

# INSTITUTIONALLY MANAGED FUNDS

UPDATE AS OF  
12/31/23

## SARATOGA MID CAPITALIZATION FUND



### FUND OBJECTIVE

The Saratoga Mid Capitalization Portfolio seeks long-term capital appreciation.

### FUND ADVANTAGES

Fund management is "style consistent" so the Fund can be used effectively in asset allocation strategies.

Simplifies investing in the mid-cap sector by eliminating the need to choose individual stocks.

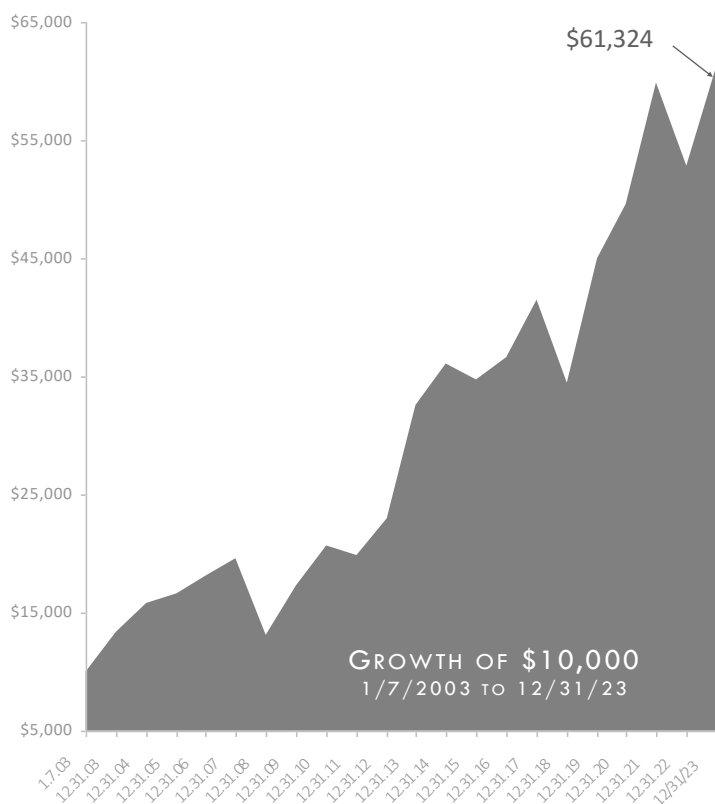
Provides investors with access to professional money management.

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE (CLASS I)

Average Annualized Investment  
Performance<sup>1</sup> (Periods ending 12/31/23)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Life of Fund (since 1/7/03)
Saratoga Mid Cap Fund	16.05%	12.16%	6.55%	9.02%

#### How The Fund Has Performed Over Time

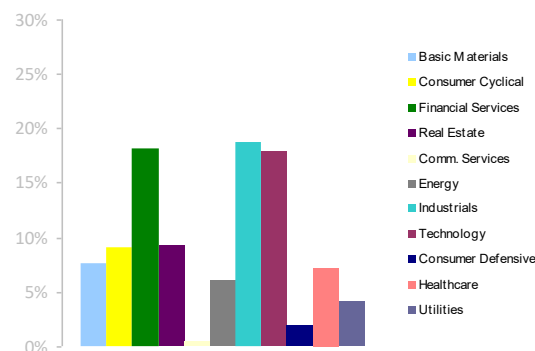


Calendar Year	Total Returns <sup>1</sup>
2023	16.05%
2022	-11.60%
2021	20.42%
2020	10.22%
2019	30.38%
2018	-16.72%
2017	13.31%
2016	5.32%
2015	-3.68%
2014	10.92%
2013	41.71%
2012	15.35%
2011	-3.89%
2010	19.69%
2009	31.35%
2008	-32.84%
2007	8.14%
2006	9.68%
2005	4.46%
2004	18.29%
1/7/03-12/31/03	33.57%

### FUND FACTS as of 11/30/23

Fund Symbol	SMIPX
Total Net Assets (\$million) as of 12/31/23	\$11.39
Number of Holdings	67
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$Billion)	\$14.839
P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 Months) <sup>2</sup>	18.0
P/B Ratio (Trailing 12 Months) <sup>2</sup>	3.0
EPS Growth (trailing 3 year) <sup>3</sup>	23.29%
Inception Date	1/7/2003
Dividends Frequency	Annual
Capital Gains Frequency	Annual

### SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION as of 11/30/23



### TOP HOLDINGS<sup>4</sup> as of 11/30/23

<b>AutoZone Inc</b> a retail company	4.44%
<b>Cencora Inc.</b> a pharmaceutical company	3.93%
<b>EastGroup Properties Inc</b> a real estate investment company	3.67%
<b>Diamondback Energy Inc.</b> a petroleum company	3.08%
<b>CACI International Inc Class A</b> an information technology company	2.82%
<b>Total Top Holdings</b>	<b>17.94%</b>

The performance noted above is net of (after) the Portfolio's expense ratio, which is before excluding acquired fund fees and expenses: 1.70%, after excluding acquired fund fees and expenses: 1.69%. Performance is historical; past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. 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. Fund's management has voluntarily waived or is currently waiving a portion of its management fees. Performance shown reflects the waivers, without which performance would have been lower. For performance numbers current to the most recent month-end please call (800) 807-FUND.

