referred to as stock picking or "bottom-up" investing, portfolios of fundamental-based investments are built one security at a time following intensive in-house research into each company. Areas of research focus can include the company's management, financials, competitive strengths and weaknesses, earnings growth prospects and numerous other metrics.

Fund specific risks

Shares/Units can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result. Shares of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than shares of larger companies, and at times it may be difficult to value or to sell shares at desired times and prices, increasing the risk of losses. If a Fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a Fund which is more broadly diversified. The Fund may use derivatives towards the aim of achieving its investment objective. This can result in 'leverage', which can magnify an investment outcome and gains or losses to the Fund may be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations. If the Fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund or you invest in a share/unit class of a different currency to the Fund (unless 'hedged'), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates. When the Fund, or a hedged share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency, the hedging strategy itself may create a positive or negative impact to the value of the Fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies. Securities within the Fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses. The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the Fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.



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