



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

# Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund

As of September 30, 2019



**Portfolio Manager:**  
Frank Alonso

**Managed Fund Since:**  
2016

**Joined Firm:**  
2000

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in stocks of small companies.

## FUND INFORMATION

Symbol	TRSSX
CUSIP	45775L309
Inception Date of Fund	March 31, 2000
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.66%
Fiscal Year End	December 31
12B-1 Fee	-

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Major U.S. stock indexes advanced in September, as some conciliatory trade-related gestures from U.S. and Chinese officials helped ease tensions. As measured by various Russell indexes, value stocks outperformed growth shares across all market capitalizations. Within the S&P 500 Index, financials outperformed, helped by a rise in longer-term interest rates. Utilities and energy were also strong. The health care sector recorded a modest decline.

The trade dispute between the U.S. and China remained at center stage for much of the month. The S&P 500 Index recorded its best daily gain on September 5, after news broke that Chinese and U.S. negotiators were preparing to meet in Washington in early October. A series of conciliatory gestures from both sides further supported sentiment. Mixed signals on trade caused some volatility late in the month, but investors appeared to remain optimistic toward the prospect of resumed trade negotiations in October. Monetary policy expectations were also a major driver of market sentiment, as the Federal Reserve reduced short-term interest rates at its mid-month meeting, while other central banks around the world took measures to stimulate economic growth. The U.S. equity market seemed largely unaffected by the late-month opening of a House of Representatives impeachment inquiry regarding President Donald Trump's alleged pressuring of Ukraine's leader.

Despite signs of weakness, particularly in the manufacturing sector, we don't think it is likely that the U.S. economy will fall into a recession in the coming months. Importantly, no major signs of excess have emerged, as was dramatically the case with the housing bubble on the eve of the "Great Recession" a decade ago. Indeed, consumer finances are generally in solid shape, and corporate debt levels remain manageable. Nevertheless, selectivity will be key for investors in a slowing growth environment. Earnings gains are likely to be harder to come by as exporters wrestle with trade tensions and weakness in many overseas economies.

## PERFORMANCE

(NAV, total return)

	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualized			
					Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	0.84%	0.16%	24.63%	4.54%	14.48%	11.99%	14.87%	11.09%
Russell 2000 Index	2.08	-2.40	14.18	-8.89	8.23	8.19	11.19	8.19

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Investing in small companies involves greater risk than is customarily associated with larger companies, since small companies often have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

**RISK RETURN CHARACTERISTICS**

(Five Years ended September 30, 2019)

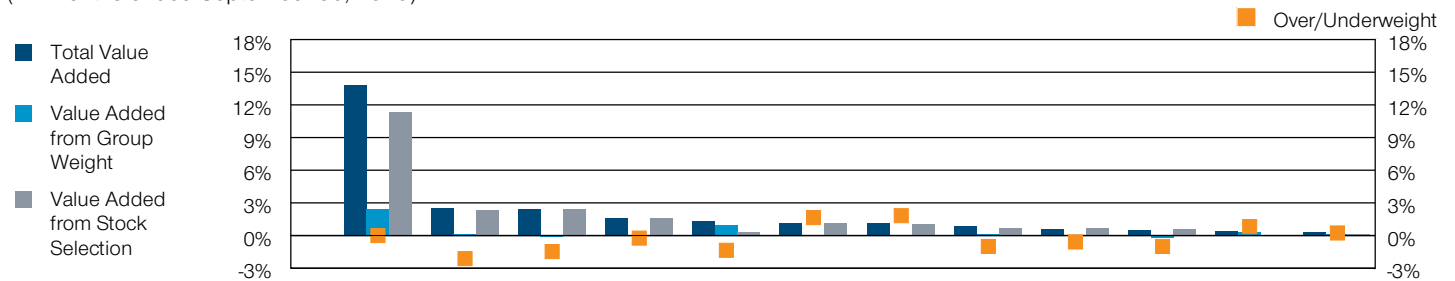
	Active Share* (as of 9/30/19)	Annualized Std. Deviation	Alpha	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	85.1%	14.19%	4.36%	0.87	0.97	1.12	0.77	3.40%
Russell 2000 Index	-	16.03	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.45	0.00

\* Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

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**SECTOR ATTRIBUTION DATA VS. RUSSELL 2000 INDEX**

(12 months ended September 30, 2019)



	Total	Health Care	Info Tech	Consumer Disc	Energy	Consumer Staples	Indust & Bus Svcs	Comm Svcs	Financials	Real Estate	Utilities	Materials
Over/Underweight	0.00%	-2.08%	-1.44%	-0.18%	-1.35%	1.65%	1.87%	-0.95%	-0.59%	-0.96%	0.85%	0.27%
Fund Performance	4.98	-8.06	26.02	4.27	-39.37	20.61	1.27	26.49	-1.17	19.41	21.81	-7.72
Index Performance	-8.89	-21.56	5.00	-10.28	-48.95	-6.09	-5.35	-19.37	-4.87	7.04	20.08	-19.13
Value Add - Group Weight	2.50	0.21	-0.08	0.06	1.01	0.05	0.10	0.17	-0.04	-0.16	0.39	0.20
Value Add - Stock Selection	11.37	2.37	2.51	1.64	0.32	1.12	1.06	0.75	0.66	0.65	0.08	0.21
Total Contribution	13.87	2.58	2.43	1.70	1.33	1.17	1.17	0.91	0.62	0.49	0.47	0.41

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**TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Comprising 10.8% of total net assets.

	<b>Industry</b>	<b>% of Fund</b>
Teledyne Technologies	Aerospace & Defense	1.3%
Brinks Company	Commercial Services & Supplies	1.1
PNM Resources	Electric Utilities	1.1
Cboe Global Markets	Capital Markets	1.1
Monro	Specialty Retail	1.0
Burlington Stores	Specialty Retail	1.0
PS Business Parks	Equity REITs	1.0
FirstService	Real Estate Mgmt & Dev	1.0
Cable One	Media	1.0
ONE Gas	Gas Utilities	1.0

Issuers are as of the date indicated and are subject to change.

**PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	<b>Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund</b>	<b>Russell 2000 Index</b>
Number of Issuers	292	1,997
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$3,352	\$2,111
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward)* ° †	23.8X	20.2X
Price to Book°	3.5X	2.4X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)* ° †	14.1%	10.4%
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges)°	11.7%	10.4%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	20.1%	5.2%
Total Assets (all share classes)	5,295,700,633	-
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	1.6%	-

°Investment Weighted Median.

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†Based on the fund's underlying holdings and is not a projection of future portfolio performance.

**SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION**

	<b>Indust &amp; Bus Svcs</b>	<b>Financials</b>	<b>Health Care</b>	<b>Info Tech</b>	<b>Cons Disc</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Cons Stpls</b>	<b>Materials</b>	<b>Energy</b>	<b>Comm Svcs</b>
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	17.9%	17.6%	14.3%	12.6%	11.4%	7.1%	5.0%	5.0%	4.1%	2.0%	1.5%
Russell 2000 Index	16.0	18.2	16.2	13.5	11.1	8.2	4.1	3.0	3.8	3.3	2.4
<b>Over/Underweight</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-0.9</b>

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