

# Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Series CIT



4th Quarter 2023 As of December 31, 2023

Share Class	Ticker Symbol	Fees
R1	AWSAAX	75 bps
R2	AWSABX	65 bps

## Investment Strategy

Invests in a focused portfolio of approximately 50 holdings of primarily small and mid cap companies identified through our fundamental research as demonstrating promising growth potential. Seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Portfolio Management



**H. George Dai, Ph.D.**  
Chief Investment Officer, Senior Portfolio Manager  
Weatherbie Capital, LLC  
24 Years Investment Experience



**Joshua D. Bennett, CFA**  
Chief Operating Officer, Senior Portfolio Manager  
Weatherbie Capital, LLC  
23 Years Investment Experience



**Edward M.B. Minn, CFA**  
Senior Managing Director, Portfolio Manager  
Weatherbie Capital, LLC  
18 Years Investment Experience

## Strategy Overview

Inception Date	06/11/2021
Strategy Assets <sup>†</sup>	\$2.4 billion
Equity Holdings	50
Style	Smaller Cap Companies
Geographic Focus	Primarily U.S.
Driver of Expected Returns	Stock Selection
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Growth

## Our Philosophy

We believe “Weatherbie Growth Stocks” offer the best investment opportunities for our clients. Our competitive edge is identifying companies experiencing high growth in the most dynamic areas of the market.

We think of growth in two ways: Foundation Growth Stocks in the “sweet spot” of their life cycle, and Opportunity Growth Stocks early in their life cycle or experiencing a resurgence.

- **Foundation Growth Stocks**
  - High growth companies with enduring competitive advantages
  - Proven track records by experienced management teams
  - Comprises at least two-thirds of the portfolio
- **Opportunity Growth Stocks**
  - Younger companies with promising potential for growth
  - High growth companies with temporarily depressed earnings and we believe eminent change will reaccelerate earnings growth

## Process

<b>NEW IDEAS</b>	We look for Weatherbie Growth Companies with innovative business models across the most dynamic areas of the market. We look for high growth Foundation and Opportunity stocks.
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Fundamental, bottom-up research incorporates detailed financial analysis and field research as the team proactively looks for new investment ideas. The Weatherbie Way of investing drives stock selection.
<b>DIALOGUE</b>	The Research Meeting is a critical step when evaluating new ideas. An engaging and in-depth dialogue among the team members results in a thorough evaluation of each new stock idea. The end result is the team’s “best ideas,” creating <i>The Weatherbie 50</i> .
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	Each Portfolio Manager constructs a discrete tranche of the strategy. They may only select stocks from <i>The Weatherbie 50</i> . This is a focused, high-conviction portfolio of “best ideas” constructed at optimal weights.
<b>MONITORING</b>	The team engages in an ongoing dialogue and analysis of the portfolio holdings. We believe risk is mitigated by depth of research and the resulting understanding of a company’s specific business risks, and opportunities. We are long-term investors.

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## Average Annual Total Returns (%) (as of 12/31/23)

	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
Class R1 (Incepted 1/3/22)	11.74	11.74	11.74	-16.10
Russell 2000 Growth Index	12.75	18.66	18.66	-7.09

Performance shown is net of fees and expenses.

The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is not an indication or a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor’s value, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted.

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

<sup>†</sup> Includes strategy assets which are not shown in the associated composite.



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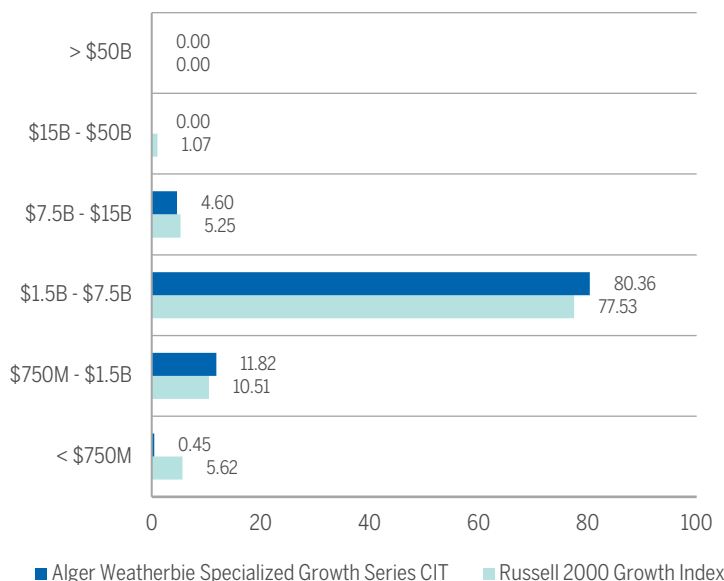
**Characteristics** (as of 12/31/23)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Series CIT	Russell 2000 Growth Index
Equity Holdings	50	1073
Active Share (%)	94.80	—
Market Cap (Median-\$Bn)	\$2.77	\$1.28
Market Cap (Wtd Average-\$Bn)	\$4.32	\$3.86
P/E Ratio	40.82	19.87
Sales Growth (Next 12 Months) (%)	11.28	7.67
EPS Growth (3-5 Yr Forecasted) (%)	18.00	14.00

