

# Mercer US Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund

as of March 31, 2025

#### **Fund Information** \$1,656,42 Million Fund Assets Turnover 46.33%

### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Average Market Cap(\$mm)	\$8,478	\$7,894
Price/Earnings	19.2	27.0
Price/Book	2.2	2.2
# of Equity Holdings	467	2,450

#### **Investment Objective & Strategy**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long-term total return, comprised primarily of capital appreciation.

The fund invests principally in equity securities (such as common stock) issued by small-to-mediumcapitalization U.S. companies. It employs a "core equity" investment strategy that seeks to meet the fund's investment objective by investing in both growth and value-oriented equity securities. Under normal circumstances, the fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes, if any) in the equity securities of small-to-medium capitalization U.S. companies. The Advisor is responsible for constructing and monitoring the asset allocation and portfolio strategies for the Funds, consistent with each Fund's investment objective, strategies, and risks.

Risk Measures					
	3 Years	5 Years			
Standard Deviation	20.73	19.83			
Information Ratio	0.54	0.33			
Tracking Error	2.71	3.19			
Alpha	1.43	1.75			
Beta	0.94	0.93			
Down Market Capture	91.61	89.39			
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-0.06

0.64

#### Style Map

Sharpe Ratio



Fund appeared as a Small Blend fund on the Morningstar Style Box<sup>TM</sup> at 03/31/2025.

#### Periodic Performance (%)

	3 Month	Year-to-Date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inception
Y3 Shares	-6.60	-6.60	-3.02	3.24	15.96	7.21	8.06
I Shares	-6.70	-6.70	-3.29	-	-	-	8.55
Russell 2500 Index	-7.50	-7.50	-3.11	1.78	14.91	7.46	8.25

#### Calendar Performance (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Y3 Shares	13.47	15.25	-16.75	24.36	15.70	29.42	-13.20	18.90	10.84	-1.96
I Shares	13.16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russell 2500 Index	12.00	17.42	-18.37	18.18	19.99	27.77	-10.00	16.81	13.00	-0.19

The performance data quoted reflects past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than return data shown herein. Performance shown is net of fees and assumes the reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions. For more information including performance current to the most recent month-end, please call 1-800-346-2510.

Sector Allocation (%)		
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Industrials	20.47	18.55
Financials	17.20	18.59
Consumer Discretionary	14.08	11.85
Health Care	14.00	11.84
Information Technology	13.37	11.12
Consumer Staples	5.71	3.70
Energy	4.11	5.38
Materials	3.88	5.56
Real Estate	2.94	7.18
Utilities	2.14	3.00
Communication Services	1.58	3.06
Other	0.53	0.17

Holdings are subject to change. Excludes Cash and Derivatives held for cash management purposes. Excludes broad market passive Funds and Derivatives.

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio
BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB HDLG	1.66
TEXAS ROADHOUSE INC	1.01
BRIGHT HORIZON FAMILY	0.90
Ascendis Pharma A/S ADR	0.88
PERMIAN RESOURCES CORP	0.80
COMFORT SYSTEMS USA INC	0.79
TAPESTRY, INC	0.75
Cyber-Ark Software Ltd/Israel	0.74
NATERA, INC.	0.71
JAZZ PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	0.70

#### **Share Class Comparison**

	Y3	1
Ticker	MSCGX	MSCQX
Portfolio Assets	\$1,640.59 Million	\$15.84 Million
Gross Expense Ratio	1.01%	1.26%
Net Expense Ratio	0.55%	0.80%
New Investors	Open	Open
Fund Inception	08/15/2005	06/27/2023

Mercer Investments LLC (the "Advisor") has contractually agreed, until at least July 31, 2025, to waive any portion of its management fee that exceeds the aggregate amount of the subadvisory fees that the Advisor is required to pay to the Fund's subadvisors.

The Gross Expense Ratio is taken from the most recent Fund Prospectus and represents the total operating expense excluding the impact of these waivers while the Net Expense Ratio includes the impact of these waivers.

A 2.00% redemption fee applies to shares owned less than 30 days.

Class Y-3 shares generally are available only to "Institutional Investors" which include, but are not limited to "Institutional Accounts" as defined under the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a prospectus that contains this and other information, please visit Mercer's website at https://www.mercer.us/what-we-do/wealth-and-investments/delegated-solutions-us.html or call 1-800-346-2510. Please carefully read the prospectus, and if available, summary prospectus, before investing.

