

31.10.2017 Update

## William Blair SICAV US Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund

### OBJECTIVE

Capital Appreciation

### CHARACTERISTICS

The Fund seeks to invest in small and mid cap quality companies that are expected to have solid growth in earnings.

### WHY CONSIDER THIS FUND?

- Seeks to provide strong long-term investment returns with limited risk
- Applies a time-tested, fundamental research approach to assess a company's growth sustainability and critical success factors
- Utilizes William Blair's Research Agenda to ensure portfolio managers and analysts continually focus on the most attractive portfolio candidates
- Managed by an experienced, long-tenured portfolio management team

### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE % (Period ending 31.10.2017)

	1 MTH	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Life of Fund (11.12.2015)
Class J <sup>1</sup> GBP Shares	3.70	16.20	23.06	—	—	—	26.30
Russell 2500™ Growth Index (GBP)	3.73	11.81	19.58	—	—	—	25.28

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %

	2016	2015†
Class J <sup>1</sup> GBP Shares	27.29	5.13
Russell 2500™ Growth Index (GBP)	30.88	4.63

† Since inception of Class J<sup>1</sup>GBP Shares on 11.12.2015 through 31.12.2015

### FUND FACTS AND STATISTICS

Total Net Assets (\$MM)	\$706
Number of Holdings	72
Wgtd Avg Mkt Cap (\$BB)	\$7.1
Unwgtd Median Mkt Cap (\$BB)	\$5.7
P/E Ratio (Next 12 Months)	23.5
EPS Growth (Projected)(%)	17.1%
Trailing 1-Year Turnover (%)	63.8%
Cash	3.2%
Inception Date	11.12.2015
Minimum Purchase Amount	\$1,000,000
ISIN Number	LU0995405163
Valoren Number	22883504
Bloomberg Ticker	WBSJIGG LX
Management Fee	1.00%

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The Articles of Incorporation, the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents (KIID), the Annual and Half-yearly Reports of the Fund and the Subscription Form are available free of charge in English and German from the website [sicav.williamblair.com](http://sicav.williamblair.com) or at the registered office of the Management Company (33, rue de Gasperich, L-5826 Hesperange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), at the registered office of the Fund (William Blair SICAV, 31, Z.A. Bourmicht, L-8070 Bertrange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) or from the Swiss representative, First Independent Fund Services Limited, Klausstrasse 33, CH-8008 Zurich, and in German language at Marcard, Stein & Co., Ballindamm 36, 20095 Hamburg, Germany, and at Bank of Austria Creditanstalt AG, Am Hof 2, 1010 Vienna, Austria. Paying agent in Switzerland is NPB New Private Bank Ltd, Limmatquai 1, CH-8022 Zurich

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS (%)**<sup>2,3</sup>

Company	Industry	% of Fund
CoStar Group, Inc.	Internet Software & Services	3.0
BWX Technologies, Inc.	Aerospace & Defense	2.9
Copart, Inc.	Commercial Services & Supplies	2.8
Guidewire Software, Inc.	Software	2.3
Six Flags Entertainment Corporation	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	2.2
Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.	Software	2.1
Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	Biotechnology	2.1
Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation	IT Services	2.0
Arista Networks, Inc.	Communications Equipment	2.0
Ball Corporation	Containers & Packaging	1.9
<b>Total Top 10</b>		<b>23.3</b>

**SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION (%)**<sup>2,3</sup>

Sector Type	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
Information Technology	28.3	26.1
Health Care	18.0	17.5
Consumer Discretionary	16.0	14.5
Industrials	15.7	19.1
Financials	9.0	7.5
Materials	6.8	6.7
Real Estate	4.1	3.6
Energy	1.5	1.6
Consumer Staples	0.6	2.2
Telecommunication Services	0.0	0.8
Utilities	0.0	0.4

**MARKET CAP DIVERSIFICATION (%)**<sup>2,3</sup>

Market Cap	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>
> \$10.0B	22.7	14.9
\$4.0B - \$10.0B	52.0	41.4
\$2.0B - \$4.0B	18.2	24.5
\$0.5B - \$2.0B	7.1	17.0
< \$0.5B	0.0	2.2

**PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

**Dan Crowe, CFA**  
*Started in Industry:* 1999  
*Education:* B.S.,  
 Univ. of Illinois



**Robert Lanphier, IV**  
*Started in Industry:* 1987  
*Education:* M.B.A.,  
 Northwestern Univ.;  
 B.S., Purdue Univ.

<sup>1</sup> The Russell 2500<sup>TM</sup> Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2,500 companies with above average price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth rates. For more information on the index, please visit the website at [www.russell.com/Indexes](http://www.russell.com/Indexes).

<sup>2</sup> Top ten holdings are shown as % of total net assets. Sector and Market Cap charts show % of investments for the Fund and its benchmark Index and exclude cash equivalents.

<sup>3</sup> 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 any one particular sector. Holdings are subject to change at any time.