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David Alger

Fund: Spectra

Category: Large-company growth

Tenure: 13 years. Managing money since: 1968

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Minimum investment: \$1,000; \$250 IRA

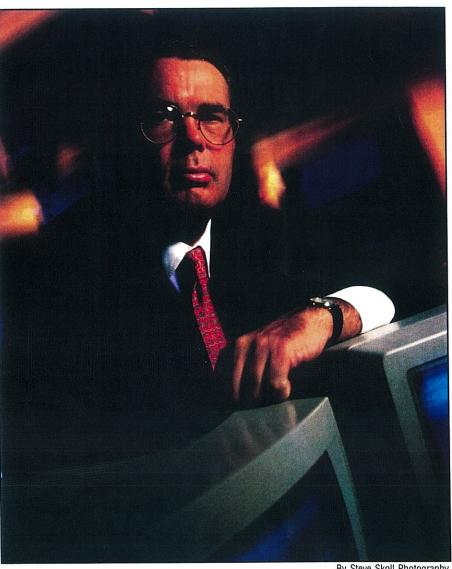
Assets: \$452 million Expense ratio: 1.90%

Five largest holdings: America Online, Microsoft, Yahoo, eBay, Sun Microsystems Largest industry holding: Technology, 58%

Performace Through 12/23/99

| Time period | Total return | Category rank/number of funds |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10 years | 919% | 2/51 |
| 5 years | 461% | 5/143 |
| 3 years | 206% | 7/207 |
| 1999 | 68.6% | 13/352 |

Manager David Alger looks for stocks of companies whose earnings can grow 35% or more a year - and he doesn't worry about paying up for those with promise or dumping those that disappoint. His highgrowth, high-turnover (and high-risk) approach has paid off in Spectra.



By Steve Skoll Photography

Fund Managers decade

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4.17% America Online Inc. 3.24% eBay Inc. 4.47% Microsoft Corporation 2.33% SunMicrosystems Inc. Yahoo Inc. 6.56.%

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