

STEPHENS SMALL-MID CAP SELECT GROWTH SEPARATE ACCOUNT

# **FACTSHEET**

September 30, 2025

#### **INVESTMENT**

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

# We believe that earnings growth drives stock performance.

Small and Mid Cap markets can be very inefficient and often contain the fastest growing stocks. Market participants can be burdened with behavioral biases (human nature) that influence their decision making and can cause them to make consistently bad decisions. Investors who can overcome these biases can potentially outperform. Paramount to our success is the disciplined execution of an investment process that is well-defined, represents sound investment principles, has both objective and subjective components and is repeatable. Our mandate is to stay fully invested and style pure.

#### **ABOUT STEPHENS**

Stephens Investment Management Group, LLC ("SIMG") specializes in equity investment management focused on small and mid-capitalization growth companies. SIMG was established in 2005 as a registered investment advisor offering mutual funds and separately managed accounts for a variety of clients.

SIMG is a subsidiary of Stephens Investments Holdings LLC and maintains offices in Little Rock, Arkansas and Houston, Texas.

# **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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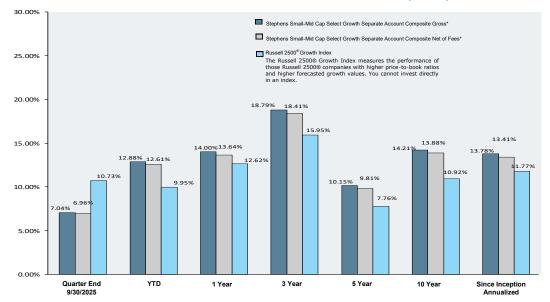
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# PERFORMANCE FOR PERIOD ENDED 9/30/2025



	Quarter Ended 9/30/2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception Annualized (09/01/2011)	Since Inception Cumulative (09/01/2011)	
Stephens Small-Mid Cap Select Growth Composite Gross*	7.04%	12.88%	14.00%	18.79%	10.15%	14.21%	13.78%	516.94%	
Stephens Small-Mid Cap Select Growth Composite Net of Fees*	6.96%	12.61%	13.64%	18.41%	9.81%	13.88%	13.41%	489.32%	
Russell 2500® Growth Index	10.73%	9.95%	12.62%	15.95%	7.76%	10.92%	11.77%	379.93%	

# PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS As of 9/30/2025

Investment Style
Benchmark
Product Inception
Number of Holdings
Account Minimum
Median Market Cap (\$MM)
Weighted Harmonic Average P/E
Median Forward 12 Month EPS Growth
Most Recent Quarter EPS Growth YOY
Forward Revenue Growth Next 12mo
Most Recent Quarter Revenue Growth

Small-Mid Cap Growth Russell 2500® Growth Index September 1, 2011 112 \$1,000,000 \$10,675 26,7% 18.3%

Portfolio holdings and characteristics are subject to change.

## SECTOR WEIGHTINGS \* \*

Communication Services	5.74%	■ Communication Services
Consumer Discretionary	13.36%	■ Consumer Discretionary
Consumer Staples	0.76%	Consumer Staples
Energy	4.35%	■ Energy
Financials	10.25%	Financials
Health Care	18.89%	■ Health Care
Industrials	20.27%	■Industrials
Information Technology	24.33%	■ Information Technology
Materials	1.05%	■ Materials
Real Estate	0.98%	■ Real Estate
Utilities	0.00%	■ Utilities

21.6%

13.1%

14.2%

<sup>\*</sup>This information is shown as supplemental only and complements the full disclosure presentation on the reverse side of this sheet. Please see the attached GIPS Report.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The percentages in this table are derived from a single representative portfolio within the composite.

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The investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses should be carefully considered before investing. SIMG nor their representatives provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor before making any decisions.

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## TOP 10 HOLDINGS\*

Company

Excludes Money Market Fund holdings.

