

Dreyfus/The Boston Company Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund

A smaller-cap diversifier with a demonstrated performance record

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Class I SDSCX ★★★★★ Class Y DBMYX ★★★★★

Morningstar Rating™ based on risk-adjusted returns as of 9/30/18 for the fund's Class I and Y shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Overall rating for the Mid-Cap Growth category. Fund ratings are out of 5 stars: Overall 5 stars Class I and 4 stars Class Y (540 funds rated); 3 Yrs. 5 stars Class I and Y (540 funds rated); 5 Yrs. 4 stars Class I and Y (483 funds rated); 10 Yrs. 5 stars Class I (342 funds rated). Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

CUSIP
Class I 26203E794
Class Y 26203E653

Assets for the Fund
\$1,952,140,956

Holdings²
96

Dividend Frequency
Annually

Morningstar Category
Mid-Cap Growth

Lipper Category
Mid-Cap Growth

THE BOSTON COMPANY
ASSET MANAGEMENT

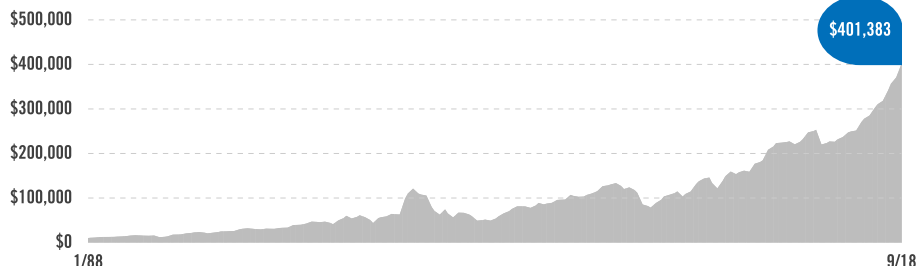
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Investment Adviser
The Dreyfus Corporation

Effective on January 31, 2018, The Boston Company Asset Management LLC (TBCAM) and Standish Mellon Asset Management Company LLC (Standish) merged into Mellon Capital Management Corporation (Mellon Capital), which immediately changed its name to BNY Mellon Asset Management North America Corporation.

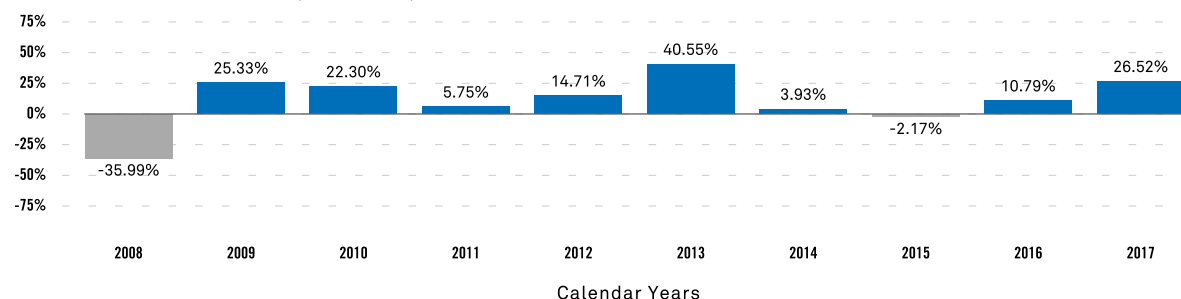
Growth of a \$10,000 Investment

A hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's Class I shares on 1/1/88 would have been worth \$401,383 on 9/30/18.



Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Performance for the fund's other share classes would vary.

