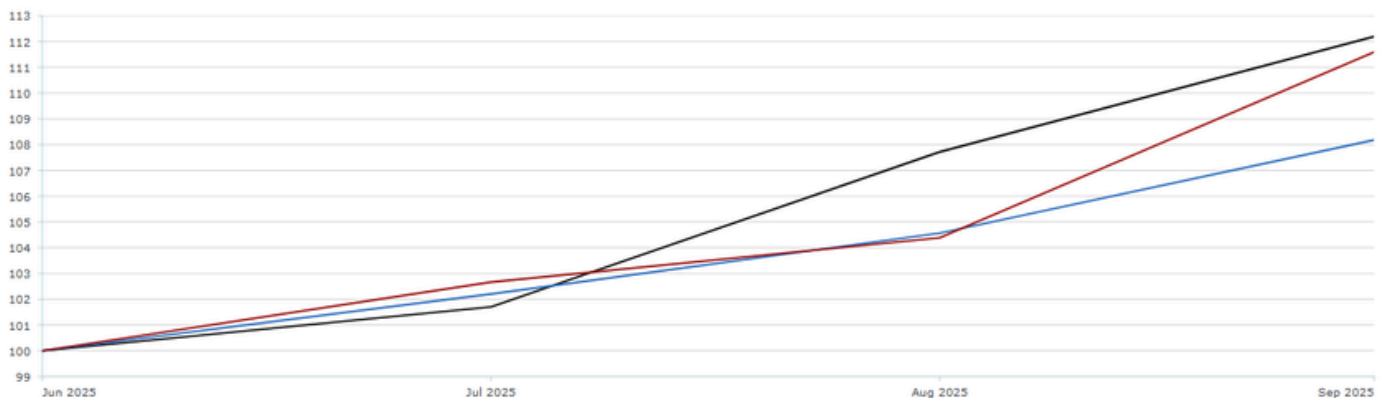


Market Review & Macro Observations

- Following the passage of the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” markets gained clarity with regard to tax policy for the foreseeable future. Company management teams, many of whom have delayed capital deployment decisions, are now able to prepare business plans with more certainty surrounding favorable tax conditions.
- Tariff clarity remains a moving target as negotiations continue with many countries. However, it seems the worst of the adjustments and headline risk was witnessed earlier in the year when the markets suffered a significant correction.
- The Federal Reserve resumed short-term interest rate cuts in September and is set to continue cutting rates over the next few quarters. The interest rate curve remains higher but healthier, as it has steepened on the long side of the curve.
- The recent shift toward deregulation is expected to unlock additional economic activity as management teams will be able to operate without previous regulations. Bank deregulation should also increase money flows and liquidity both on Main Street and Wall Street.
- M&A activity continued in Q3 as uncertainty around tariffs cooled and management teams regained confidence for long-term planning. The probability of deal closure has also increased the number and size of deal announcements.



	RETURN
Needham Small Cap Growth Institutional	11.59
Russell 3000	8.18
Russell 2000 Growth	12.19

Portfolio Performance

- The Fund's Institutional (NESIX) and Retail classes (NESGX) returned 11.59% and 11.40% respectively in the second quarter, compared to the Russell 2000 Growth's 12.19% and the Russell 3000's 8.18%.
- We believe there is significant value within the small-cap asset class after years of selling pressure and investor avoidance. Management teams continue to focus on improving cost structures and margins, accelerating revenue, and strengthening balance sheets.
- We ended the quarter with a 2.8% cash position following a significant market recovery throughout the quarter.
- The Fund's top five performers in 3Q25 were: TTM Technologies, Inc. (TTMI), PDF Solutions, Inc. (PDFS), Veeco Instruments, Inc. (VECO), nLight, Inc. (LASR) and PROS Holdings, Inc. (PROS).
- The Fund's top five detractors on 3Q25 were: Rapid7, Inc. (RAPD), Badger Meter, Inc. (BMI), Transcat, Inc. (TRNS), Bruker Corp. (BRKR) and Insight Enterprises, Inc. (NSIT).

Outlook

- With the U.S. administration's redirection of economic and social policies, we expect that economic activity could slow over 2025, until company management teams gain greater certainty about what the policies mean for their businesses. The Federal government shutdown will have near-term negative impacts on economic activity but we believe this will be temporary, and Federal budget clarity and tax policy should be a positive tailwind for companies that need greater certainty to begin investment and make operational decisions.
- Tax certainty should benefit many of our portfolio companies, as accelerated tax benefits will propel capital spending and investment over many years.
- We expect a realignment of global trade, and that many U.S.-based companies will move investment and operations away from China. One theme we hear from management teams is the phrase "country for country" or "region for region" operations that will help to alleviate tariff risk. Many U.S. companies began this process years ago, however, the transition must make economic sense and can take a long time.
- Technology remains a long-term strength of the economy, and several major secular trends persist firmly in place to support continued growth. Areas of long-term investment that we continue to like are data centers, communications infrastructure, defense, AI, cloud computing, wireless connectivity, software and security, and specialty material manufacturers. Innovation within our portfolio companies continues and long term, we believe these investments will benefit the Fund.

	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%

Average Annual Returns as of September 30, 2025. The Needham Small Cap Growth Fund inception date is May 22, 2002.

**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.

Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, and when redeemed, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be higher or lower than these results.

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