

# Transamerica Small Cap Growth

## Investment objective

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## **Key facts**

**Investment Manager** Transamerica Asset Management, Inc. (TAM)

Morningstar Category Small Growth

**Lipper Category** Small-Cap Growth Funds

**Dividend Frequency** Annually

**Benchmark** Russell 2000® Growth Index

#### **SUB-ADVISER**



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#### **MACROECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

During the first quarter, all U.S. market indices broadly declined. Markets are grappling with heightened uncertainty driven by policy shifts, trade disruptions, and evolving economic conditions. Tariff concerns have emerged as a key source of economic uncertainty. Ongoing shifts in trade policy, along with the threat of retaliatory measures and renegotiated agreements, are disrupting supply chains, increasing costs, and compelling companies to reassess their sourcing, pricing, and growth strategies. While some domestic industries benefit from America first policies, they also face risks from diplomatic tensions and retaliation by key trade partners. These changes reflect a broader 'paradigm shift' in global economic relationships, prompting a reevaluation of investment strategies, capital flows, and supply chain structures. Although economic nationalism could support certain industries over time, it also brings uncertain near-term outcomes with risks to economic growth. Businesses and investors must stay agile in this increasingly complex environment. As policy is implemented, the Federal Reserve's (Fed) role will take clearer form. Market speculation and political pressure are adding to calls for rate cuts amid growing concerns over economic headwinds, including tariff effects.

## **FUND OVERVIEW**

In Q1, Transamerica Small Cap Growth returned (-9.42%), outperforming the Russell 2000® Growth Index return of (-11.12%). High-quality factors drove performance, as companies with earnings outperformed those without earnings (-7.5% vs. -18.3%). Companies with strong earnings, return on earnings (ROE), interest coverage, and margins were favored, reflecting a market focus on profitability and resilience. Higher beta names broadly underperformed amid increased risk aversion. In the fund, the utilities and technology industries outperformed, while financials and industrials lagged. Healthcare and utilities industry weights rose by 3.50% and 1.40%, while technology and consumer discretionary weightings fell by 4.90% and 1.20%. The largest industry overweight and underweight at quarter-end were utilities and healthcare, respectively.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The U.S. Government is attempting to effect major, fundamental changes. While some wish for a more measured or methodical approach, it is clear there is a desire to disrupt the status quo with strong and relentless measures. The rapid pace of government downsizing (DOGE) has weighed on sentiment, prompting market adjustments as the economy absorbs these structural changes. The market's reaction to Trump's tariff announcement reflects broad concern that the tariffs are more aggressive than anticipated. A key takeaway: Trump 2.0 should be taken at his word. Investors, foreign governments, and corporations expecting negotiation or moderation may need to adjust. Throughout March, the administration emphasized the need to endure short-term pain for the sake of longer-term trade goals. The U.S. economy now stands at a crossroads. If trading partners retaliate, the risk of recession increases. If they refrain, a more balanced trade landscape could emerge. Still, the tariffs add pressure to growth, as falling C-suite and consumer confidence reflect concern about economic headwinds. Small and micro-cap stocks are leading the declines, with investors uncertain about the unfolding downside scenario. The announcement gives U.S. companies some clearer parameters to assess potential earnings impacts. Previously hesitant to adjust guidance, management teams and analysts can now refine forecasts—an essential step toward stabilizing equities and rebuilding confidence. For a durable bottom to form, earnings expectations must reset to support new valuation levels. Looking ahead, fiscal policy, trade strategy, and monetary policy will shape the outlook. The mix of taxation, regulation, spending, trade, and currency policy will drive economic activity, sentiment and competitiveness, while the Fed's stance will be key to supporting growth.

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## Average annual total returns and expense ratios (%)

	3M	YTD	1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	10 YRS	Inception	Gross	Net
Class A (at NAV)	-9.42	-9.42	-10.19	-1.55	9.39	6.66	8.24	1.49	1.40
Class I (at NAV)	-9.44	-9.44	-9.88	-1.29	9.74	6.96	8.54	1.12	1.10
Class A (at POP)	-14.38	-14.38	-15.13	-3.38	8.14	6.06	7.76	1.49	1.40
Russell 2000® Growth Index	-11.12	-11.12	-4.86	0.78	10.78	6.14	-	-	-

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## Top 10 holdings (%)

Texas Roadhouse, Inc.	4.17
Pegasystems, Inc.	3.68
Casella Waste Systems, Inc., Class A	3.49
Excelerate Energy, Inc., Class A	3.29
HealthEquity, Inc.	3.04
Paylocity Holding Corp.	2.94
Permian Resources Corp.	2.74
Chemed Corp.	2.69
LeMaitre Vascular, Inc.	2.64
OneSpaWorld Holdings Ltd.	2.63
Total	31.31

Holdings and weights are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell a security. Holdings display excludes net other assets (liabilities).

## **Contributors & Detractors (%)**

Leading Contributors	Contribution	Weight*	Return**	
Aris Water Solutions Inc Class A	0.75	2.18	34.42	
Guidewire Software Inc	0.57	2.87	11.14	
Sprouts Farmers Market Inc	0.37	2.20	20.12	
Landing Defendance	0 ( ) ()	MARIA INC	D.C.	
Leading Detractors	Contribution	Weight	Return	
Workiva Inc Class A	-0.95	2.63	-30.68	

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<sup>\*</sup>Average portfolio weight for each security during the course of the quarter, calculated using daily holdings.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The return for each security corresponds to the portion of the quarter when the fund held the security.