

William Blair Small-Mid Cap Growth I Fund

Morningstar Category

Mid-Cap Growth

Investment Objective & Strategy

The investment seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in stocks of small capitalized ("small cap") and medium capitalized ("mid cap") companies. It invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity securities, including common stocks and other forms of equity investments (e.g., securities convertible into common stocks), of small cap and mid cap U.S. growth companies that are expected to exhibit quality growth characteristics.

Operations and Management

Initial Inception Date 12-29-03
Management Company William Blair Investment Management, LLC
Issuer William Blair

Volatility Analysis

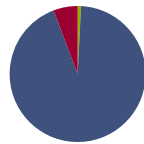


In the past, this investment has shown a wide range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. This investment may experience significant price increases in favorable markets or undergo large price declines in adverse markets. Some of this risk may be offset by owning other investments that follow different investment strategies.

Notes

Portfolio Analysis

Composition as of 11-30-23

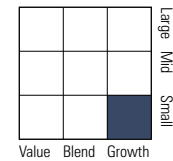


U.S. Stocks 93.4
Non-U.S. Stocks 5.8
Bonds 0.0
Cash 0.8
Other 0.0

% Assets

Morningstar Equity Style Box™ as of 11-30-23

% Mkt Cap



Giant 0.00
Large 1.46
Medium 44.69
Small 48.57
Micro 5.28

Top 20 Holdings as of 11-30-23

% Assets

BWX Technologies Inc 3.37
Encompass Health Corp 2.54
Chemed Corp 2.35
Tradeweb Markets Inc 2.19
Dynatrace Inc Ordinary Shares 2.10
The Carlyle Group Inc 2.10
Guidewire Software Inc 2.08
Pool Corp 2.05
Axon Enterprise Inc 2.02
Lancaster Colony Corp 2.02
Freshpet Inc 1.98
e.l.f. Beauty Inc 1.96
Five Below Inc 1.94
Merit Medical Systems Inc 1.87
New Fortress Energy Inc Class A 1.85
Advanced Drainage Systems Inc 1.78
Tyler Technologies Inc 1.76
Penumbra Inc 1.75
Acadia Healthcare Co Inc 1.69
NICE Ltd ADR 1.66

Morningstar Equity Sectors as of 11-30-23

% Fund

Cyclical 18.48
Basic Materials 2.28
Consumer Cyclical 7.67
Financial Services 7.40
Real Estate 1.13
Sensitive 49.40
Communication Services 1.22
Energy 4.63
Industrials 22.59
Technology 20.96
Defensive 32.12
Consumer Defensive 6.00
Healthcare 24.25
Utilities 1.87

Total Number of Stock Holdings 77
Total Number of Bond Holdings 0
Annual Turnover Ratio % 49.00

Principal Risks

Long-Term Outlook and Projections, Loss of Money, Not FDIC Insured, Market/Market Volatility, Equity Securities, Industry and Sector Investing, Shareholder Activity, Management, Small Cap, Mid-Cap

Disclosure

Investment options are subaccounts in an insurance company separate account maintained by United of Omaha Life Insurance Company for contracts issued in all states except New York, and by Companion Life Insurance Company for contracts issued in New York, that invests in the underlying mutual fund/collective trust investments or is managed by the specified investment manager. All funds may not be available as an investment option in a plan.

Composition Graph

The Long/Short/Net bar chart replaces the Composition pie chart when a fund invests in shorts and derivatives. The overall net percentage value of each investment class is displayed. A short is any security in which a negative position is taken where the portfolio manager looks to profit from falling prices. A derivative is any future, forward, option or swap contract that provides exposure to assets like stocks, bonds, or commodities. Derivatives are also used to manage risk or to act on a view about the economy.

Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box™ 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 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. 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 as 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".

Annual Turnover Ratio

A proxy for how frequently a manager trades his or her portfolio.

Investment options are offered through a group variable annuity contract (Forms 902-GAQC-09, 903-GAQC-14, 903-GAQC-14 FL, 903-GAQC-14 MN, 903-GAQC-14 OR, 903-GAQC-14 TX, or state equivalent) underwritten by United of Omaha Life Insurance Company for contracts issued in all states except New York. United of Omaha Life Insurance

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