

# Alger Small Cap Growth Portfolio

4th Quarter 2025 As of December 31, 2025

## Ticker Symbols

Class I-2 AASOX

## Investment Strategy

Primarily invests in growth equity securities of U.S. small cap companies identified through our fundamental research as demonstrating promising growth potential. Seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Portfolio Management



**Dan Chung, CFA**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Chief Investment Officer  
Portfolio Manager  
31 Years Investment Experience



**Amy Zhang, CFA**  
Executive Vice President  
Portfolio Manager  
30 Years Investment Experience

## Benchmark

Russell 2000 Growth Index

## 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 12/31/2025



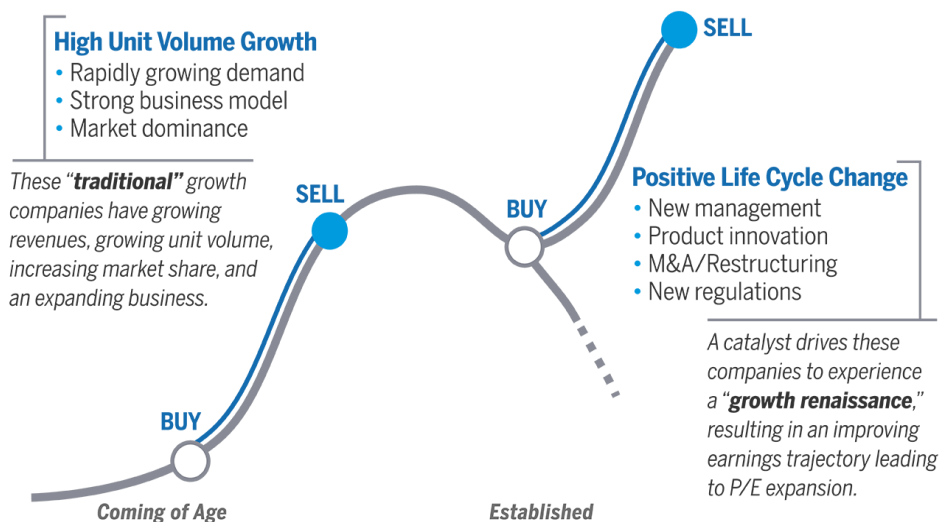
## WHO WE ARE

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 that the best way to uncover and evaluate such companies is through intensive, fundamental, proprietary investment research. At Alger, we believe companies undergoing **Positive Dynamic Change** offer the best investment opportunities. By Positive Dynamic Change, we mean those companies experiencing High Unit Volume Growth and Positive Life Cycle Change.

## INVESTING IN POSITIVE DYNAMIC CHANGE



## PROCESS

NEW IDEAS	Analysts identify companies experiencing positive dynamic change in their sectors and regions to generate potential investment ideas
ANALYSIS	Analysts perform in-depth company analysis to develop a differentiated view supported by detailed financial models and stress-tested for a range of potential outcomes
DIALOGUE	Analysts present their ideas to portfolio managers and have their investment thesis and assumptions challenged
CONSTRUCTION	Portfolio managers construct portfolios of the highest conviction ideas while managing risk
MONITORING	Risks are collaboratively managed by analysts, portfolio managers, the Director of Quantitative and Risk Management, and Compliance



## 4th Quarter 2025

## Average Annual Total Returns (%) (as of 12/31/25)

	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Class I-2 (Incepted 9/21/88)	3.30	5.91	5.91	10.08	-4.93	8.83	9.37
Morningstar Category Average (Small Growth)	1.46	8.06	8.06	13.01	2.93	10.30	—
Russell 2000 Growth Index	1.22	13.01	13.01	15.59	3.18	9.57	(Since 9/21/88) 8.33
Morningstar Percentile Rank (Small Growth) Based on Total Returns							
Class I-2	—	—	65% 375/531	73% 387/518	96% 476/496	75% 289/389	—

Total Annual Operating Expenses by Class  
(Prospectus Dated 4/30/25, unless otherwise amended) I-2: 1.00%

Performance shown is net of fees and expenses.

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

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## Calendar Year Returns (%) (as of 12/31/25)

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund (Class I-2)	5.91	8.13	16.49	-38.01	-6.06	67.15	29.34	1.44	28.73	6.24
Morningstar Small Growth Category Average	8.06	14.98	16.68	-27.77	11.89	38.62	27.68	-5.76	21.50	11.20
Russell 2000 Growth Index	13.01	15.15	18.66	-26.36	2.83	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32

## Characteristics (as of 12/31/25)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth Index
Equity Holdings	106	1105
Active Share (%)	83.81	—
Market Cap (Median—\$Bn)	\$5.58	\$1.30
Market Cap (Wtd Average—\$Bn)	\$10.54	\$5.55
P/E Ratio	30.14	20.96
Sales Growth (Next 12 Months) (%)	14.95	11.56
EPS Growth (3-5 Yr Forecasted) (%)	6.23	10.14

