

## Investment overview

The Franklin Growth SMA seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing substantially in the equity securities of companies that are leaders in their industries, and which the managers believe are suitable for a buy-and-hold strategy.

## Investment philosophy

The foundation of our investment philosophy is the belief that attractive risk-adjusted returns can result from identifying companies with strong prospects for sustainable growth that is not already reflected in their current stock prices. We utilize fundamental, bottom-up research to focus on companies that we believe have sustainable growth characteristics - meeting our criteria of:

- **Growth:** Our team focuses on companies with the potential to produce sustainable earnings and cash-flow growth.
- **Quality:** We seek high-quality companies with strong management teams and financial strength.
- **Valuation:** We assess whether the growth opportunity is already reflected in the stock price.

## Investment benefits

- Differentiated buy-and-hold strategy allows us to establish positions in new growth companies, emerging leaders, and market leaders, growing with them over time.
- Portfolio diversification offers potential to generate compelling risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle.
- Exposure to investment themes which can offer compelling long-term growth prospects.

## Investment management team

**Serena Perin Vinton, CFA**  
**Portfolio Manager**  
Industry since 1991

**Robert Rendler, CFA**  
**Portfolio Manager**  
Industry since 2005

**Joyce Lin, CFA**  
**Portfolio Manager**  
Industry since 2008



## Investment process

### STEP 1

#### In-depth industry research assesses:

- Key growth drivers
- Changes in competitive landscape
- Total market size and growth opportunity
- Economic sensitivity
- Material ESG factors

### STEP 2

#### Companies are evaluated on:

- Competitive position
- Revenue, margin, and cash flow opportunity
- Management assessment
- Balance sheet strength
- Material ESG factors
- Valuation

### STEP 3

#### Portfolio Assessment:

- Analyst conviction
- Upside potential / downside risk
- Portfolio diversification and correlations
- Comparison versus other investment opportunities

The investment process may change over time. The characteristics set forth above are intended as a general illustration of some of the criteria the strategy team considers in selecting securities for client portfolios. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

## Portfolio Information†

As of September 30, 2025

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio
NVIDIA Corporation	8.25
Microsoft Corporation	7.64
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.50
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.21
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	3.65
Amphenol Corporation Class A	3.25
Apple Inc.	2.94
Broadcom Inc.	2.75
TE Connectivity plc	1.97
Costco Wholesale Corporation	1.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.94</b>

### Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio	BM
Information Technology	39.44	34.78
Industrials	18.83	8.29
Financials	9.82	13.54
Health Care	9.41	8.86
Communication Services	7.13	10.14
Consumer Discretionary	5.01	10.54
Materials	4.49	1.77
Consumer Staples	2.90	4.91
Utilities	0.97	2.35
Energy	0.00	2.89
Real Estate	0.00	1.94
Cash & Other Net Assets	2.00	0.00

### Market Capitalization (%)

	Portfolio
10.0-25.0 Billion	4.45
25.0-50.0 Billion	8.89
>50.0 Billion	86.66

### Characteristics

	Portfolio	BM
Historical 3 Years Sales Growth	15.46%	15.19%
Number of Issuers	68	503
Price to Earnings (12-Month Forward)	32.14x	25.04x
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (Millions USD)	\$1,200,750	\$1,367,649

† Source: Franklin Templeton. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings are based on representative accounts within the composite. Portfolio characteristics and sector weightings of individual client portfolios in the program may differ, sometimes significantly, from those shown above. Assumes no client-imposed restrictions. This information does not constitute, and should not be construed as, investment advice or recommendations with respect to the sectors listed and should not be used as a sole basis to make any investment decisions.



## Performance

### Annualized Rates of Return – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) as of September 30, 2025 – PRELIMINARY – (Inception date: 10/26/2023)

	YTD*	1 Mth*	3 Mths*	1 Year	Since Incept
Franklin Growth SMA–Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	12.53	1.98	5.99	12.03	24.86
Franklin Growth SMA–Net of Fees—(USD)	10.08	1.73	5.22	8.79	21.28
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	14.83	3.65	8.12	17.60	29.36

### Calendar-Year Total Returns – Pure Gross and Net of Fees (%) ending December 31

	YTD	2024
Franklin Growth SMA–Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	12.53	18.24
Franklin Growth SMA–Net of Fees—(USD)	10.08	14.83
S&P 500 Index—(USD)	14.83	25.02

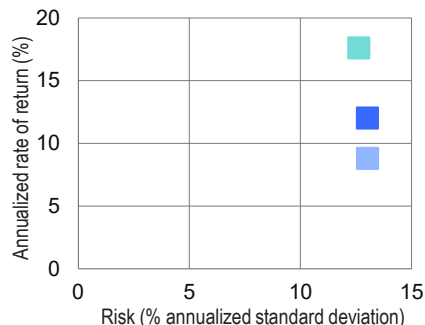
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<sup>1</sup> **Fees:** Periods less than one year are not annualized. Performance results are for the composite which includes all actual, fully discretionary accounts with substantially similar investment policies and objectives managed to the composite's investment strategy. Composite returns are stated in U.S. dollars and assume reinvestment of any dividends, interest income, capital gains, or other earnings. The composite may include account(s) that are gross of fees and pure gross of fees. "Pure" gross-of-fee returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including transaction costs. A traditional (or "true") gross-of-fee return reflects performance after the reduction of transaction costs but before the reduction of the investment advisory fee. The gross-of-fee return may include a blend of "true" gross-of-fee returns for non-wrap accounts and "pure" gross-of-fee returns for wrap accounts. Net-of-fee returns is reduced by a model "wrap fee" (3.0% is the maximum anticipated wrap fee for equity and balanced portfolios) which includes trading expenses as well as investment management, administrative and custodial fees. The model wrap fee used represents the highest anticipated wrap fee applicable to the strategy. Actual fees and account minimums may vary.

