



# Fuller & Thaler Behavioral Small-Cap Equity Fund



"The crazy thing is thinking humans always act logically."

## - Dr. Richard Thaler

Principal, Fuller & Thaler Asset Management  
2017 Nobel Prize® Winner

*The Big Short (2015)*<sup>1</sup>

## Since 1993

100% employee-controlled

### Investment Process

Using principles of behavioral finance, the Fuller & Thaler Behavioral Small Cap Equity Fund capitalizes on the market's overreaction to negative information regarding a company's future prospects and under-reaction to new, positive new information. The fund draws from Fuller & Thaler's more than 20 years of experience in analyzing events that suggest investor misbehavior.

If behavioral biases are present in a stock, we then proceed to fundamental analysis of the company. If the company has solid fundamentals consistent with our long-term investment objectives, the fund buys the stock.

### Portfolio Management

#### Raife Giovinazzo, CFA, PhD

Partner | Lead Portfolio Manager

Dr. Giovinazzo is the lead portfolio manager of the Fuller & Thaler Behavioral Small-Cap Equity Fund and has ultimate decision-making authority for all aspects of the Fund. He is also responsible for research using market insights and behavioral finance to enhance the investment processes. Dr. Giovinazzo has been in the financial industry since 1995. Prior to joining Fuller & Thaler, Dr. Giovinazzo was a researcher and co-portfolio manager with Blackrock's Scientific Active Equity group (formerly Barclays Global Investors). His previous experience also includes investment and consulting work with Wellington Management, Marsh & McLennan, and Mercer Management Consulting (now Oliver Wyman). Dr. Giovinazzo received his BA in sociology from Princeton, and his MBA in analytic finance, economics, and statistics, as well as a PhD in finance from the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. He wrote his undergraduate thesis for Dr. Kahneman (winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economics) while at Princeton, and Dr. Thaler ("Father of Behavioral Finance") was his dissertation co-chair at the University of Chicago. Dr. Giovinazzo holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and is a member of the CFA Society of San Francisco. He is an owner of the firm and a member of the Board of Directors.

### Investment Highlights

Fuller and Thaler's U.S. small-cap blend mutual fund seeks long-term capital appreciation with similar risk levels and characteristics to its benchmark, the Russell 2000.

- Aims to capitalize on behavioral biases that may cause the market to over-react to old, negative information or under-react to new, positive information.
- Looks for companies with:
  - significant insider buying or stock repurchases (over-reaction)
  - large earnings surprises (under-reaction)

### Over- and Under- reaction

...to historical, negative/positive information



|  | INSTITUTIONAL | R6          | INVESTOR  | A          | C          |
|--|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| <b>Inception Date</b>                    | 9/8/2011      | 9/8/2011    | 9/8/2011  | 12/19/2018 | 12/19/2018 |
| <b>Ticker Symbol</b>                     | FTHSX         | FTHFX       | FTHNX     | FTHAX      | FTYCX      |
| <b>CUSIP</b>                             | 14064D865     | 14064D873   | 14064D881 | 14064D717  | 14064D691  |
| <b>Minimum Initial Investment</b>        | \$100,000     | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000   | \$1,000    | \$1,000    |
| <b>12b-1 Fee</b>                         | None          | None        | 0.25%     | 0.25%      | 1.00%      |
| <b>Investor Type Restrictions</b>        | None          | None        | None      | None       | None       |
| <b>Gross Expense Ratio</b>               | 0.79%         | 0.69%       | 1.08%     | 1.13%      | 1.69%      |
| <b>Net Expense Ratio (Annual Report)</b> | 0.79%         | 0.69%       | 1.08%     | 1.13%      | 1.69%      |

Morningstar Rating as of 12/31/20: Overall: 5 stars; Three-year rating: 4 stars, 629 funds; Five-year rating: 5 stars, 517 funds based on risk-adjusted returns.

#### KEY FACTS

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Morningstar Category</b> | US Fund Small Blend |
| <b>Benchmark</b>            | Russell 2000 TR USD |
| <b>Inception Date</b>       | 9/8/2011            |

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**We** look for them.

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Fuller and Thaler Asset Management is the adviser to the Fund. The Fund is distributed by Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC. Investing involves risk, including loss of principal. There is no guarantee that this, or any, investment strategy will be successful. Small-cap investing involves greater risk not associated with investing in more established companies, such as greater price volatility, business risk, less liquidity and increased competitive threat. Please read the prospectus for a more complete discussion of risk.

The Fund uses the Russell 2000 as its benchmark since October 23, 2015. The Russell 2000 is an index of small-cap US stocks, approximately the 1001st to 3000th largest US stocks as calculated by Russell. Unless otherwise noted, index returns reflect the reinvestment of income dividends and capital gains, if any, but do not reflect fees, brokerage commissions or other expenses of investing. It is not possible to invest directly in the index.

**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. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

<sup>1</sup>The Big Short, Director Adam McKay. Paramount Pictures, 2015. Film. <sup>2</sup> Generally restricted to investors whose intermediaries do not require payments. <sup>3</sup> The minimum investment for the Institutional and R6 Share Classes is waived for group retirement plans and some fee-based platforms.

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