

# THOMPSON LARGECAP FUND® - THPGX

**DECEMBER 31, 2024** 

# Investment Objective

The Thompson LargeCap Fund seeks a high level of long-term capital appreciation.

# Investment Philosophy

We believe that earnings growth and price-earnings multiple expansion drive long term stock returns and relative performance. With this in mind, our investment team uses fundamental analysis to identify companies that have the potential to grow earnings faster than their peers. We favor companies with consistent free cash flow and balance sheets with modest debt levels. The stocks of these companies are purchased if they are trading at attractive valuations, often because of a temporary short-term problem or misperception. In the end, we simply seek to own the best companies in the best performing market sectors, and not overpay for them.

#### **Fund Facts**

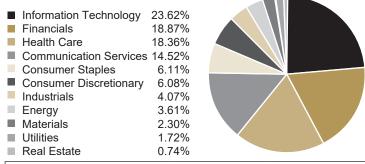
Fund Inception: February 10, 1992 Dividend Frequency: Annual

Sales Charge: None

Distribution (12b-1) Fees: None Redemption Fees: None

Minimum Opening Investment: \$250 Minimum Subsequent Investment: \$50

# **Sector Weightings**

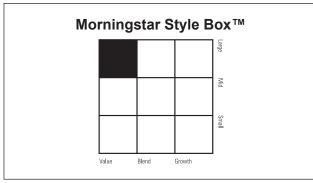


Average Annual Total Returns 12/31/24					
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	
Thompson LargeCap Fund	16.86%	6.28%	12.17%	10.30%	
S&P 500 Index	25.02%	8.94%	14.53%	13.10%	



## Overall Morningstar Rating™ Among 1095 Large Value Funds as of 12/31/24

(Derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five-, and ten-year risk-adjusted return measures).



Expense Ratios		
Gross of fee waivers or reimbursements	1.17%	
Net Expense Ratio – Effective 3/31/24	0.99%*	

Performance quoted represents past performance: past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment returns and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 800-999-0887 or visiting www.thompsonim.com. The performance information reflected in the table above does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares.

\*The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive certain expenses through March 31, 2025. Investment performance reflects fee waivers in effect. In the absence of such waivers, the returns would be reduced. Net expense ratios are current as of the most recent prospectus and are applicable to investors.

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The fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by calling 800-999-0887 or visiting www.thompsonim.com. Read it carefully before investing.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Investments in smaller companies involve additional risks such as limited liquidity and greater volatility. Investments in real estate securities may involve greater risk and volatility including greater exposure to economic downturns and changes in real estate values, rents, property taxes, tax, and other laws. A real estate investment trust's (REITs) share price may decline because of adverse developments affecting the real estate industry. Investments in American Depository Receipts (ADRs) are subject to some of the same risk associated with directly investing in securities of foreign issuers, including the risk of changes in currency exchange rates, expropriation or nationalization of assets, and the impact on political, diplomatic, or social events. Results include the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains distributions.

While the fund is no-load, management and other expenses still apply.



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#### **Portfolio Statistics**

Fund Assets:	\$177 million
Net Asset Value:	\$99.80
Number of Equities	76
Weighted Average Market Cap. (billions)	\$517.3
Median Market Capitalization (billions)	\$55.6

## **Largest Holdings**

Company	% of Net Assets
Alphabet Class A	5.19%
Microsoft	4.22%
Warner Bros. Discovery	3.24%
Apple	3.16%
Meta Platforms	2.42%
Visa	2.36%
Exact Sciences	2.36%
Pfizer	2.19%
Charles Schwab	2.07%
Citigroup	2.01%

Portfolio holdings and asset/sector allocations are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

## **Distribution Payments**

Dates	Income	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
12/23/2024	0.7090	_	11.2380
12/21/2023	0.7948	_	7.2080
12/22/2022	0.7590	0.0270	3.5120
12/22/2021	0.7550	_	4.4930

# **Portfolio Management Team**



James T. Evans, CFA

Mr. Evans, Chief Investment Officer, graduated summa cum laude from Macalester College with a B.A. degree in Economics and Computer Science. He also earned an M.B.A. in Finance and Accounting and an M.S. in Finance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Jason L. Stephens, CFA

Mr. Stephens, Chief Executive Officer, received a B.S. in English and Communication Arts, an M.A. in Arts Administration and an M.S. in Finance, each from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Morningstar Style Box $^{\text{TM}}$  reveals a fund's investment strategy. For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend or growth).

