

# **Granahan Future Pathways UCITS**

#### Investment Summary

Granahan's Future Pathways Fund invests in 40-50 equities of small and mid cap ("SMID Cap") companies, focusing on traditional fundamentals while also uncovering the intrinsic value of societal impact. The goal of the strategy is intended to be flexible and adaptable to environmental and social issues as they arise, and able to rotate where the best opportunities exist for stock appreciation in this universe. The fund looks beyond ESG ratings data, instead focusing on the external benefit of the products and services provided by the holdings. Our most recent Annual Report for Future Pathways can be found here.

### **Fund Highlights**

- As a firm focused on small- and midcap companies, we believe that smaller companies through their products and services have an
  advantage in helping larger businesses meet their sustainability objectives.
- Future Pathways' diversified portfolio is mapped to the UN SDG's and six specific objectives: Clean Energy, Energy Efficiency, Health Care Outcome & Cost, Pollution Reduction, Social Justice & Opportunity and Water & Food.
- Future Pathways is a collection of smaller companies helping larger institutions meet their tech, environmental, medical, and societal needs in a direct and impactful manner.



#### Portfolio Manager David Rose, CFA

**26 Yrs. Experience** David Rose is Chief Investment Officer, Senior Vice President and a Managing Director of the firm. Mr. Rose is the portfolio manager for GIM's Future Pathways, Small Cap Select, SMID-Select and MidCap Select strategies, as well as overseeing a portion of the multi-managed Small Cap and SMID-Cap portfolios. Mr. Rose joined GIM in 2015 and has over 20 years industry experience, including as a portfolio manager for several highly ranked equity funds. Prior to joining GIM, Mr. Rose was a partner with Furey Research Partners in Boston, where he conducted small cap equity research for use by the firm's

investment manager clients. Prior to his work at Furey Research, Mr. Rose spent much of his career as a portfolio manager with American Century Investments in Kansas City, MO, before moving to Pyramis Global Advisors in Smithfield, RI to manage a new mid-cap fund. David received his MS in Finance from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and his BS in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

### About Granahan Investment Management

Founded in 1985, Granahan Investment Management, LLC is an employee-owned investment boutique specializing in smaller cap equity investments for large institutions and wealthy individuals. The firm utilizes fundamental, bottom-up research to uncover and invest in fast growing companies.



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## **GICS Sector Diversification**

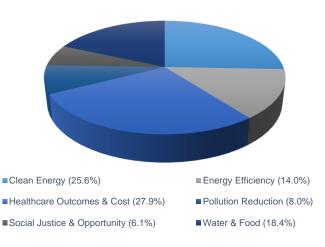
Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth		
Communication Services	0.0%	1.7%		
Consumer Discretionary	4.7%	14.3%		
Consumer Staples	15.9%	2.9%		
Energy	1.5%	3.8%		
Financials	3.7%	8.9%		
Health Care	27.9%	21.7%		
Industrials	30.6%	19.7%		
Information Technology	15.7%	20.6%		
Materials	0.0%	3.5%		
Real Estate	0.0%	1.3%		
Utilities	0.0%	0.7%		
[Cash]	0.1%	0.0%		

### **Top 10 Positions**

Security	Objective	Percent of Portfolio	
First Solar Inc.	Core Growth	6.5%	
Evolent Health Inc Class A	Special Situation	5.8%	
Tetra Tech Inc.	Core Growth	5.7%	
SunOpta Inc.	Core Growth	5.6%	
Exact Sciences Corp	Core Growth	5.3%	
Darling Ingredients Inc.	Special Situation	4.3%	
Axon Enterprise	Core Growth	4.1%	
HA Sustainable Infrastructure Capital	Core Growth	3.6%	
Vita Coco Company Inc.	Core Growth	3.4%	
Viking Therapeutics Inc.	Pioneer	3.3%	
TOTAL		47.6%	

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## **Objective Exposure**



## **Characteristics**

Characteristic	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth	
Median Market Cap	\$4,552.6 mil	\$1,518.9 mil	
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$9,818.5 mil	\$6,896.9 mil	
Active Share	96.0%	-	
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	27.0%	17.7%	
Forward P/E Ratio	25.1x	22.9x	
LT Debt/Capital	37.4%	39.7%	
Dividend Yield	0.2%	0.5%	
Price to Book	3.4x	4.8x	

Source: FactSet

## **Monthly Commentary**

The Granahan Future Pathways UCITS strategy was down -4.4% (USD) this month underperforming the -0.3% return of the Russell 25000 Growth Index. Part of the reason small caps have lagged since the Fed cut rates may have been doubts about the economy. Challenges in the month were largely tied to selection in Information Technology and Industrials. With respect to sustainable objectives, Social Justice & Opportunity and Water & Food holdings significantly outperformed the benchmark, but it wasn't enough to offset the underperformance of the holdings in the other objective categories. All three LifeCycle categories lagged the benchmark. The valuation on our portfolio using EV/Sales is the lowest it has been in quite some time. Sales growth is beginning to recover with the outlook for 2025 strong for both revenue and earnings growth.

The Russell 2500<sup>TM</sup> Growth Index measures the performance of the small to mid-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 companies with relatively higher price-to-book ratios, higher I/B/E/S forecast medium term (2 year) growth and higher sales per share historical growth (5 years). The Russell 2500 Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the small to midcap growth market. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small to mid-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics.

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# **Future Pathways**

Date		Future Pathways							
As of 12/31/23	Composite Gross Return	Composite Net Return	Russell 2500 Growth Return	Composite Assets \$ Mil	Composite # Accts	Composite 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Russell 2500 Growth 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Composite Dispersion	Firm Assets \$ Mil
2023	7.13%	6.07%	18.93%	\$17.9	6	30.55	20.95	NA	\$3,098.9
2022	-14.34%	-15.21%	-26.21%	\$2.1	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$3,326.8
2021	11.06%	11.95%	5.04%	\$2.4	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$4,964.2
2020*	43.97%	43.60%	24.92%	\$0.8	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$4,573.1

NA – Dispersion information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year; Standard deviation information has fewer than three years' data. \*Partial year performance: August 31, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

## **Composite Footnotes**

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