# VAUGHAN NELSON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Assets Under Management: \$16.4 billion

Typical Minimum Account Size: \$1 million

Founded in 1970, Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, L.P. is a Houston-based investment counseling firm staffed by experienced, research-oriented investment professionals. The firm's sole investment focus is managing equity and fixed income portfolios. Vaughan Nelson sub advises mutual funds and provides investment services to foundations, endowments, institutions, corporate pension funds, and families/individuals. Vaughan Nelson was acquired in 1996 by IXIS Asset Management US Group. Vaughan Nelson provides investment management services autonomously with their own research, investment teams and trading.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Vaughan Nelson's Mid Cap philosophy looks for temporary information and liquidity inefficiencies in the mid cap universe; therefore, providing opportunities to invest in companies at valuations materially below their long-term intrinsic value. The firm believes fundamental research, investment focus, broad perspective, and a team environment all contribute to its ability to try to deliver consistent performance. The most important aspect to its investment philosophy is research and new idea generation. Vaughan Nelson's teams are staffed by experienced, motivated individuals whose compensation is tied to long-term performance. Vaughan Nelson utilizes a disciplined valuation methodology combined with fundamental research to take advantage of the inefficiencies inherent in the mid cap universe.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

During the fourth quarter, equity markets, and mid caps in particular, rallied. Improving supply chains, rising employment participation rates, and the lagging influence of stabilized home prices and rental inflation continue to promote disinflationary conditions. Declining inflationary pressures, combined with stable economic growth, helped produce a material improvement in financial conditions as the market discounted future Fed rate cuts without any corresponding decrease in earnings expectations or economic weakness. The resulting decline in interest rates supported a powerful fourth quarter rally in equity and fixed income markets. As we enter 2024, we expect modest economic weakness in the first half of 2024 followed by economic stability and an improvement in growth heading into the 2024 election cycle. We believe inflationary pressures will likely remain above the Federal Reserve's 2% target, and, with the recent dramatic easing in financial conditions, inflation may begin increasing in the fourth quarter of 2024. Should inflation expectations begin firming, we would expect some modest downward pressure on equity valuations.

The Saratoga Mid Cap Portfolio posted strong absolute and relative performance during the period. As a result of buys and sells and market action, the portfolio is overweight Financials, Materials, Industrials, Information Technology, and Energy while underweight Utilities, Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, Health Care, Consumer Staples, and Real Estate. Positive relative performance was widespread across the portfolio's underlying sectors, with outperformance from Financials, Health Care, Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Materials, Utilities, Real Estate, Information Technology, Consumer Staples, Communication Services, and Energy only mildly offset by underperformance from a small cash position.

## IMPORTANT RISK INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE

Mutual Funds involve risk, including possible loss of principal. The Portfolio's investments in convertible securities subject the Portfolio to the risks associated with both fixed-income securities and common stocks. The Portfolio may invest in warrants. Such investments can provide a greater potential for profit or loss than an equivalent investment in the underlying security. Investments in lesser-known, small and medium capitalization companies may be more vulnerable than larger, more established organizations. Investments in foreign securities could subject the Fund to greater risks, including currency fluctuation, economic conditions, and different governmental and accounting standards.

**Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Saratoga Funds. This and other information about the Saratoga Funds is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained by calling (800) 807-FUND and should be read carefully before investing.**

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## REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS<sup>5</sup>

- ◇ Texas Medical Association
- ◇ University of Dallas
- ◇ Florida State Board of Administration
- ◇ Baxter International
- ◇ Hess Corporation

1. Total Return for all periods less than one year is an aggregate number (not annualized) and is based on the change in net asset value plus the reinvestment of all income dividends and capital gains distributions. Performance shown for Class I shares (please see a prospectus for information about other share classes).
2. Price/Earnings and Price/Book (P/E and P/B Ratios) are the ratios of the price of a stock to the firm's per-share earnings and a firm's book value, respectively.
3. The Earnings (EPS) Growth Rate is an average of the three-year trailing annualized earnings growth record of the stocks in the portfolio. EPS Growth Rate refers to the underlying holdings of the Fund and is not a forecast of the Fund's performance.
4. Top holdings are shown as a % of total net assets. Information about the Fund's holdings should not be considered investment advice. There is no guarantee that the Fund will continue to hold any one particular security or stay invested in one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.
5. The inclusion of representative client names, although approved by the clients, does not constitute a recommendation of the manager's services. Saratoga Capital Management, LLC has selected specific representative clients from the manager's client list based on their universal name recognition and not all accounts are managed according to the investment style of the Fund. The representative client's experience may not be representative of the experience of other clients and is not indicative of future performance or success.