

# **Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value Fund**

Domestic stock fund | Class R6

# **Fund facts**

⁺ <b>Risk level</b>	Total net	Expense ratio	Ticker	Turnover	Inception	Fund
Low ←────────────────────────────────────	assets	as of 12/29/23	symbol	rate	date	number
1 2 3 4 5	\$408 MM	1.02%	GSSUX	71.00%	07/31/15	6847

## Investment objective

The investment seeks long-term capital appreciation.

### Investment strategy

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes (measured at the time of purchase) ("net assets") in a diversified portfolio of equity investments in small-cap issuers. Although it will invest primarily in publicly traded U.S. securities, including real estate investment trusts, it may also invest in foreign securities.

#### **General note**

An additional recordkeeping or administrative fee may be charged to participants investing plan assets in the fund. The recordkeeping fee will be deducted directly from participants' accounts. Please log on to your employer plans at Vanguard.com, or contact Participant Services at 1-800-523-1188, prior to investing, for additional fee information.

# Benchmark

Russell 2000 Value TR USD

#### **Annual returns**

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund	-	-	24.67	12.37	-14.03	23.19	2.05	26.70	-14.74	11.33
Benchmark	-	-	31.74	7.84	-12.86	22.39	4.63	28.27	-14.48	14.65

# **Total returns**

Periods ended March 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Since inception
Fund	3.30%	3.30%	14.93%	2.06%	6.78%	6.77%
Benchmark	2.90%	2.90%	18.75%	2.22%	8.17%	-

The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at vanguard.com/performance.

Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

<sup>t</sup>Morningstar Risk evaluates a mutual fund's downside volatility relative to that of other funds in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of the variations in a fund's monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations, in comparison with the mutual funds in its Morningstar Category. In each Morningstar Category, the 10% of funds with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk (LOW), the next 22.5% Below Average (-AVG), the middle 35% Average (AVG), the next 22.5% Above Average (+AVG), and the top 10% High (HIGH). Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three-, five-, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the mutual fund. Funds with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

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### Ten largest holdings

#### 1 Meritage Homes Corp 2 ASGN Inc 3 SITE Centers Corp 4 SPX Technologies Inc 5 Ameris Bancorp 6 Arcosa Inc 7 Mr. Cooper Group Inc 8 MGIC Investment Corp 9 iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF 10 Gates Industrial Corp PLC Top 10 as % of total net assets 11.5%

#### Sector Diversification



Financial Services	24.0%
Industrials	15.9
Consumer Cyclical	12.5
Energy	10.1
Technology	9.5
Real Estate	8.7

Basic Materials	7.4
Healthcare	5.9
Utilities	3.1
Consumer Defensive	2.1
Communication Services	0.9

#### **Risk terms**

Emerging Markets: Investments in emerging- and frontier-markets securities may be subject to greater market, credit, currency, liquidity, legal, political, and other risks compared with assets invested in developed foreign countries.

Foreign Securities: Investments in foreign securities may be subject to increased volatility as the value of these securities can change more rapidly and extremely than can the value of U.S. securities. Foreign securities are subject to increased issuer risk because foreign issuers may not experience the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers do and are held to different reporting, accounting, and auditing standards. In addition, foreign securities are subject to increased costs because there are generally higher commission rates on transactions, transfer taxes, higher custodial costs, and the potential for foreign tax charges on dividend and interest payments. Many foreign markets are relatively small, and securities issued in less-developed countries face the risks of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, and adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, including suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a country. Economic, political, social, or diplomatic developments can also negatively impact performance.

Loss of Money: Because the investments market value may fluctuate up and down, an investor may lose money, including part of the principal, when he or she buys or sells the investment. Not FDIC Insured: The investment is not a deposit or obligation of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other U.S. governmental agency.

Market/Market Volatility: The market value of the portfolios securities may fall rapidly or unpredictably because of changing economic, political, or market conditions, which may reduce the value of the portfolio.

Equity Securities: The value of equity securities, which include common, preferred, and convertible preferred stocks, will fluctuate based on changes in their issuers financial conditions, as well as overall market and economic conditions, and can decline in the event of deteriorating issuer, market, or economic conditions.

Shareholder Activity: Frequent purchases or redemptions by one or multiple investors may harm other shareholders by interfering with the efficient management of the portfolio, increasing brokerage and administrative costs and potentially diluting the value of shares. Additionally, shareholder purchase and redemption activity may have an impact on the per-share net income and realized capital gains distribution amounts, if any, potentially increasing or reducing the tax burden on the shareholders who receive those distributions.

Management: Performance is subject to the risk that the advisors asset allocation and investment strategies do not perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to underperform its benchmark, other investments with similar objectives, or the market in general. The investment is subject to the risk of loss of income and capital invested, and the advisor does not guarantee its value, performance, or any particular rate of return.

Small Cap: Concentrating assets in small-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Smaller, less-seasoned companies may be subject to increased liquidity risk compared with mid- and large-cap companies and may experience greater price volatility than do those securities because of limited product lines, management experience, market share, or financial resources, among other factors.

Mid-Cap: Concentrating assets in mid-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Mid-cap companies may be subject to increased liquidity risk compared with large-cap companies and may experience greater price volatility than do those securities because of more-limited product lines or financial resources, among other factors.

Real Estate/REIT Sector: Concentrating assets in the real estate sector or REITs may disproportionately subject the portfolio to the risks of that industry, including loss of value because of changes in real estate values, interest rates, and taxes, as well as changes in zoning, building, environmental, and other laws, among other factors. Investments in REITs may be subject to increased price volatility and liquidity risk, and shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of expenses because of their management fees.

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