

# Tributary Small/Mid Cap Fund

FSMBX : Institutional Plus Class



## Fund Overview

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the Tributary Small/Mid Cap Fund for the period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. You can find additional information about the Fund at [www.tributaryfunds.com/resources](http://www.tributaryfunds.com/resources). You can also request this information by contacting us at (800) 662-4203.

## What were the Fund's costs for the last year?

*(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)*

Class Name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Institutional Plus	\$90	0.90%

## How did the Fund perform in the last year?

The Tributary Small/Mid Cap Fund faced significant headwinds during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, returning just 1.49% (Institutional Plus Class) compared to the Russell 2500 Index's 23.45% gain and the Russell 2500 Value Index's 25.43% return.

The year opened amid considerable uncertainty as the new White House administration implemented sweeping tariffs. Economic growth forecasts declined sharply, prompting companies to withdraw guidance and postpone capital spending plans. The tariff announcement triggered a market correction, with indexes bottoming on April 8, 2025. However, news of a 90-day tariff delay sparked a dramatic reversal, and by month's end indexes had recovered all losses. Following April's volatility, economic concerns gradually subsided and the Russell 2500 benchmark posted consistent gains throughout the fiscal year, ultimately reaching an all-time high in late February 2026.

This was a difficult period for most active small and mid-cap managers, and the Fund lagged its benchmark every quarter. A substantial portion of underperformance occurred between mid-April and late October, when low-quality style factors generated the strongest returns while high-quality factors significantly underperformed. This dynamic proved particularly challenging given the Fund's emphasis on high-quality characteristics, which historically outperform over longer time horizons.

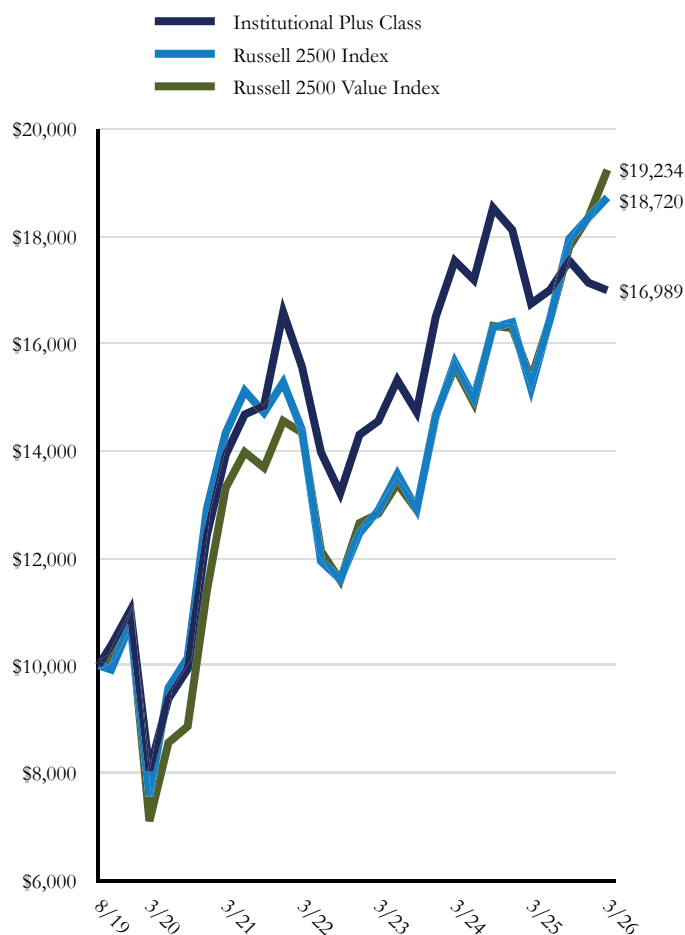
Consumer staples delivered an outsized relative gain exceeding the benchmark as Casey's General Stores continued posting strong results. However, underperformance was broadly distributed, with seven of eleven sectors lagging by more than one percent.

Industrials suffered most severely, posting just a 1% gain versus the benchmark's 38% advance. An overweight position in professional services, the sector's only negative performer, combined with no exposure to surging aerospace & defense or construction & engineering industries (both up over 89%) proved costly. Robert Half plummeted 50% on weak staffing fundamentals, while ExlService declined 36% amid artificial intelligence disruption concerns.

Healthcare lagged due to struggling holdings Enovis, ICON and Molina Healthcare along with absent biotechnology exposure, a segment that surged 68%. Technology returns suffered from an overweight in software, negatively affected by AI displacement concerns. Additionally, lacking exposure to communications equipment and memory manufacturer Sandisk, which soared 1,247%, dragged on performance.

Despite near-term challenges, the Fund maintains its disciplined long-term approach, focusing on companies with durable business models, strong cash flow generation, solid balance sheets and experienced management teams.

Total Return Based on a \$10,000 Investment



The above chart represents historical performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment over the past 10 years.

## Average Annual Total Returns

	One Year	Five Year	Since Inception 08/1/19
<b>Institutional Plus Class</b>	1.49%	4.06%	8.28%
<b>Russell 2500 Index</b>	23.45%	5.48%	9.86%
<b>Russell 2500 Value Index</b>	25.43%	7.64%	10.31%

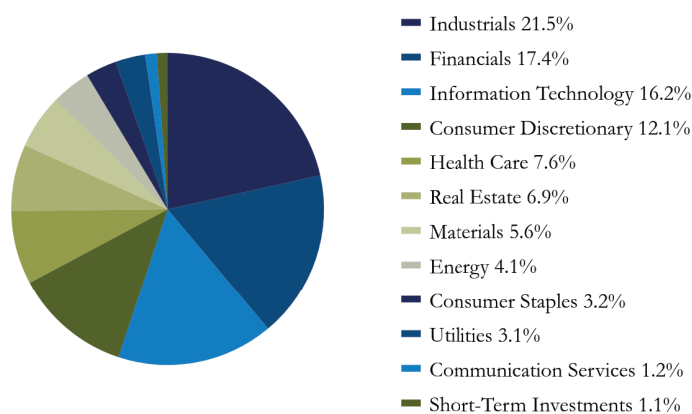
*The Fund's past performance is not a good predictor of how the Fund will perform in the future. The table does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.*

### Fund Statistics

Total Net Assets	\$28,546,734
# of Portfolio Holdings	59
Portfolio Turnover Rate	35%
Investment Advisory Fees (Net of fees waived)	\$140,407

### Sector Weightings

(% total investments)



### Top Ten Holdings

(% of net assets)

Burlington Stores, Inc.	3.17%
IDACORP, Inc.	3.06%
Littelfuse, Inc.	3.02%
Onto Innovation, Inc.	2.59%
CACI International, Inc., Class A	2.57%
Enpro, Inc.	2.47%
Permian Resources Corp., Class A	2.43%
Diodes, Inc.	2.35%
Stifel Financial Corp.	2.35%
Markel Group, Inc.	2.32%

Holdings are shown excluding cash equivalents.

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- prospectus
- financial information
- holdings
- proxy information



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