

## Portfolio Manager



Chris Retzler - Manager since 1/2008

### Education:

Bucknell University  
Fulbright Scholar  
Columbia Business School

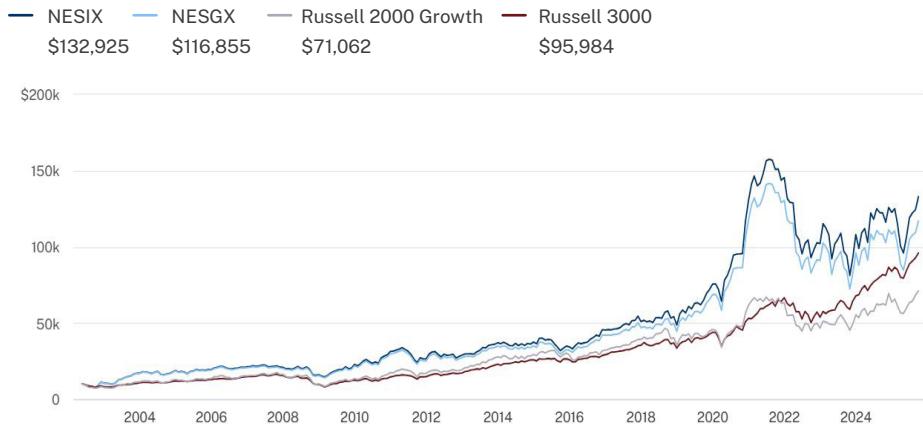
### Experience:

1994 - 2002: Merrill Lynch Investment Banking  
2002 - 2005: Winterkorn Orthopedic  
2005 - Present: Needham Investment Management, LLC

## Fund Highlights

- Seeks to create long-term capital appreciation
- Invests in domestic growth equities of smaller companies
- Expertise in sectors including technology, healthcare, energy, specialty retail, media and business and consumer services
- Sound valuation discipline of buying growth companies at a reasonable price
- Seeks to invest in companies with focused, incentivized management teams
- Seeks investments with unrecognized product or operating margin expansion opportunities
- The Fund may engage in short sales and hold cash as a strategic asset
- Invests in venture-backed post-IPO opportunities

## Growth of \$10,000 Investment as of September 30, 2025



The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the Fund since the Fund's inception. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not reflect the effect of any redemption fees. This chart does not imply any future performance.

## Risk/Reward Metrics

|                        | 3-Year  |                     | 5-Year  |                     | Since Inception |                     |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|                        | Fund    | Russell 2000 Growth | Fund    | Russell 2000 Growth | Fund            | Russell 2000 Growth |
| Annualized Return      | 12.14   | 16.68               | 6.27    | 8.41                | 11.14           | 8.85                |
| Alpha                  | (4.34)  | 0.00                | (1.40)  | 0.00                | 3.46            | 0.00                |
| Beta                   | 1.15    | 1.00                | 1.09    | 1.00                | 0.89            | 1.00                |
| Maximum Drawdown       | (29.50) | (18.91)             | (48.96) | (33.43)             | (48.96)         | (52.31)             |
| Upside Capture Ratio   | 137.46  | 100.00              | 119.65  | 100.00              | 92.17           | 100.00              |
| Downside Capture Ratio | 138.31  | 100.00              | 117.29  | 100.00              | 86.97           | 100.00              |
| Standard Deviation     | 30.07   | 21.24               | 28.89   | 22.47               | 21.92           | 20.66               |
| R-Squared              | 65.67   | 100.00              | 72.51   | 100.00              | 71.07           | 100.00              |
| Sharpe Ratio           | 0.24    | 0.55                | 0.11    | 0.24                | 0.43            | 0.35                |

Risk/Reward metrics based on the Fund's retail share class. The Fund's inception is 5/22/2002. Metrics since inception of the Fund are calculated from 5/31/2002 to 9/30/2025. Active Share is as of 9/30/2025.

## Top Ten Holdings

|                              | % of Net Assets |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| ADTRAN Holdings, Inc.        | 6.25%           |
| PDF Solutions, Inc.          | 5.85%           |
| Arteris, Inc.                | 4.54%           |
| Harmonic, Inc.               | 4.07%           |
| Aspen Aerogels, Inc.         | 3.76%           |
| Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. | 3.61%           |
| TTM Technologies, Inc.       | 3.26%           |
| Rogers Corp.                 | 3.22%           |
| Veeco Instruments, Inc.      | 3.04%           |
| PROS HOLDINGS, INC.          | 2.60%           |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>40.21%</b>   |

## Fund Statistics

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Net Assets                           | \$150 million |
| 12-month Trailing Turnover           | 52%           |
| Active Share vs. Russell 2000 Growth | 96.6%         |