#### % of Portfolio

2.	AeroVironment, Inc. Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. Electronic Arts Inc.	2.11% 1.98% 1.92%	*This information is shown as supplemental only and complements the full disclosure presentation below. The percentages in this
4.	HEICO Corporation	1.71%	table are derived from a single representative
5.	Guidewire Software, Inc.	1.70%	portfolio within the composite.
6.	FirstCash Holdings, Inc.	1.66%	
7.	Burlington Stores, Inc.	1.56%	Portfolio holdings and characteristics are
8.	Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.	1.56%	subject to change.
9.	Piper Sandler Companies	1.53%	Subject to change.
10	. Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	1.50%	

#### GLOBAL INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (GIPS) REPORT

Year	Total Firm Assets (millions)	Strategy Assets		Composite Assets		Annual Performance Results				3 Yr. Annualized Standard Deviation	
		USD (millions)	Number of Accounts	USD (millions)	Number of Accounts	Comp	osite Net	Russell 2500® Growth	Composite Dispersion	Composite Gross	Russell 2500® Growth
2024	7.637	4,443	15	4.414	8	13.39%	13.03%	13.90%	0.05%	21.34%	22.80%
2023	6.986	4,048	9	4,047	8	24.94%	24.52%	18.93%	0.10%	20.38%	20.95%
2022	5.664	3,350	7	3,350	7	-29.03%	-29.25%		0.07%	25.13%	25.18%
2021	7,845	4,506	5	4,506	5	16.68%	16.35%	5.04%	N.A.	20.76%	21.97%
2020	6,916	3,889	6	3,889	6	44.60%	44.15%	40.47%	N.A.	23.43%	23.93%
2019	5,416	3,064	5	3,064	5	30.43%	30.05%	32.65%	N.A.	15.55%	15.85%
2018	4,301	2,408	5	2,408	5	6.62%	6.34%	-7.47%	N.A.	15.65%	15.33%
2017	4,442	2,243	3	2,243	3	25.05%	24.75%	24.46%	N.A.	12.52%	13.04%
2016	3,644	1,554	3	1,554	3	9.43%	9.19%	9.73%	N.A.	14.74%	14.67%
2015	2,897	1,109	3	1,109	3	-0.86%	-1.11%	-0.19%	N.A.	13.52%	13.29%

N.A. – Composite Dispersion information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. Strategy Assets include composite assets and assets from accounts that are excluded from the composite due to restrictions.

Small and Mid Cap Select Growth Separate Account Composite contains fully discretionary accounts invested primarily in small cap and mid-cap common stock of U.S. companies. Under normal market conditions, most of the securities purchased for this composite have market capitalizations egual to or less than the largest company contained within the Russell 2500® Growth Index at the time the security was initially purchased by accounts in the composite and are securities of companies which appear to have clear indicators of future earnings growth or that appear to demonstrate other potential for growth of capital. In addition to common stock the composite may also purchase convertible and preferred stock as well as certain Exchange Traded Funds. This composite is actively managed and securities in the composite are frequently purchased and sold by the manager. For comparison purposes the composite is measured against the Russell 2500® Growth Index

Stephens Investment Management Group, LLC claims compliance with the Global investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Stephens Investment Management Group has been independently verified for the periods December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2024. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Small and Mid Cap Select Growth Separate Account Composite has had a performance examination for the periods September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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The maximum fee charged is 1.10% of assets under management. Management Fees vary depending on the nature of the services rendered and other factors. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients vary. This composite includes two accounts in which we sub-advise a portion of a mutual fund. One of these accounts has a performance-based component known as a "fulcrum fee." The fulcrum fee modifies the base fee in a symmetrical manner, adding to our base fee in periods of outperformance and reducing our base fee in periods of underperformance. It is asset-weighted and based on our performance relative to our benchmark over the trailing 60-month period, calculated after accounting for base fees and after an allocation of the fund's expenses. At its maximum, the fulcrum fee can add or subtract up to 30% of the base fee

The Small and Mid Cap Select Growth Separate Account Composite creation and inception dates are September 1, 2011.

Orders for certain accounts in the Composite are directed and do not pay commission charges. Assets in these accounts are 0.34% of total composite assets as of December 31, 2024.

The annual composite dispersion is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of the composite and annual composite dispersion are calculated using gross-of-fees returns.

Firm AUM does not include accrued dividends.

A list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions and a list of broad distribution pooled funds are available upon request.