

# The North Star Small Cap Fund



**NORTH STAR**  
Investment Management

The North Star Small Cap Value Fund invests primarily in common stocks of small capitalization companies that the Advisor believes have the potential for capital appreciation.

## FUND STRATEGY

Small Cap Value

## OBJECTIVE

The North Star Small Cap Value Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. The Fund seeks to achieve its objective of capital appreciation by investing in small-cap companies, defined as companies with market capitalization under \$2.5 billion.

## WHY INVEST?

We look for situations that may be undiscovered by most investors due to their lack of size, liquidity, research coverage, or intrigue. We focus our research on companies that have the potential to generate a high level of free cash flow and that we believe have strong or improving balance sheets.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

- Eric C. Kuby since 2022
- Peter Gottlieb since 2022

## ADVISOR

North Star Investment Management Corporation is a Chicago based investment management firm servicing individual investors and pooled accounts since 2003. The firm currently manages approximately \$2.1 billion in client assets and has equity, fixed income, balanced and specialty strategies.

Class I Symbol  
**WSCVX**

Strategy  
**Small Cap Value**

Assets  
**\$30.8M**

Sales Charge  
**No Load**

Holdings  
**35**

Dividend Objective  
**Monthly**

Inception: Investor Class  
**2.01.08**  
Institutional Class  
**12.31.18**

Median Market Cap.  
**\$1.5B**

## CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS

Unaudited (net of fees) 09.30.2024

|                            | YTD 2024 | 2023   | 2022    | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| WSCVX (Investor Class)     | 10.72%   | 11.28% | -10.18% | 36.99% | -0.11% | 20.69% |
| Morningstar Small Value TR | 8.83%    | 14.58% | -6.60%  | 31.79% | 1.01%  | 19.96% |

## ANNUALIZED RETURNS OF FUND

Unaudited (net of fees) 09.30.2024

|                            | 1-Year | 3-Year | 5-Year | 10-Year | Inception |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|
| WSCVX (Investor Class)     | 21.95% | 6.09%  | 10.49% | 7.21%   | 10.46%    |
| Morningstar Small Value TR | 25.58% | 6.98%  | 10.93% | 7.96%   | 8.81%     |

\*The MS Small Value TR Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe.

Past performance or ranking is not indicative of future results. There is no assurance dividends will be paid. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Investment value will fluctuate, and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Performance quoted is past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Please review the fund's prospectus for more information regarding the fund's fees and expenses. Current performance may be lower or higher. For performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call toll-free 855-580-0900.

## FUND DETAILS

- **Minimum Investment:**
  - \$100,000 Initial Institutional Class (WFICX)
  - \$2,500 Initial Investor Class (WSCVX)
- **Expense Ratio:**
  - 1.73% Institutional Class (WFICX)
  - 1.88% Investor Class (WSCVX)
- **Category:** Small Cap Value

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TOP HOLDINGS

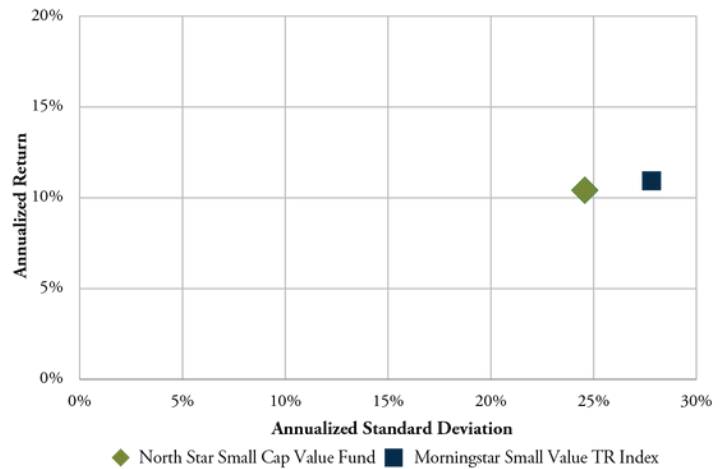
| Company                        | Fund         |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Comfort Systems USA Inc.(FIX)  | 4.9%         |
| OSI Systems Inc.(OSIS)         | 4.4%         |
| AZZ Inc.(AZZ)                  | 4.4%         |
| Champion Homes Inc.(SKY)       | 4.3%         |
| VSE Corporation(VSEC)          | 4.1%         |
| Blue Bird Corporation(BLBD)    | 4.0%         |
| Hackett Group Inc. (The)(HCKT) | 3.5%         |
| Boot Barn Holdings Inc.(BOOT)  | 3.2%         |
| Alamo Group Inc.(ALG)          | 3.1%         |
| Liquidity Services Inc.(LQDT)  | 2.9%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>38.9%</b> |

\*The Fund's holdings are subject to change and should not be considered investment advice.

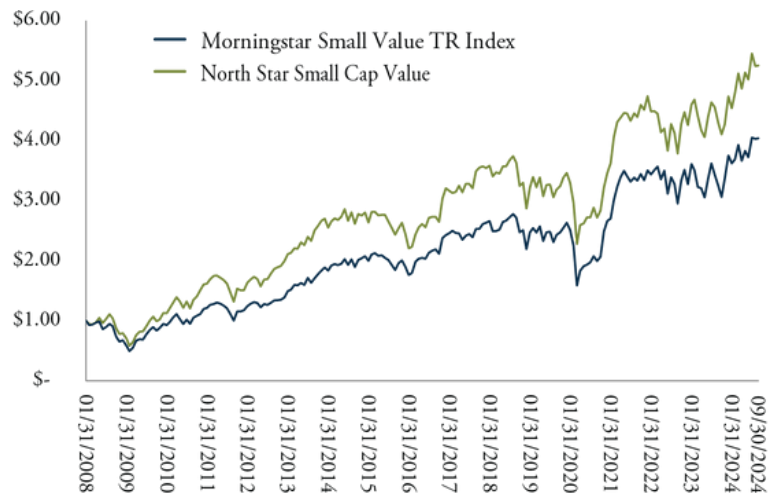
SECTOR WEIGHTINGS

| Economic Sector        | Fund          |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Industrials            | 35.2%         |
| Consumer Discretionary | 19.9%         |
| Cash                   | 12.7%         |
| Financials             | 11.6%         |
| Energy                 | 8.8%          |
| REIT                   | 5.1%          |
| Utilities              | 2.3%          |
| Technology             | 2.2%          |
| Materials              | 1.2%          |
| Health Care            | 1.1%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>100.0%</b> |

RISK AND RETURN—10YR



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Mutual Funds have investment risks including loss of principal. There is no guarantee the fund will meet its objective. In general, the price of a fixed income security falls when interest rates rise. There is a risk that issuers and counterparties will not make payments on securities and other investments held by the Fund, resulting in losses to the Fund. The Fund may invest in high yield securities, also known as “junk bonds.” High yield securities provide greater income and opportunity for gain, but entail greater risk of loss of principal. Foreign common stocks and currency strategies will subject the Fund to currency trading risks that include market risk, credit risk and country risk. Municipal securities are subject to credit risk where a municipal security might not make interest and principal payments as they come due. The Advisor follows an investing style that favors value investments. At times when the value investing style is out of favor, the Fund may underperform other funds that use different investing styles. Investments in lesser-known, small and medium capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. As with any investment, there are risks associated with REITs. Investments in lesser-known, small and medium capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. The Advisor does not attempt to keep the portfolio structure or fund performance consistent with any market index. Increased portfolio turnover may result in higher brokerage commissions, and other transaction costs may result in taxable capital gains. Investors cannot directly invest in an index; unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

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