

Investment overview

The Franklin U.S. Focused Growth SMA seeks capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies that the investment manager believes offer compelling growth opportunities. Many factors are considered in the selection criteria, including historical and potential growth in revenues and earnings, assessment of strength and quality of management, and determination of a company's strategic positioning in its industry.

Investment management team

Matthew Moberg
Portfolio Manager
Industry since 1998

Investment philosophy

- We believe a concentrated approach, grounded in fundamental research, an emphasis on quality, and opportunistic security selection, has the potential to generate excess return versus the benchmark over a full market cycle.
- We seek high-quality companies we consider to be poised for revenue, earnings or asset growth, whose valuations do not fully reflect their long-term growth potential relative to business and financial risks.

Key considerations in company selection include our assessment of:

- The pace of future growth based on secular growth drivers
- The company's strategic positioning in its industry
- The strength and quality of management
- Valuation
- ESG factors that impact the long-term risk and return profile

Why Franklin U.S. Focused Growth strategy?

Attractive alpha potential

- Based on fundamental research
- Concentrated strategy of 20–50 holdings
- Style-true and benchmark-agnostic

Disciplined risk management process

- Conviction-weighted position sizing
- In-depth research
- Industry and end-market diversification
- Long term investment horizon

Core/satellite component

- May potentially complement diversified and/or passive core allocations

Investment process

Long-term focus drives our differentiated process



Idea generation focused on growth sustainability and quality

- Evaluate companies demonstrating attractive growth trajectories
- Leverage PM market intelligence and analyst input to identify potential investments

Fundamentally-driven research

- Seek positive inflections, such as earnings acceleration
- Employ bottom-up, fundamental research to identify compelling opportunities that meet our sustainable growth profile
- Investment team located near the heart of Silicon Valley
- Integrate ESG assessment into our research process

Flexible and opportunistic portfolio construction

- Conviction-weighted portfolio construction
- Weightings driven by differentiated perspective of the companies' sustainability or pace of growth
- Build a diverse portfolio according to end-markets, not formal sector classifications

Risk-focused sell discipline

- Sell-discipline seeks to manage risk and reduce the downside
- Well-defined sell criteria for securities with meaningful absolute or relative price deterioration

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 December 31, 2025

Top Ten Holdings (%)

	Portfolio
NVIDIA CORP	13.48
MICROSOFT CORP	9.43
AMAZON.COM INC	8.71
ALPHABET INC	7.31
BROADCOM INC	5.87
META PLATFORMS INC	5.07
APPLE INC	4.87
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	3.79
TESLA INC	3.45
SHOPIFY INC	3.04
Total	65.00

Sector Weightings (%)

	Portfolio	BM
Information Technology	51.09	50.30
Consumer Discretionary	16.17	13.36
Communication Services	15.08	12.10
Health Care	6.48	8.15
Financials	5.24	6.40
Industrials	2.93	5.95
Consumer Staples	0.00	2.44
Real Estate	0.00	0.43
Materials	0.00	0.31
Energy	0.00	0.29
Utilities	0.00	0.28
Cash & Other Net Assets	3.02	0.00

Characteristics

	Portfolio	BM
Historical 3 Years Sales Growth	27.45%	20.48%
Number of Issuers	37	391
Price to Earnings (12-Month Forward)	38.97x	33.13x
Weighted Average Market Capitalization (Millions USD)	\$2,062,595	\$1,949,231

Market Capitalization (%)

	Portfolio
10.0-25.0 Billion	2.93
25.0-50.0 Billion	5.30
>50.0 Billion	91.77

[†] 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 December 31, 2025 – PRELIMINARY – (Inception date: 3/31/2020)

	YTD*	1 Mth*	3 Mths*	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Incept
Franklin U.S. Focused Growth SMA–Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	17.83	-0.77	-1.57	17.83	34.40	11.65	21.93
Franklin U.S. Focused Growth SMA–Net of Fees—(USD)	14.43	-1.01	-2.30	14.43	30.56	8.42	18.42
Russell 1000 Growth Index—(USD)	18.56	-0.62	1.12	18.56	31.15	15.32	23.00

