

IWO

iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF

Analyst Report

IWO seeks to replicate a benchmark which offers exposure small cap firms that exhibit growth characteristics in the U.S. equity market. The investment thesis behind small caps is that these firms are likely to provide strong growth prospects to a portfolio and should have a much easier time growing than their large cap counterparts. However, these securities are extremely volatile and can experience large losses or gains in a very short period of time. Despite their volatility, these products should probably be in every investors' portfolio as they tend to move somewhat independently of large caps and can be a better 'pure play' on the American economy. This particular ETF, since it focuses on growth securities, has certain biases in its portfolio holdings and may not offer as much of a cross section as funds such as IWM and be more volatile as well. With that being said, IWO does an impressive job of dividing up assets as the fund holds close to 1,260 securities in total and doesn't give any one security more than 0.8% of the total assets. Thanks to this high level of diversification and IWO's low expense ratio, the fund could make for a quality addition to portfolios of investors who are looking for small caps but are seeking a higher risk/reward profile in the space. However, it should be noted that there are several other products in the space, namely IJT, SLYG, and VBK, that offer similar diversification at a cheaper price, potentially making them better choices for long-term investors.

ESG Themes and Scores

5.49/10

ESG Rate

29.31%

Global Percentile

18.82%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	IWO	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	7.04%	6.33%	5.28%
3 Month	12.46%	10.49%	9.23%
YTD Return	10.73%	7.59%	7.09%
1 Year Return	11.08%	10.09%	9.25%
3 Year Return	-0.67%	1.81%	0.36%
5 Year Return	7.44%	7.02%	5.37%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
INSM	Insmid Incorporated	0.88%
FTAI	FTAI Aviation Ltd.	0.78%
PCVX	Vaxcyte, Inc.	0.66%
FN	Fabrinet	0.65%
SFM	Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	0.63%

Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.24%
Inception	Jul 24, 2000
Index Tracked	Russell 2000 Growth Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Small Cap Growth Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Small-Cap
Asset Class Style	Growth
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. - Small Cap Growth
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Small Cap
Niche	Growth
Strategy	Growth
Weighting	Multi-Factor

