Goal/Approach
The fund seeks capital appreciation. To pursue its goal, the fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in the stocks of small-cap companies. The fund currently considers small-cap companies to be those companies with market capitalizations that fall within the range of companies in the Russell 2000® Growth Index at the time of purchase.

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Class A 05587K659
Class C 05587K667
Class I 05587K659

Assets for the Fund
$567,848,520

Holdings
362

Dividend Frequency
Annually

Morningstar Category
Small Growth

Lipper Category
Small-Cap Growth Funds

Investment Adviser
BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc.

As of November 7, 2018, BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., the fund’s investment adviser, assumes the portfolio allocation management responsibilities from the fund’s former portfolio allocation manager (EACM Advisors LLC), for evaluating and recommending subadvisers for the fund and determining the portion of the fund’s assets to be managed by each sub adviser. BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc. also is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the performance of the subadvisers for the fund and recommending to the fund’s board whether a subadviser should be terminated.

Growth of a $10,000 Investment
A hypothetical $10,000 investment in the fund's Class A shares on 7/1/10 would have been worth $31,410 on 6/30/19.

This does not reflect the 5.75% maximum front-end sales load applicable to Class A shares which, if reflected, would have lowered performance. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for the fund’s other share classes would vary.

Historical Performance (CL.I @ NAV)

Average Annual Total Returns (6/30/19)

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<th>Share Class/Inception Date</th>
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<td>Class A (NAV) 07/01/10</td>
<td>20.47%</td>
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<td>Class A (5.75% max. load)</td>
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<td>Russell 2000® Growth Index</td>
<td>20.36%</td>
<td>2.75%</td>
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<td>14.69%</td>
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The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Share price and investment return fluctuate and an investor’s shares may be worth more or less than original cost upon redemption. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance for periods less than 1 year are not annualized. Go to im.bnymellon.com for the fund’s most recent month-end returns. The net expense ratio(s) reflect a contractual expense reduction agreement through 9/30/2019. Total Expense Ratios: Class A 1.29%, Class C 2.23%, Class I 0.99%. Not all classes of shares may be available to all investors or through all broker/dealer platforms.

Investors should consider, when deciding whether to purchase a particular class of shares, the investment amount, class restrictions, anticipated holding period and other relevant factors. Portfolio composition is as of 06/30/2019 and is subject to change at any time. Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. Source: FactSet. The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with higher growth earning potential as defined by Russell’s leading style methodology. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap growth segment. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.
### Asset Allocation

- **Common Stock; Domestic**: 91.83%
- **Common Stock; Foreign**: 4.84%
- **Short Term**: 3.21%
- **Net Cash (Liabilities)**: 0.11%

### Top Ten Holdings

1. **Strategic Education**: 1.10%
2. **Medidata Solutions**: 1.05%
3. **The Trade Desk, Cl. A**: 1.03%
4. **Simply Goods Foods Co/The**: 0.90%
5. **Bright Horizons Family Solutions**: 0.88%
6. **Wix.Com**: 0.87%
7. **Pool**: 0.87%
8. **Omnicell**: 0.86%
9. **Premier, Cl. A**: 0.85%
10. **Ligand Pharmaceuticals**: 0.82%

*The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell a security. Large concentrations can increase share price volatility.*

### Top Sectors and Industries

1. **Consumer Staples**: 22.13%
2. **Technology**: 21.42%
3. **Industrial**: 9.32%
4. **Consumer Discretionary**: 8.34%
5. **Finance**: 5.47%
6. **Telecommunication Services**: 3.69%
7. **Health Care**: 3.41%
8. **Consumer Services**: 3.20%
9. **Materials**: 2.83%
10. **Capital Goods**: 2.16%

### Portfolio Management

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Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of a mutual fund carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, or a summary prospectus, if available, that contains this and other information about a fund, contact your financial advisor or visit im.bnymellon.com. Read the prospectus carefully before investing. Investors should discuss with their advisor the eligibility requirements for Class I shares, which are available only to certain eligible investors, and the historical results achieved by the fund's respective share classes.

**Risks:**

- **Equities** are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, to varying degrees. Investing in foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities involves special risks, including changes in currency exchange rates, political, economic, and social instability, limited company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and less market liquidity. These risks generally are greater with emerging market countries.

- **Multi-manager** risk means each sub adviser makes investment decisions independently, and it is possible that the investment styles of the sub advisers may not complement one another. Consequently, the fund's exposure to a given stock, industry or investment style could be greater or smaller than if the fund had a single adviser.

- **Small and midsized company stocks** tend to be more volatile and less liquid than larger company stocks as these companies are less established and have more volatile earnings histories.

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