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (CL.I @ NAV)³



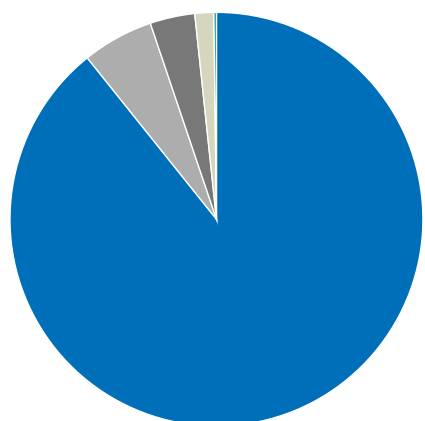
AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (9/30/18)¹

Share Class/Inception Date	YTD	3M	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR
Class I (NAV) 01/01/88	26.14%	8.28%	32.69%	22.18%	14.02%	13.65%
Class Y (NAV) 07/01/13	26.21%	8.28%	32.79%	22.31%	14.13%	13.70%
Russell 2500 Growth Index ⁴	15.78%	7.17%	23.13%	17.96%	12.88%	13.61%

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. For funds with less than 1 year's history, year-to-date and 3-month performance are not annualized. Go to dreyfus.com for the fund's most recent month-end returns. Total Expense Ratios: Class I 0.75%, Class Y 0.68%.

¹The total return performance figures for Class Y shares of the fund represent the performance of the fund's Class I shares for periods prior to 7/1/13, the inception date for Class Y shares, and the performance of Class Y from that inception date. Performance reflects the applicable class' distribution/servicing fees since the inception date. 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. ²Portfolio composition is as of 9/30/18 and is subject to change at any time. ³Performance figures may reflect reimbursements or fee waivers, without which the performance would have been lower. ⁴Source: FactSet. The Russell 2500 Growth Index measures the performance of the small- to mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 companies with higher growth earning potential as defined by Russell's leading style methodology. The Russell 2500 Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the small- to mid-cap growth market. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small- to mid-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

ASSET ALLOCATION (%)¹



Common Stock; Domestic	89.24
Common Stock; Foreign	5.57
Short Term	3.51
Mutual Funds; Domestic	1.48
Net Cash (Liabilities)	0.20

GOAL/APPROACH

The fund seeks long-term growth of capital. To pursue this goal, the fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in equity securities of small-cap and mid-cap U.S. companies. The fund currently considers small-cap and mid-cap companies to be those with total market capitalizations that are equal to or less than the total market capitalization of the largest company included in the Russell 2500™ Growth Index.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The fund's investment adviser is The Dreyfus Corporation (Dreyfus), and the fund's subadviser is BNY Mellon Asset Management North America Corporation, an affiliate of Dreyfus. The fund is managed by a team of portfolio managers. The team consists of Todd W. Wakefield, CFA, Robert C. Zeuthen, CFA and John Porter, the lead portfolio manager, positions they have held since September 2005, April 2013 and March 2017, respectively. Mr. Wakefield, is a senior managing director, senior portfolio manager and a member of the U.S. small, small/mid and mid-cap growth investment team at BNY Mellon Asset Management North America Corporation. Mr. Zeuthen is a managing director, senior equity research analyst and a member of the U.S. small, small/mid and mid-cap growth equity investment team at BNY Mellon Asset Management North America Corporation A. Mr. Porter is the head of the U.S. small, small/mid and mid-cap growth equity investment team at BNY Mellon Asset Management North America Corporation.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS¹

Twilio	4.61%
HubSpot	2.93%
Square	2.87%
Planet Fitness	2.78%
Splunk	2.34%
Lululemon Athletica	2.33%
LogMeIn	2.22%
ABIOMED	2.13%
DexCom	2.02%
2U	1.95%

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

TOP SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES¹

Information Technology	37.74%
Health Care	20.09%
Industrials	14.89%
Consumer Discretionary	12.20%
Energy	4.46%
Financials	3.94%
Materials	3.79%
Communication Services	2.90%

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*Source: Morningstar. The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating," is calculated for managed products with at least a 3-year history. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance (not including the effects of sales charges, loads and redemption fees if applicable), placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Managed products, including open-end mutual funds, closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds, are considered a single population for comparative purposes. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. ©2018 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The fund represents a single portfolio with multiple share classes that have different expense structures. Other share classes may have achieved different results.

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Risks

Equities are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, to varying degrees. **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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