



# FullerThaler Behavioral Small-Cap Growth Fund



Morningstar Rating as of 6/30/24 in the US Fund Small Growth Category: Overall: 5 stars; Three-year rating: 5 stars, 548 funds; Five-year rating: 5 stars, 518 funds based on risk-adjusted returns.

"The crazy thing is thinking humans always act logically."

**- Dr. Richard Thaler**  
Principal FullerThaler  
2017 Nobel Prize® Winner

*The Big Short (2015)*<sup>1</sup>

## Investment Objective

U.S. small-cap growth mutual fund seeks long-term capital appreciation with similar risk levels and characteristics to its benchmark, the Russell 2000® Growth Index.

Looks for companies with:

- large earnings surprises (under-reaction)

Invests in domestic stocks with market capitalization similar to those included in the Russell 2000® Index.

## Under-reaction

...to new, positive information



In our **under-reaction** strategy we look for situations where investors may under-react to good news (e.g., not pay attention).

## Investment Process

Using principles of behavioral finance, the FullerThaler Behavioral Small-Cap Growth Fund capitalizes on the market's **under-reaction** to positive information regarding a company's earnings and draws from FullerThaler's over 30 years of experience in analyzing events that suggest investor misbehavior.

If the behaviors are present, FullerThaler then proceeds to its fundamental analysis of the company. In summary, if an investor mistake is likely, and the company has solid fundamentals, the fund buys the stock.

**Since 1993**

100% employee-controlled

	A	C	INVESTOR	INSTITUTIONAL	R6
Inception Date	12/19/2018	12/19/2018	12/21/2017	12/21/2017	12/21/2017
Ticker Symbol	FTXAX	FTXCX	FTXNX	FTXSX	FTXFX
CUSIP	14064D683	14064D675	14064D790	14064D782	14064D774
Minimum Initial Investment	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
12b-1 Fee	0.25%	1.00%	0.25%	None	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases as % of offering price	5.75%	1.00%	None	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Redemptions as % of sale price	1.00%	1.00%	None	None	None
Investor Type Restrictions	None	None	None	None	Generally restricted to investors whose custodians and/or record keepers do not require payments
Gross Expense Ratio (Prospectus)	1.39%	2.00%	1.42%	1.12%	0.98%
Net Expense Ratio (Prospectus)	1.30%	1.80%	1.25%	0.96%	0.86%

## Portfolio Management

### Fred Stanske, CFA

Partner | Lead Portfolio Manager

Mr. Stanske has been the Lead Portfolio Manager for the Behavioral Small-Cap Growth strategy at FullerThaler since 1996. He has been in the financial industry since 1987. Prior to joining the firm, he spent over ten years as an analyst and portfolio manager at Farmers Insurance Group and then at Fisher Investments. Earlier in his career, Mr. Stanske worked in the corporate sector as an analyst.

He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Society of San Francisco. He received his BS from the University of Denver and his MBA from the University of Chicago. Mr. Stanske is an owner of the firm and a member of the Board of Directors.

## KEY FACTS

Inception Date	12/21/2017
Benchmark	Russell 2000® Growth
Morningstar Category	US Fund Small Growth



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Source: Morningstar Direct

Investors Make Mistakes.  
**We** look for them.

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The Fund uses the Russell 2000® Growth as its benchmark. Unless otherwise noted, index returns reflect the reinvestment of income dividends and capital gains, if any, but do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, or other expenses of investing. It is not possible to invest directly in the index. The Russell Index related marks are owned by FTSE Russell. The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000® companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

Fund returns reflect the reinvestment of any dividend and interest income.

The Fund's investment strategy is based upon the FullerThaler Behavioral Small-Cap Growth Strategy. Given the significant differences between separately managed accounts and mutual funds, investors should consider the differences in expenses, tax implications, and the overall objectives between separately managed accounts and mutual funds before investing. Past performance of the strategy/separately managed account is not indicative of future performance of the Fund. FullerThaler Behavioral Small-Cap Growth Strategy Inception Date: January 1, 1992. FullerThaler Behavioral Small-Cap Growth Fund Inception Date: December 21, 2017.

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Fuller & Thaler Asset Management is the adviser of the Fund. The Fund is distributed by Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC. Investing involves risk, including loss of principal. There is no guarantee that this, or any, investment strategy will be successful. Small-cap investing involves greater risk not associated with investing in more established companies, such as greater price volatility, business risk, less liquidity and increased competitive threat. Please read the prospectus for a more complete discussion of risk. The Fund's investment adviser, Fuller & Thaler Asset Management, Inc. ("FullerThaler" or the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or reimburse Fund expenses through January 31, 2025 so that total annual operating expenses do not exceed 1.30%, 1.80%, 1.25%, 0.96% and 0.86% for A Shares, C Shares, Investor Shares, Institutional Shares and R6 Shares respectively. The expense limitation does not apply to (i) interest (other than custodial overdraft fees and expenses associated with the Fund's participation in an alternative liquidity program), (ii) taxes, (iii) brokerage fees and commissions, (iv) other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business, (v) dividend expense on short sales, and (vi) indirect expenses such as acquired fund fees and expenses incurred by the Fund in any fiscal year.

**The Morningstar Rating** for funds, or "**star rating**", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The rating is for the Institutional Share Class (FTXSX) only.

<sup>1</sup> The Big Short, Director Adam McKay. Paramount Pictures, 2015. Film. <sup>2</sup> The minimum investment for the Institutional and R6 Share Classes is waived for group retirement plans and some fee-based platforms.

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