## Risk Metrics (Net) (5 Years as of 12/31/25 for Class I-2)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth Index
Alpha (%)	-7.92	—
Beta	1.01	1.00
Standard Deviation (%)	22.03	20.82
Sharpe Ratio	-0.27	0.09
Information Ratio	-1.25	—
Upside Capture (%)	88.09	—
Downside Capture (%)	116.53	—

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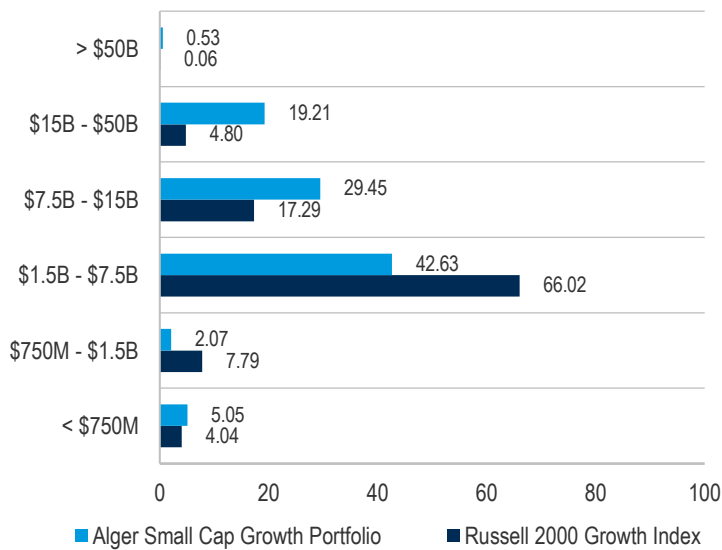
## Top Holdings (%) (as of 12/31/25)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth Index	Active Weight
RBC Bearings Incorporated	3.28	—	3.28
GeneDx Holdings Corp.	3.18	0.16	3.01
Guardant Health, Inc.	2.67	0.82	1.85
Victoria's Secret & Co.	2.61	0.07	2.53
Aritzia Inc.	2.50	—	2.50
Guidewire Software, Inc.	2.45	—	2.45
Bombardier Inc.	2.44	—	2.44
Forte Biosciences, Inc.	2.41	—	2.41
Insmed Incorporated	2.31	—	2.31
Magnolia Oil & Gas Corporation	2.09	0.05	2.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.93</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>24.83</b>

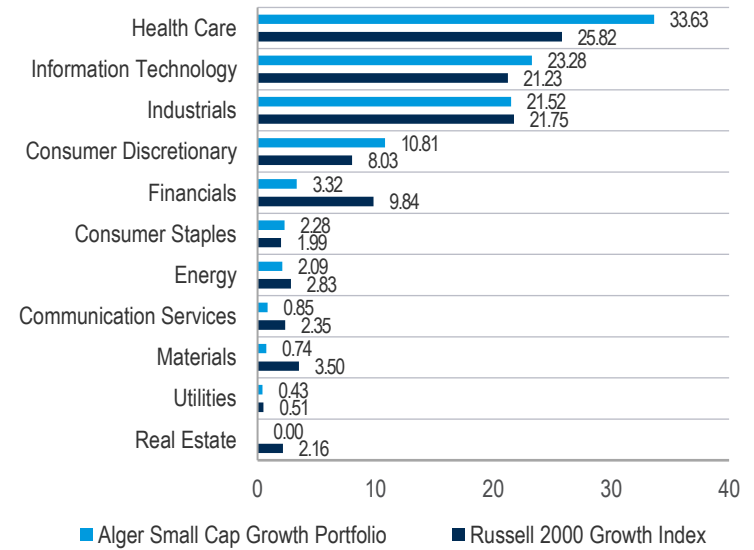
## Top 10 Active Holdings (%) (as of 10/31/25)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth Index	Active Weight
GeneDx Holdings Corp.	3.23	0.17	3.06
RBC Bearings Incorporated	3.03	—	3.03
Guidewire Software, Inc.	2.76	—	2.76
Insmed Incorporated	2.44	—	2.44
Nebius Group N.V.	2.28	—	2.28
Astera Labs, Inc.	2.07	—	2.07
Gates Industrial Corporation Plc	2.05	—	2.05
Magnolia Oil & Gas Corporation	2.08	0.06	2.02
Aritzia Inc.	1.97	—	1.97
Bombardier Inc.	1.93	—	1.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.84</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>23.62</b>

## Market Capitalization (%) (as of 12/31/25)



## Sector Allocation (%) (as of 12/31/25)



## Portfolio Exposure (%) (as of 12/31/25)

	Alger Small Cap Growth Portfolio
Equity Holdings	98.96
Cash	1.04

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