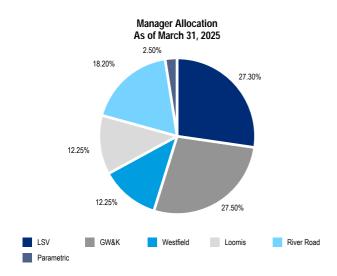


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#### **Allocation of Fund Assets**

The Advisor, on behalf of the Fund, has entered into subadvisory agreements with subadvisors to manage allocated portions of the assets of the Fund. Under the subadvisory agreements, each subadvisor is responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of a distinct portion of the Fund's portfolio, subject to the Advisor's oversight. The Fund's subadvisors are:



Manager	Role	Factor Presence	Summary
LSV Asset Management	Deep Value	Value Small size	Quantitative, deep value manager; 25% of the strategy's formula based on momentum to help avoid value traps; controlled tracking error.
GW&K Investment Management, LLC	Quality Core	Growth Quality	A bottom-up, fundamental research, core strategy that has a growth bias; strategy seeks companies with consistent, long-term earnings growth; quality focus helps protect on the downside; portfolio tends to be on the higher end of the market cap spectrum.
Westfield Capital Management Company, L.P.	Growth at a Reasonable Price	Growth	Growth-At-A-Reasonable-Price strategy that employs fundamental, bottom-up research; pursues companies with sizeable management ownership, strong financials, sufficient cash flow to fund growth internally and strong pricing power; strategy allows for retaining strong performing stocks that appreciate in market capitalization.
Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P.	Quality Growth	Growth Low Volatility Quality	Strategy is based on a "low-volatility approach to growth investing"; utilizes screening and bottom-up fundamental research to seek companies with strong growth prospects that are undervalued by the market.
River Road Asset Management, LLC	Opportunistic Value	Value Small size Quality	Strategy focuses on out-of-favor stocks with little to no analyst coverage, low beta, lower market cap; strives to invest in stocks that the team believes are currently valued at less than 80% of their intrinsic value.
Parametric Portfolio Associates LLC	Cash Overlay		Cash equitization strategy.

Allocations are as of the date listed and are subject to change. The managers identified do not represent all of the managers selected or recommended for all clients. It should not be assumed that allocation to the managers identified was or will be profitable.

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#### **Risk Factors**

The Fund employs a "core equity" investment strategy by investing in both growth stocks and value stocks. Growth stocks may be particularly sensitive to market conditions. Investing in value stocks involves the risk that an investment made in undervalued securities may not appreciate in value as anticipated or remain undervalued for long periods of time. Investments made in small and mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile and less liquid due to limited resources or product lines and more sensitive to economic factors. The Fund may invest in derivatives (such as futures, forwards, options or swaps), which may cause the Fund to experience greater volatility and less liquidity. Derivatives may be more sensitive to changes in market conditions and may amplify the risk of loss for the Fund. The Fund also invests in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) which may be affected by changes in the value of their underlying properties, changes in tax laws and other economic factors affecting the market. The Fund may experience high portfolio turnover which could result in higher transaction costs and capital gains. There are no guarantees that dividend-paying stocks will continue to pay dividends. There can be no assurance that any fund will achieve its objective.

#### **Key Terms**

The Russell 2500 Index® measures the performance of the small to mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. One cannot invest directly in an index.

Alpha - Reflects how a Fund did relative to what would be expected given the Fund's beta and the performance of its benchmark. For example, alpha of 1.4 means the Fund outperformed its estimated return by 1.4%.

Beta - The Fund's sensitivity to market changes using its benchmark as an approximation of the market, beta greater than 1 is more volatile, beta less than 1 is less volatile.

**Up Market Capture** - Ratio of average portfolio return over the benchmark during periods of positive benchmark return. Higher values indicate better product performance.

Down Market Capture - Ratio of average portfolio return over the benchmark during periods of negative benchmark return. Lower values indicate better product performance.

Standard Deviation - Typically referred to as Volatility or Risk, standard deviation measures the dispersion of actual returns around their average.

Sharpe Ratio - Reflects the reward per each unit of risk taken by a portfolio. The higher the ratio, the better the Fund's risk-adjusted return.

Tracking Error - A measure of active risk relative to the benchmark. Reflects the standard deviation of the difference between the portfolio return and benchmark return.

Information Ratio - A measure of manager skill relative to the benchmark. Reflects the difference between the portfolio return and benchmark return, adjusted for the level of risk (tracking error).

Turnover - Depending on market and other conditions, the Fund may experience high portfolio turnover, which may result in higher brokerage commissions and transaction costs and capital gains (which could increase taxes and, consequently, reduce returns).

Price/Earnings - A financial ratio calculated as current share price divided by current earnings per share. Earnings per share is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share

Price/Book - A financial ratio calculated as current share price divided by book value per share. It compares how the market values a company to the value on the company's books.

Market Capitalization - The product of the market price and the total amount of a security outstanding. This represents the total market value of the security in the hands of its investors.

Average Market Cap - The average market capitalization of a fund's equity portfolio gives you a measure of the size of the companies in which the fund invests. This is calculated by taking the geometric mean of the market capitalizations of the stocks a fund owns.

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