## Class Statistics

|                               | Retail                  | Institutional |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Share Class                   | No-Load                 | No-Load       |
| NASDAQ Symbol                 | NESGX                   | NESIX         |
| NAV                           | \$19.93                 | \$21.37       |
| Minimum Initial Investment    | \$2,000/\$1,000 for IRA | \$100,000     |
| Minimum Subsequent Investment | \$100/No min for IRA    | None          |
| 12b-1 Fees                    | 0.25%                   | None          |
| Gross Expense Ratio           | 1.86%                   | 1.51%         |
| Net Expense Ratio*            | 1.79%                   | 1.19%         |
| Inception Date                | 5/22/2002               | 12/30/2016    |

\*Reflects a contractual agreement by the Fund's investment adviser to waive its fee and/or reimburse the Fund through April 29, 2026, to the extent the Gross Expense Ratio exceeds 1.85% and 1.18% of the average daily net assets of Retail Class Shares and Institutional Class Shares (Expense Cap), respectively. The Expense Cap excludes taxes, interest, brokerage, dividends on short positions, fees and expenses of "acquired funds," extraordinary items but includes the management fee.

## Definitions

**12-Month Trailing Turnover:** A measure of trading activity in a fund's portfolio over the past 12 months expressed as a percentage of the fund's average total assets. **Active Share:** Represents the proportion of portfolio holdings that differ from those in the benchmark index. **Alpha:** Measures the difference between the Fund's actual returns and its benchmark, given its level of risk as measured by beta. The difference is expressed as an annual percentage. **Beta:** Measures the volatility of the fund, as compared to that of the overall market. **Maximum Drawdown:** Measures the largest single drop from peak to trough in the value of a portfolio (before a new peak is achieved). **Upside Capture Ratio:** Measures a fund's performance versus a benchmark during periods where the benchmark had a positive return. **Downside Capture Ratio:** Measures a fund's performance versus a benchmark during periods where the benchmark had a negative return. **Standard Deviation:** A statistical measure of portfolio risk used to measure variability of total return around an average, over a specified period of time. The greater the standard deviation over the period, the wider the variability or range of returns and hence, the greater the fund's volatility. **R-Squared:** Measures the percentage of a fund's returns that can be explained by the returns of the benchmark. **Sharpe Ratio:** Is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate, such as that of the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns.

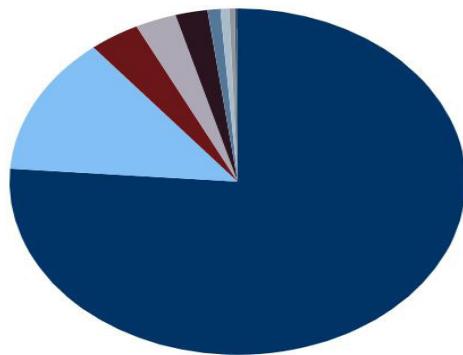
## Average Annual Returns as of September 30, 2025

|  | 3-Month | YTD    | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | Since Inception |
|--|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Needham Small Cap Growth Fund Inst Class**   | 11.59%  | 8.42%  | 8.75%  | 12.69% | 6.88%  | 15.37%  | 11.71%          |
| After Taxes on Distributions                 | 11.59%  | 8.42%  | 8.75%  | 12.31% | 3.93%  | 12.28%  | 9.77%           |
| After Taxes on Distributions & Redemptions   | 6.86%   | 4.99%  | 5.18%  | 9.83%  | 4.26%  | 11.46%  | 9.39%           |
| Needham Small Cap Growth Fund Retail Class   | 11.40%  | 7.90%  | 8.08%  | 12.14% | 6.27%  | 14.71%  | 11.10%          |
| After Taxes on Distributions                 | 11.40%  | 7.90%  | 8.08%  | 11.75% | 3.24%  | 11.57%  | 9.14%           |
| After Taxes on Distributions and Redemptions | 6.75%   | 4.68%  | 4.78%  | 9.39%  | 3.78%  | 10.88%  | 8.83%           |
| Russell 2000 Growth Index                    | 12.19%  | 11.65% | 13.56% | 16.68% | 8.41%  | 9.91%   | 8.76%           |
| Russell 3000 Index                           | 8.18%   | 14.40% | 17.41% | 24.12% | 15.74% | 14.71%  | 10.17%          |

The Needham Small Cap Growth Fund inception date is 5/22/2002. Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Figures include changes in principal value, reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions. Investment return and principal value will vary, and shares may be worth more or less at redemption than at original purchase. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit [www.needhamfunds.com](http://www.needhamfunds.com) or call 1-800-625-7071 for the most current month-end performance data.

\*\*Performance for any periods prior to the inception date of Institutional Class Shares is based on the historical performance of the Retail Class Shares adjusted to assume the expenses associated with Institutional Class Shares.

## Sector Allocation



| Sector                 | % of Net Investments*** |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Information Technology | 76.3%                   |
| Industrials            | 9.4%                    |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.4%                    |
| Materials              | 3.7%                    |
| Health Care            | 2.9%                    |
| Cash                   | 2.8%                    |
| Utilities              | 0.5%                    |
| Financials             | 0.1%                    |

\*\*\*Percentage of total investments as of 9/30/2025, which means all stocks held long plus cash minus all short positions.

## Definitions and Disclosures

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