# Commerce MidCap Growth Fund

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# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

Seeks capital appreciation The Fund pursues this objective through investment in equity investments of mid-cap issuers that show the potential for above-average growth in earnings.

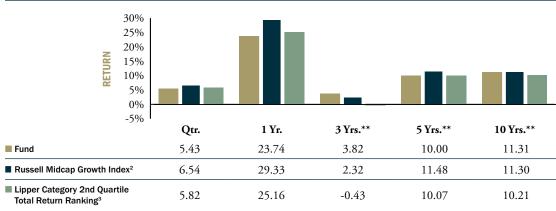
### MIDCAP GROWTH FUND UPDATE

Despite typical late summer volatility, growth stocks were able to extend the year's gains by posting a positive third quarter. The growth indexes experienced positive momentum when the Federal Reserve suggested in July that interest rate cuts were on the horizon. In September, the Fed funds rate was lowered 0.50% for the first time since March of 2020. The growth indexes experienced volatility caused by the anticipation of the presidential election and continued slowing economic growth, although company earnings proved supportive enough to still have a positive quarter. The Commerce MidCap Growth Fund's return of 5.43% underperformed the Russell Mid Cap Growth Index return of 6.54%.

Stock selection detracted from the Fund's performance. The Fund's strongest stocks were Eagle Materials Inc. (1.32%), Howmet Aerospace Inc. (1.23%), and Texas Pacific Land Corporation (1.30%), returning 32.39%, 29.2%, and 22.33%, respectively. The Fund's top detractors were Core & Main, Inc. Class A (0.00%), MKS Instruments, Inc. (1.12%), and Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (1.09%), returning -18.43%, -16.59%, and -15.95%, respectively.

The Fund's sector allocations underperformed for the quarter. The Fund's 0.94% overweight to the Real Estate sector, returning 20.08%, added to performance as it was a stronger sector. The Index had a 1.50% weight in the Real Estate sector. The Fund's 2.97% underweight to the Industrial sector, returning 12.14%, detracted from performance as it was a stronger sector. The Index had a 18.76% weight in the Industrials sector.

## **TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF 9/30/24**



Lipper Category: Mid-Cap Growth Funds

<sup>\*\*</sup> Returns for periods over one year are annualized. The returns represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Fund's investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted above. To obtain the most recent month-end returns, please visit our website at https://commercefunds.com/fund-information/fund-performance.

SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION <sup>4</sup> (%	)				
Sector <sup>7</sup>	Fund	Index*	Sector <sup>7</sup>	Fund	Index*
Communication Services	3.60%	4.36%	Industrials	15.85%	18.20%
Consumer Discretionary	11.92%	15.48%	Information Technology	24.05%	24.64%
Consumer Staples	3.60%	2.48%	Materials	2.50%	1.38%
Energy	3.65%	3.90%	Real Estate	2.34%	1.45%
Financials	13.54%	12.47%	Utilities	1.32%	1.73%
Health Care	14.19%	13.77%	Unassigned	3.44%	0.14%



## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Total Fund Assets \$214,884,977 Net Asset Value<sup>1</sup> \$47.64

### **EXPENSE RATIO<sup>5</sup>**

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Current (net) 0.80% Before Waiver (gross) 0.80%

#### MANAGER TEAM

The Fund is managed by the Equity Strategy Team, a group of senior-level investment professionals who average 38 years of experience.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION**

Equities	99.0%
Cash	1.0%

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Weighted Avg. Mkt. Capitalization	\$26.5 Billion
Price/Earnings Ratio <sup>6</sup>	26.8x
Number of Holdings	81

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS4

1	iShares Russell MidCap Growth	3.4%
2	Apollo Global Management Inc	1.3%
3	Blue Owl Capital Inc	1.3%
4	NRG Energy Inc	1.3%
5	Eagle Materials Inc	1.3%
6	Crocs Inc	1.3%
7	Carlisle Companies Incorporated	1.3%
8	Texas Pacific Land Corporation	1.3%
9	Emcor Group Inc	1.3%
10	Waters Corporation	1.3%

## LIPPER TOTAL RETURN RANKINGS\*\*\*

Lipper Mid-Cap Growth Funds as of 9/30/24

1 Year	220 out of 372
5 Years	165 out of 325
10 Years	53 out of 264 (top 20%)

## **MORNINGSTAR RISK ADJUSTED** RATINGS\*\*\*\*

Mid-Cap Growth Funds Category as of 9/30/24

Overall	****	out of 511 funds
3-Year	****	out of 511 funds
5-Year	***	out of 476 funds
10-Year	****	out of 378 funds

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#### **NOTES**

- 1. The Net Asset Value represents the assets of the Fund (ex dividend) divided by the total number of shares.
- 2. The Russell MidCap Growth Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.
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A basis point (bp) is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01% (0.0001). For example: 1% change = 100 basis points, and 0.01% = 1 basis point.

### **FOOTNOTES**

The Fund invests in mid-capitalization securities. The securities of mid-capitalization companies involve greater risks than those associated with larger, more established companies and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements.

- \* Russell Midcap Growth Index
- \*\* The Total Returns are average annual total returns or cumulative total returns (only if the performance period is one year or less) as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. They are net of expenses and assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value. Because the Fund is not subject to a sales charge, such a charge is not applied to their Total Returns.
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