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Thompson LargeCap Fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled Large Value funds over the following time periods: 1095 funds in the last three years, 1036 funds in the last five years, and 808 funds in the last ten years for the period ending 12/31/2024. With respect to these Large Value funds, Thompson LargeCap Fund received a Morningstar Rating of 2, 4, and 3 stars for the three-, and ten-year periods. ©2024 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be cop

P/E Ratio: A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings. Divide market value of a share by the earnings per share.

Free Cash Flow: Measure of financial performance calculated as operating cash flow minus capital expenditures. Free cash flow (FCF) represents the cash that a company is able to generate after laying out the money required to maintain or expand its asset base.

Weighted Average Market Cap.: The weighted average market cap is the average market capitalization of all companies in a fund - with each company weighted according to its percent held in the fund.



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#### **Performance**

The LargeCap Fund produced a total return of 1.98% for the quarter ended December 31, 2024, as compared to its benchmark, the S&P 500 Index, which returned 2.41%. The Fund's total return for all of 2024 was 16.86% versus 25.02% for its benchmark.

# **Management Commentary**

The trend for the first three quarters of the year continued in the fourth quarter of 2024, as the "Magnificent 7" (Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Tesla) helped growth stocks clearly outperformed value stocks. As measured by the S&P 500 Value versus S&P 500 Growth indices this spread was 8.83% in the fourth quarter, and 23.75% for all of 2024. The cumulative spread over the past two years was 39.82%. We agree that the underlying AI technology trend that is driving much of the Magnificent 7 will likely change the world, much as the rise of the internet since the 1990s has already done so. But much like the Technology Bubble, we think there is a clear AI Bubble in stocks of companies that create the infrastructure that makes AI work.

In the late 1990s, companies such as Cisco System, Lucent, Nortel Networks, JDS Uniphase, Sun Microsystems and others performed spectacularly as investors concluded the internet was a revolutionary technology. Each of these firms sold hardware, software or telco services that made the internet function. However, many of these stocks subsequently underperformed after the peak of the market in March 2000. It wasn't because the internet's ability to transform the world was overhyped. Rather it was a function of these stocks pricing in unrealistic growth expectations of which they inevitably fall short, and a vast compression of the lofty valuation multiples they enjoyed.

In hindsight, the big winners of the past 25 years were not those infrastructure names, but rather firms that used the internet to either create a new business model or disrupt the current models of many established firms. Apple invented a portable computer in the form of the iPhone, Facebook came to dominate social media, Google's paid search disrupted the advertising and newspaper business, Netflix changed how we consume media, and Amazon used the internet to replace brick and mortar stores. While they dominate the market today, three of those five companies weren't even public in March 2000, and none of them were market leaders as measured by market capitalization size.

So over the next 25 years, will the best stocks be infrastructure plays like Nvidia, the data center giants, or other members of the Magnificent 7? Or are they more likely to be smaller names that will use AI to disrupt an existing business model and take market share from incumbent firms? Based on history, our opinion is the big winners will be found outside the Magnificent 7. If so, Large Cap stocks outside the Value sector of the market are likely overvalued, and due for a correction. While we hope the collateral damage of their correction doesn't impact our holdings, we are not as optimistic about the S&P 500 itself. Thus 2025 could be a difficult year for the markets. But given most of our holdings are at or below both their long-term averages and our opinion of their "fair value", we think they have the potential to still perform well.

Before you invest in the Funds, please refer to the <u>prospectus</u> for important information about the investment company, including investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. You may also obtain a hard copy of the prospectus by calling 1-800-999-0887. The prospectus should be read carefully before you invest or send money.

Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security.

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Earnings Growth is a measure of growth in a company's net income over a specific period, often one year. It is not a prediction of the Fund's future returns.

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