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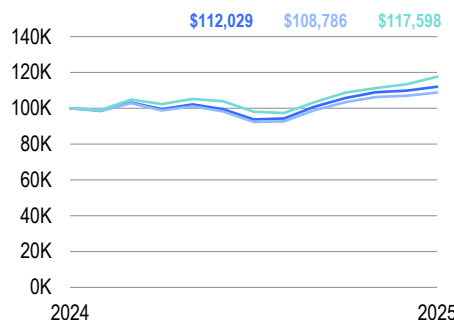
## Performance Statistics <sup>1</sup> Preliminary (based on 1-year period ending September 30, 2025)

### Risk/Return profile (%)

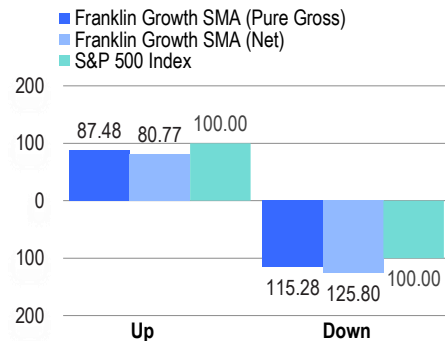


<b>Franklin Growth SMA (Pure Gross)</b>	
Annualized Return (%)	12.03
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	13.02
<b>Franklin Growth SMA (Net)</b>	
Annualized Return (%)	8.79
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	13.02
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	
Annualized Return (%)	17.60
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	12.64

### Growth of \$100,000\*



### Up/Down market capture ratios (%)



### Modern portfolio statistics

	Portfolio (Pure gross)	Portfolio (Net)	BM
Sharpe Ratio	0.59	0.36	0.99
Beta	1.00	1.00	N/A
Alpha (%)	-4.73	-7.52	N/A
R-Squared	0.94	0.94	N/A

	(+) Months	(-) Months
Pure Gross:	7	5
Net:	7	5

<sup>1</sup> Source: Franklin Templeton.

\*For illustrative purposes only. Assumes no withdrawals or contributions. These statistics are based on pure gross and net-of-fees quarterly composite returns, were calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income, and take into account both realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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## Terms and definitions:

**Dividend yield** is determined by dividing a stock's annual dividends per share by the current market price per share. Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends. **Dividend yield is calculated without the deduction of fees and expenses.**

**P/E (Year 1)** is the previous day's closing price of the stock divided by the consensus earnings per share (EPS) of fiscal year 1 (FY1) provided by I/B/E/S. Forecasts are inherently limited and should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

The **price-to-book ratio (P/B)** is a stock's price divided by the stock's per share book value. Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of a common stock.

**Weighted median market capitalization** represents the value at which half the portfolio's market capitalization weight falls above, and half falls below.

**Weighted average market capitalization** represents the average value of the companies held in the portfolio. When that figure is weighted, the impact of each company's capitalization on the overall average is proportional to the total market value of its shares.

**Market capitalization** measures the number of outstanding common shares of a given corporation multiplied by the latest price per share.

**Standard deviation** measures the risk or volatility of an investment's return over a particular time period; the greater the number, the greater the risk.

The **up-capture ratio** measures the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are positive in the benchmark. An up-capture ratio of more than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's positive quarters.

The **down-capture ratio** is the ratio of the manager's overall performance to the benchmark's overall performance, considering only quarters that are negative in the benchmark. A down-capture ratio of less than 100 indicates a manager who outperforms the relative benchmark in the benchmark's negative quarters and protects more of a portfolio's value during down markets.

**Alpha** is a measure of performance vs. a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. A positive alpha of 1.0 means the portfolio has outperformed its benchmark index by 1%. Correspondingly, a similar negative alpha would indicate an underperformance of 1%. Alpha is a measure of the difference between actual returns and expected performance measuring sensitivity to index movements.

**Beta** measures the sensitivity of an investment to the movement of its benchmark. A beta higher than 1.0 indicates the investment has been more volatile than the benchmark and a beta of less than 1.0 indicates that the investment has been less volatile than the benchmark.

**Sharpe ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure, calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better a portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**R-squared** measures the strength of the linear relationship between a portfolio and its benchmark. R-squared at 1.00 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists.

The **S&P 500 Index** features 500 leading U.S. publicly traded companies, with a primary emphasis on market capitalization. Source: © S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. All rights reserved.

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