# Polen U.S. SMID Company Growth Fund

Mutual Fund - September 30, 2023

### **Investment Objective**

Our U.S. SMID Company Growth Fund seeks to achieve long-term growth of capital by building a concentrated portfolio of competitively advantaged businesses with the potential for sustainable, above-average earnings growth.

# Why Invest in Polen U.S. SMID Company Growth?

- · U.S. SMID growth fund with a strong emphasis on sustainable earnings growth
- Focus on companies with high returns on capital and double-digit total returns
- Concentrated portfolio of approximately 30 highquality growth companies
- Low portfolio turnover with long-term holding periods

#### **Product Profile**

Inception Date	04-01-2021
Fund Assets	\$14.4M
Number of Holdings	25-45
Style	Growth
Benchmark	Russell 2500 Growth

# **Experience in High Quality Growth Investing**



Rayna Lesser Hannaway, CFA Head of Team, Portfolio Manager & Analyst 27 years of experience



## Whitney Young Crawford Portfolio Manager, Director of Research & Analyst 16 years of experience

# Morningstar<sup>1</sup>



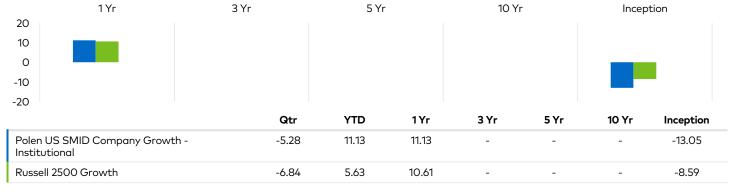




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#### Fund Performance - Institutional Shares (%) (As of 9-30-2023)



The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 1-888-678-6024. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance would have been lower without fee waivers in effect. Data shown (%) as of recent calendar quarter end. Periods over one-year are annualized. Since inception results are from 04-01-2021. Gross expense ratios as of the most recent prospectus are 1.71% for Institutional and 1.96% for Investor Shares. Polen Capital Management has contractually agreed to reduce its fees or reimburse the Fund's operating expenses in order to limit the total annual operating expenses. Total returns would be lower had such fees and expenses not been waived and/or reimbursed. This agreement will terminate on 08/31/2024, unless the Board of Trustees approves an earlier termination. Returns are presented net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income.

## **Share Class Details**

Institutional	Investor
PBMIX	PBMRX
36087T734	36087T742
04-01-2021	04-01-2021
\$100,000	\$3,000
1.05%	1.30%
1.71%	1.96%
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#### Top Ten Holdings (% of Portfolio)

Dynatrace	6.10
Goosehead Insurance	5.96
Globant	5.70
Trade Desk/The	5.27
Houlihan Lokey	5.10
Five Below	3.95
Hamilton Lane	3.95
Paycom Software	3.84
Tyler Technologies	3.49
Trex	3.45
Total	46.81

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

Weighted Average Market Cap	\$6.9B
Polen Long Term EPS Growth Estimate	20.1%
Total Debt/Total Capital	30.1%
P/E Forward (12m)	29.1x
Return on Invested Capital	10.2%
Active Share	94.0%
Annual Turnover*	56.8%

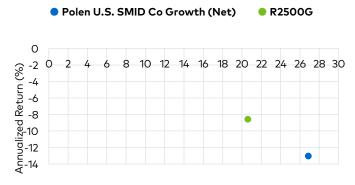
#### Portfolio Statistics\*

	US SMID Company Growth	Russell 2500 Growth
Alpha	-0.08	-
Beta	1.23	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.56	-0.52
Upside Capture	115.16%	-
Downside Capture	116.14%	-
Information Ratio	-0.45	-
Standard Deviation	26.88%	20.62%

#### GICS Sector Exposure (% of Portfolio)

Information Technology	28.23
Consumer Discretionary	25.26
Financials	19.48
Industrials	9.21
Health Care	7.50
Communication Services	7.22
Cash	3.10

## Risk & Returns (Net)\*



Annualized Standard Deviation (%)

All data as of 9-30-2023 unless otherwise noted. \*Since inception. \*In an effort to avoid distorting aggregate portfolio characteristics, the weighted average portfolio calculations exclude an individual financial ratio that has a negative denominator or an outlier value (e.g., greater than 100x or 100%, less than 0%) which we view as not representative of the ongoing underlying economics of the business, likely due to transitory issues or GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) accounting limitations. GAAP is the accounting standard adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Additional information is available upon request.



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Asset figures include discretionary as well as nondiscretionary assets.

**Active Share**: Active share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. Weighted Average Market Cap: a weighted average of the price of each security multiplied by the number of shares outstanding all the securities in the portfolio. Polen Long Term EPS Growth Estimate: a Polen Capital estimate of projected long-term earnings growth rates (Earnings Growth is not a measure of future performance). Total Debt/Total Capital: measures the total amount of outstanding company debt as a percentage of the firm's total capitalization. P/E Forward: denotes the weighted harmonic average of all the P/E's of the securities in the fund's portfolio. **Return on Invested Capital**: assesses a company's efficiency at allocating the capital and is measured by operating profit after taxes divided by investment capital. Annual Turnover: percentage of the portfolio's holdings that have been replaced in a given year. **Alpha**: is the excess return of an investment relative to the return of the benchmark. Beta: the measure of systemic risk of a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. Sharpe Ratio: a ratio of the return on an investment relative to its risk. Information Ratio: a measurement of portfolio returns relative to a given benchmark. Upside Capture: is a statistical measure of overall performance relative to a benchmark during rising markets. Downside Capture: is a statistical measure of overall performance relative to a benchmark during declining markets. Standard Deviation: measurement of the dispersion or volatility of investment returns relative to its mean or average.

**ESG Risk:** The Adviser integrates material environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into research analysis as part of a comprehensive evaluation of a company's long-term financial sustainability. The risk that the investment techniques and risk analyses applied by the investment adviser, including but not limited to the Adviser's integration of ESG factors into its research analysis, will not produce the desired results and that legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to the investment adviser and the individual portfolio manager in connection with managing the Fund. There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved.

The Russell 2500° Growth Index is a market capitalization weighted index that measures the performance of the small to mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes Russell 2500° companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The index is maintained by the FTSE Russell, a subsidiary of the London Stock Exchange Group. It is impossible to invest directly in an index. The performance of an index does not reflect any transaction costs, management fees, or taxes.

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US Equity Mid Cap Category: category portfolios invest primarily in mediumsized U.S. companies or invest in a mix or small-, mid-, and large-cap stocks. The U.S. mid-cap range for market capitalization typically falls between \$1 billion-\$8 billion and represents 20% of the total capitalization of the U.S. equity market.

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