



# Nationwide Small Company Growth Fund

Mutual funds

Fact sheet

**Q4 2018**  
AS OF 12/31/18

**Objective:** Seeks long-term capital appreciation. Current income is a secondary consideration in selecting portfolio investments

**Class A:** NWSAX  
**Inst Svc:** NWSIX

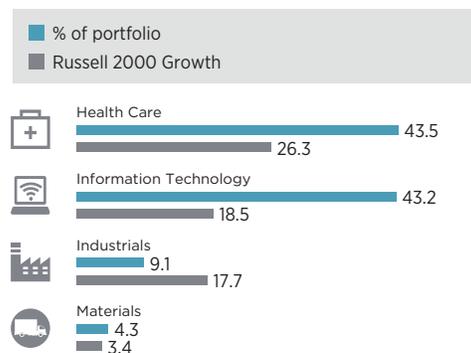
**Asset class:** U.S. Equity  
**Morningstar category:** Small Growth

**Exceptional growth companies:**  
Focuses on quality growth companies with strong balance sheets and sustainable revenue streams that have a competitive advantage relative to peers

**Growth at a reasonable price:**  
Offers a GARP investment style from a pioneer since 1983

**Conviction driven portfolio:**  
Constructs the portfolio with less emphasis around relative index weights and greater focus on highest conviction securities

## Top Sectors



## Top Holdings

Company	% of portfolio
Vocera Communications, Inc.	4.9
Paycom Software Inc	4.8
Veeva Systems Inc Class A	4.7
Manhattan Associates Inc	4.6
Proto Labs, Inc.	4.6
Cognex Corp	4.5
Tyler Technologies Inc	4.4
Balchem Corp	4.3
ABIOMED Inc	4.3
Neogen Corp	4.1

Holdings are provided for informational purposes and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

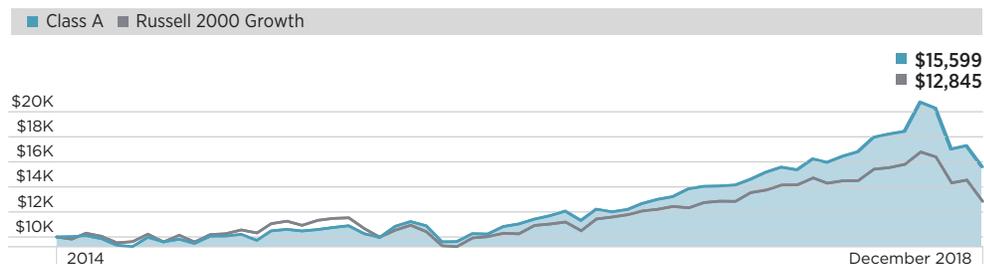
Share class	QTD	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	Since inception
Class A (without sales charge)	-23.12	1.49	1.49	12.71	9.30	14.96
Class A (with 5.75% max sales charge)	-27.54	-4.34	-4.34	10.51	8.01	13.99
Institutional Service Class	-23.06	1.59	1.59	12.87	9.47	15.16
Russell 2000 Growth Index	-21.65	-9.31	-9.31	7.24	5.13	—
Category	-20.82	-5.76	-5.76	8.47	5.12	—

Performance returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized. Total returns reflect a contractual expense limitation for direct annual Fund expenses for all classes for certain periods since inception, without which returns would have been lower.

Share class	Expense ratios		Inception date
	Gross (%)	Net (%)	
Class A	1.33	1.32	01/03/2012
Institutional Service Class	1.20	1.19	01/03/2012

The expense ratios are as shown in the most recent prospectus. Expenses include underlying fund expenses. The difference between gross and net operating expenses reflects contractual fee waivers in place through 06/30/2019. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

## Growth of \$10k (01/01/14-12/31/18)



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**Sales charges and 12b-1 Fees:** Class A - max front end sales charge of 5.75%, 0.25% 12b-1 fee (investment size may reduce or eliminate front-end sales charge). Institutional Service Class - no sales charge, no 12b-1 fee.

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## Overall Morningstar Ratings™



Out of 583 investments. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on Class A risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3- and 5-year Ratings. See disclosures below.

## Portfolio Characteristics

Total Net Assets (all classes)	\$264.9M
Total Number of holdings	37
P/E ratio	49.6x
Sharpe Ratio*	0.7
Standard deviation*	18.7
Alpha*	5.2
Beta*	1.0
R-Squared*	84.2
Turnover	16%

Portfolio characteristics are based on Class A shares.

\*Rolling 36 months

## Calendar Year Returns (%) (without sales charge)



## Portfolio Management

Brown Capital Management, LLC, Subadviser

Keith A. Lee, Fund tenure since 2012

Robert E. Hall, Fund tenure since 2012

Kempton M. Ingersol, Fund tenure since 2012

Damien Davis, CFA, Fund tenure since 2013

Andrew J. Fones, Fund tenure since 2014



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**DEFINITIONS:** **Average annual total returns** are the annual compounded returns that would have produced the cumulative total return if fund performance had been constant during the given period. **P/E ratio** is the price of a stock divided by trailing 12-month earnings per share. **Sharpe ratio** measures excess return per unit of risk (standard deviation). A higher Sharpe ratio suggests better risk-adjusted performance. **Standard deviation** measures performance fluctuation, may not be indicative of future risk and is not a predictor of returns. **Alpha** represents the excess returns of a fund relative to its benchmark. A positive alpha is the added value an active manager has contributed over the benchmark returns. **Beta** measures volatility in relation to the fund's benchmark. A beta of less than 1.0 indicates lower volatility, while a beta of more than 1.0 indicates higher volatility relative to the benchmark. **R-Squared** measures the percentage of a fund's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark. **Turnover** measures how frequently investments are bought and sold within a fund during a 12 month period. The portfolio turnover rate is as of the fund's fiscal year end and is usually expressed as a percentage of the total value of a fund.

**Effective at close of business on September 29, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), the Nationwide Small Company Growth Fund (the "Fund") will no longer accept purchase orders from new investors. Investors who own shares of the Fund as of the Effective Date may continue to purchase shares. Also, customers of U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. whose accounts are maintained at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. may continue to establish new accounts to purchase shares of the Fund.**

**Call 800-848-0920 to request a summary prospectus and/or a prospectus, or download prospectuses at nationwide.com/mutual-funds-prospectuses.jsp. These prospectuses outline investment objectives, risks, fees, charges and expenses, and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing.**

**KEY RISKS:** The Fund is subject to the risks of investing in equity securities (including small companies). Smaller companies are usually less stable in price and less liquid than larger, more established companies. Smaller companies are more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business and economic developments and may have more limited resources. Therefore, they generally involve greater risk. Growth funds may underperform other funds that use different investing styles. Please refer to the most recent prospectus for more detailed information.

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