

AST Small-Cap Growth Portfolio

Advanced Series Trust

as of 1Q 2021

Overall Morningstar Rating™ ★★ ★

Morningstar Style Box

LARGE			
MID			
SMALL			●
	VALUE	BLEND	GROWTH

Key Fund Facts

Investment Advisor

AST Investment Services, Inc.
PGIM Investments LLC

Share Class

Class I

Fund Category

Small-Cap Growth

Inception Date

01/04/1994

Total Net Assets (\$M)

1,000.9

Total Expense Ratio (%)

0.99

Turnover Ratio(%)

97.00

Risk Statistics 3-year

as of 03/31/2021

Alpha 3 Year	1.95
Beta	1.27
R-Squared	55.01
Annualized Standard Deviation	26.47
Sharpe Ratio	0.83
Tracking Error	13.49

Fund Characteristics

as of 02/28/2021

No of Holdings	201
P/E Ratio	—
Average Market Cap	3,895.90

Annual Performance

	PORTFOLIO	INDEX
2020	48.39	34.63
2019	30.12	28.48
2018	-8.40	-9.31
2017	23.91	22.17
2016	12.07	11.32

Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 626 funds as of 3/31/2021. Morningstar measures risk adjusted returns. The overall rating is a weighted average based on the Fund's 3-, 5-, and 10-year star rating.

Investment Objective

The Portfolio seeks long-term capital growth. There can be no guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved.

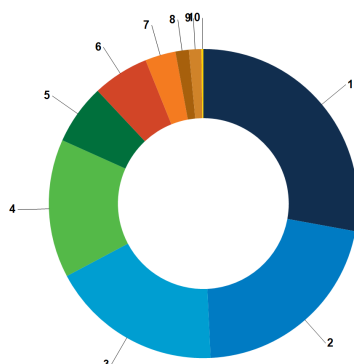
Performance Overview as of 3/31/2021

	CUMULATIVE RETURNS (%)		ANNUALIZED RETURNS (%)				
	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	SINCE INCEP
Fund Return	3.67	3.67	103.62	21.95	21.92	14.00	9.36
Russell 2000 Grwth Index	4.88	4.88	90.20	17.16	18.61	13.02	—

Past performance does not guarantee future returns. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that the units, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the past performance data quoted. Performance information as of the most recent month-end is available upon request.

The rates of return reflect the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains, and the deduction of investment management fees and expenses. They do not reflect other charges specific to your contract such as premium loads, cost of insurance, administrative charges, transfer charges and mortality and expense charges, which would significantly lower the returns shown. For specific charges and expenses associated with your contract, please refer to the prospectus.

Sector Allocation as of 02/28/2021



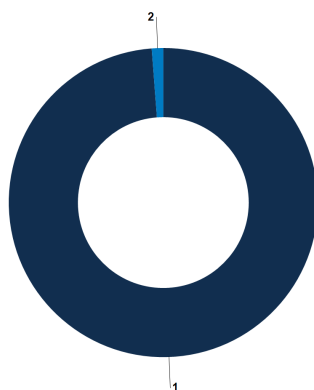
	% of Investments
1. Healthcare	27.9%
2. Technology	21.4
3. Industrials	18.0
4. Consumer Cyclical	14.5
5. Financial Services	6.3
6. Consumer Defensive	5.9
7. Communication Services	3.2
8. Basic Materials	1.4
9. Real Estate	1.3
10. Utilities	0.2

Holdings and allocations are subject to change. Asset Allocation may equal less than or greater than 100% due to hedged funds or leveraged cash positions by the Fund. Asset allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in declining Markets.

Holdings

as of 02/28/2021

Chart Industries Inc	2.0%
Chegg Inc	1.8
Churchill Downs Inc	1.7
NeoGenomics Inc	1.7
Rapid7 Inc	1.6
BlackRock Liquidity FedFund Instl	1.5
Freshpet Inc	1.3
Planet Fitness Inc A	1.2
National Vision Holdings Inc	1.2
AtriCure Inc	1.2

Asset Allocation as of 02/28/2021**% of Investments**

1. Equity	98.8%
2. Cash	1.2%

Data is based on information collected from the investment company, is updated as of the date shown in the section's title, and will vary over time. Asset Allocation may equal less than or greater than 100% due to hedged funds or leveraged cash positions by the Fund. Holdings and allocations are subject to change. Asset allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets.

Risk Measures - Alpha - Measures a manager's contribution to performance due to security selection or market timing relative to the index. **Beta** - Measures a portfolio's sensitivity to market movements in the index. **R-Squared** - A measure that indicates the extent to which fluctuations in portfolio returns are correlated with those of the index. **Standard Deviation** - A measure of risk that gauges the variability of actual returns from the expected values and the dispersion of these variations over time. **Sharpe Ratio** - A measure that uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Tracking Error** - A divergence between the price behavior of a position or portfolio and the price behavior of a benchmark.

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Risks - The Portfolio may invest in small-cap stocks, which may be subject to more erratic market movements than large-cap stocks; foreign securities, which are subject to currency fluctuation and political uncertainty; short sales, which involve costs and the risks of potentially unlimited losses; and derivative securities, which may carry market, credit, and liquidity risks. The risks associated with the Fund are more fully explained in the [prospectus](#) and summary prospectus.

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AST Small-Cap Growth Portfolio was rated against the following number of U.S. domiciled Small-Cap Growth funds over the following time periods: 576 funds in the last three years, 503 funds in the last five years, and 379 funds in the last ten years. With respect to these Small-Cap Growth funds, AST Small-Cap Growth Portfolio received a Morningstar Rating of 3 stars, 3 stars and 3 stars for the three-, five- and ten-year periods, respectively. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The Morningstar Style Box™ reveals a fund's investment strategy. For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend, or growth). A darkened square in the style box indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

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