**Top 10 Holdings (%)** (as of 12/31/23)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Series CIT	Russell 2000 Growth Index	Active Weight
Progny, Inc.	5.60	0.24	5.36
SPS Commerce, Inc.	5.43	0.58	4.85
FirstService Corp	5.34	—	5.34
Glaukos Corp	5.20	0.31	4.89
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc.	5.14	0.31	4.84
Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Class A	4.92	0.39	4.53
Vertex, Inc. Class A	4.90	—	4.90
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	4.37	—	4.37
Transcat, Inc.	3.98	0.07	3.91
Hamilton Lane Incorporated Class A	3.86	0.20	3.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.73</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>46.64</b>

**Market Capitalization (%)** (as of 12/31/23)



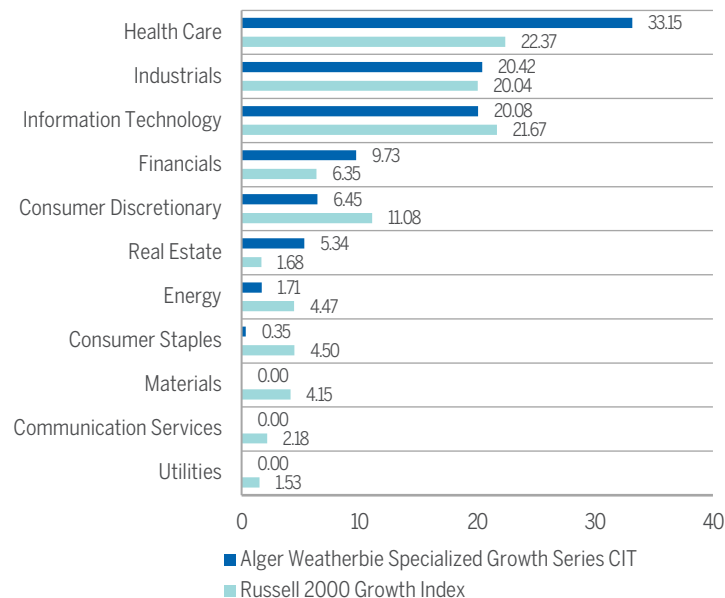
**Top Contributors & Detractors** (for QTR ended 12/31/23)

Contributors	Detractors
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Flywire Corp.
Impinj, Inc.	Core Laboratories Inc.
Vertex, Inc. Class A	Dril-Quip, Inc.
Hamilton Lane Incorporated Class A	SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.
Natera, Inc.	InMode Ltd.

**Top 10 Active Holdings (%)** (as of 10/31/23)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Series CIT	Russell 2000 Growth Index	Active Weight
Vertex, Inc. Class A	6.12	—	6.12
FirstService Corp	5.89	—	5.89
Progny, Inc.	5.62	0.24	5.39
Glaukos Corp	5.67	0.32	5.36
Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Class A	5.61	0.42	5.19
Flywire Corp.	5.43	0.26	5.18
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	4.84	—	4.84
SPS Commerce, Inc.	5.18	0.58	4.59
StepStone Group, Inc. Class A	4.48	0.15	4.32
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc.	4.35	0.27	4.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.19</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>50.95</b>

**Sector Allocation (%)** (as of 12/31/23)



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**Contribution to Return (“CTR”) and Attribution Analysis (%)** (for the 1-Year Period ended December 31, 2023)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Series CIT			Russell 2000 Growth		Attribution Analysis	
	Average Weight	CTR (Gross)	CTR (Net)	Average Weight	CTR	Total Effect (Gross)	Total Effect (Net)
<b>Information Technology</b>	18.90	6.61	6.33	19.55	5.35	0.98	0.71
<b>Real Estate</b>	5.84	1.89	1.87	1.86	0.29	0.95	0.93
<b>Utilities</b>	-	-	-	1.65	-0.01	0.37	0.37
<b>Materials</b>	-	-	-	4.43	0.52	0.33	0.33
<b>Financials</b>	12.05	1.00	0.86	6.45	1.16	0.21	0.06
<b>Energy</b>	4.26	-0.26	-0.29	5.45	-0.01	0.03	-0.01
<b>Communication Services</b>	0.11	-0.08	-0.10	2.22	0.43	-0.10	-0.12
<b>Consumer Staples</b>	0.17	-0.09	-0.10	4.51	1.21	-0.43	-0.45
<b>Health Care</b>	25.92	2.79	2.50	22.05	2.61	-0.47	-0.77
<b>Industrials</b>	20.39	3.46	3.26	19.69	4.58	-1.78	-1.98
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	8.03	-2.78	-2.96	11.14	2.31	-5.19	-5.37

**Portfolio Exposure (%)** (as of 12/31/23)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Series CIT
Equity Holdings	97.23
Cash	2.77

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R1 - available to plans with an initial investment of less than \$10 million after September 30, 2021. R2 - available to plans with an initial investment of \$10 million after September 30, 2021.

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