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Franklin US Focused Growth–Pure Gross of Fees—(USD)	17.83	38.15	49.15	-38.63	16.47
Franklin US Focused Growth–Net of Fees—(USD)	14.43	34.22	44.93	-40.50	13.11
Russell 1000 Growth Index —(USD)	18.56	33.36	42.68	-29.14	27.60

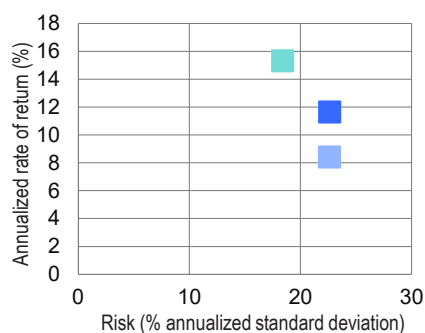
The strategy returns shown are preliminary composite returns, subject to future revision (downward or upward). Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. An investment in this strategy can lose value. Please visit www.franklintempleton.com for the latest performance figures. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges.

¹ **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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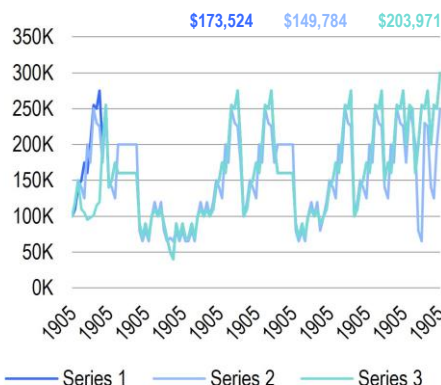
Performance Statistics ¹ Preliminary (based on 5-year period ending December 31, 2025)

Risk/Return profile (%)

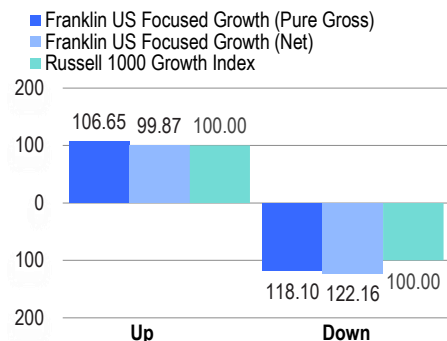


Franklin US Focused Growth (Pure Gross)	
Annualized Return (%)	11.65
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	22.63
Franklin US Focused Growth (Net)	
Annualized Return (%)	8.42
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	22.63
Russell 1000 Growth Index	
Annualized Return (%)	15.32
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	18.41

Chart Title



Up/Down market capture ratios (%)



Modern portfolio statistics

	Portfolio (Pure gross)	Portfolio (Net)	BM
Sharpe Ratio	0.46	0.33	0.69
Beta	1.18	1.18	N/A
Alpha (%)	-4.62	-7.42	N/A
R-Squared	0.93	0.93	N/A

	(+) Months	(-) Months
Pure Gross:	37	23
Net:	37	23

¹ 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.

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.

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 **Russell 1000 Growth Index** measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. Source: FTSE.

What are the risks?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. To the extent the portfolio invests in a **concentration of certain securities, regions or industries**, it is subject to increased volatility. **Equity securities** are subject to price fluctuation and possible loss of principal. **The investment style** may become out of favor, which may have a negative impact on performance. **Active management** does not ensure gains or protect against market declines. **International investments** are subject to special risks, including currency fluctuations and social, economic and political uncertainties, which could increase volatility. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets**. **Small- and mid-cap stocks** involve greater risks and volatility than large-cap stocks. The manager may **consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria** in the research or investment process; however, ESG considerations may not be a determinative factor in security selection. In addition, the manager may not assess every investment for ESG criteria, and not every ESG factor may be identified or evaluated.

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