

# Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Fund

MEATHERBIE CAPITAL

# 1st Quarter 2025 As of March 31, 2025

#### **Sub-Advisor**

Weatherbie Capital, LLC

#### **Ticker Symbols**

Class A ALMAX
Class C ALMCX
Class I ASIMX
Class Y ASYMX
Class Z ASMZX

## **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, Portfolio Manager, Senior Analyst Weatherbie Capital, LLC 26 Years Investment Experience



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Director of Research,
Portfolio Manager, Senior
Analyst
Weatherbie Capital, LLC
25 Years Investment Experience

# Benchmark

# Russell 2500 Growth

# Morningstar

Category: Small Growth

Morningstar Style
Box™ reveals a fund's
investment strategy by
showing its investment style
and market capitalization
based on the portfolio
holdings.
As of 1/31/2025



#### WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1964, Alger is recognized as a pioneer of growth-style investment management. Privately-owned and headquartered in New York City, Alger can help "Unlock Your Growth Potential" through a suite of growth equity separate accounts, mutual funds, ETFs, and privately offered investment vehicles. Alger's investment philosophy, discovering companies undergoing Positive Dynamic Change, has been in place for over 60 years.

#### **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 cycles and Opportunity Growth Stocks that are early in their life cycles or experiencing a growth resurgence.

#### **INVESTING IN WEATHERBIE GROWTH STOCKS**

#### **Foundation Growth Stocks**

- Companies with enduring competitive advantages and realizing rapid growth
- Proven track records by experienced management teams
- Comprise at least two-thirds of the portfolio

# **Opportunity Growth Stocks**

- Younger companies with promising growth potential
- High-growth companies with temporarily depressed earnings and experiencing change that we believe will accelerate earnings growth



#### **PROCESS**

**NEW IDEAS** 

Iook for high-growth Foundation and Opportunity stocks.

ANALYSIS

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.

DIALOGUE

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 The Weatherbie 50.

CONSTRUCTION

Each portfolio manager is responsible for a discrete tranche of the strategy. They may only select stocks from The Weatherbie 50. This is a focused, high-conviction portfolio of "best ideas" constructed at

optimal weights.

We look for Weatherbie Growth companies with innovative

business models across the most dynamic areas of the market. We

MONITORING

The team engages in an ongoing dialogue and analysis of 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.



#### 1st Quarter 2025

#### Average Annual Total Returns (%) (as of 3/31/25)

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Performance shown is net of fees and expenses.
Fred Alger Management, LLC has contractually agreed to waive and/or reimburse Fund expenses (excluding custody fees, acquired fund fees and expenses, dividend expense on short sales, net borrowing costs, interest, taxes, brokerage expenses, fees in connection with ReFlow Fund, LLC liquidity program, extraordinary expenses, and certain proxy expenses to the extent applicable) through October 31, 2026 to the extent necessary to limit the other expenses and any other applicable share class-specific expenses of Class Y to 0.07% of the class's average daily net assets. This expense reimbursement may only be amended or terminated prior to its expiration date by agreement between Fred Alger Management, LLC and the Fund's Board of Trustees, and will terminate automatically in the event of termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement. Fred Alger Management, LLC may recoup any fees waived or expenses reimbursed pursuant to the contract; however, the Fund will only make repayments to Fred Alger Management, LLC if such repayment does not cause the Fund's expense cap. Such recoupment is limited to two years from the date the amount is initially waived or reimbursed.

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

Prior to September 30, 2019, the Fund's name was "Alger SMid Cap Focus Fund." Prior to August 30, 2017, the Fund followed different investment strategies under the name "Alger SMid Cap Growth Fund" and before March 1, 2017 was managed by different portfolio managers.

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#### Calendar Year Returns (%) (as of 12/31/24)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund (Class A)	13.78	11.22	-38.11	5.57	56.80	39.17	-4.17	37.88	3.52	-2.11
Morningstar Small Growth Category Average	14.98	16.68	-27.77	11.89	38.62	27.68	-5.76	21.50	11.20	-2.41
Russell 2500 Growth Index	13.90	18.93	-26.21	5.04	40.47	32.65	-7.47	24.46	9.73	-0.19



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#### Characteristics (as of 3/31/25)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Fund	Russell 2500 Growth Index
Equity Holdings	49	1289
Active Share (%)	93.59	_
Market Cap (Median-\$Bn)	\$3.05	\$1.31
Market Cap (Wtd Average-\$Bn)	\$5.22	\$6.98
P/E Ratio	32.57	19.68
Sales Growth (Next 12 Months) (%)	13.17	9.54
EPS Growth (3-5 Yr Forecasted) (%)	11.93	12.00

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Fund	Russell 2500 Growth Index
Alpha (%)	-5.11	_
Beta	1.10	1.00
Standard Deviation (%)	25.61	22.48
Sharpe Ratio	0.25	0.47
Information Ratio	-0.68	_
Upside Capture (%)	101.30	_
Downside Capture (%)	119.65	_

Risk Metrics (5 Years as of 3/31/25 for Class A)

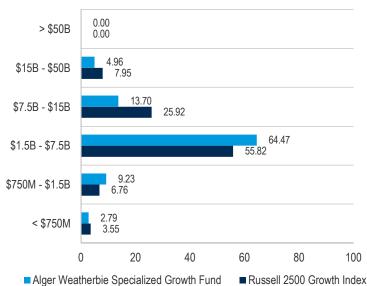
## **Top Holdings (%)** (as of 3/31/25)

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	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Fund	Russell 2500 Growth Index	Active Weight
FirstService Corp	5.97	_	5.97
Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Class A	5.96	0.37	5.60
Natera, Inc.	4.96	0.86	4.10
Hamilton Lane Incorporated Class A	4.95	0.31	4.64
StepStone Group, Inc. Class A	4.81	0.18	4.63
Upstart Holdings, Inc.	4.15	0.19	3.95
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings Inc	4.00	_	4.00
SPS Commerce, Inc.	3.42	0.26	3.16
ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc.	3.34	0.10	3.23
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	3.19	0.11	3.08
Total	44.74	2.38	42.36

# Portfolio Exposure (%) (as of 3/31/25)

	Alger Weatherbie Specialized Growth Fund				
<b>Equity Holdings</b>	95.22				
Cash	4.78				

# Market Capitalization (%) (as of 3/31/25)



# Sector Allocation (%) (as of 3/31/25)



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