



# BETTER PATH TO PERSISTENT GROWTH

For many investors, corporate earnings are often the primary focus for evaluating stocks. But earnings only tell a partial story. We think there’s a better way to identify businesses that can generate long-term growth.

## BUSINESS RETURNS LEAD THE WAY

### COMPANIES WITH HIGH RETURN ON ASSETS HISTORICALLY OUTPERFORM OVER THE LONG TERM

Hypothetical Growth of \$100



Through December 31, 2018

**Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

Based on the Russell 1000 Growth universe, indexed to 100 on January 1, 1992. Returns shown are for the 20% of stocks in the universe with the highest return on assets (ROA) and the highest earnings per share (EPS) growth over trailing years.

Source: Russell Investments and AB

+ As growth investors, we believe that the most insightful measure of looking at business profitability is through fundamental returns, or return on assets (ROA)<sup>1</sup>

+ For over three decades, US stocks with high ROA have consistently outperformed stocks with high earnings per share (EPS) growth—as well as the Russell 1000 Growth Index

+ Our Fund, managed by a long-tenured team, led by Frank Caruso, has one of the highest ROA measures in its peer group over time, resulting in long-term outperformance

<sup>1</sup> Return on assets (ROA) is an indicator of how profitable a company is relative to its total assets, and gives an idea as to how efficient management is at using its assets to generate earnings. Calculated by dividing a company’s annual earnings by its total assets, ROA is displayed as a percentage.

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# CONSIDER AB LARGE CAP GROWTH (APGYX)

OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™

Advisor Shares



Rated against 1,256 funds in the Large Growth Funds Category, based on risk-adjusted returns.\*

## PERSISTENT PROFITABILITY HAS HISTORICALLY LED TO LONG-TERM INVESTMENT SUCCESS

### Portfolio Statistics Since Team Inception

February 1, 2012 through March 31, 2019

	Return (%)	Standard Deviation (%)	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha (%)	Max Drawdown (%)	Up-Market Capture (%)	Down-Market Capture (%)
AB Large Cap Growth Fund	16.8	11.4	1.4	2.1	-11.9	101.9	91.0
Morningstar Large Growth Funds	13.9	12.5	1.1	-1.3	-16.0	97.2	105.6
Russell 1000 Growth Index	15.3	11.6	1.2	-	-15.9	-	-
Percentile Rank (%)	7	16	1	1	4	26	9

### Average Annual Total Returns: Advisor Share Performance

As of March 31, 2019

	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	10 Years
AB Large Cap Growth Fund	16.06%	17.64%	15.41%	18.12%
Morningstar Large Growth Funds	10.71%	15.35%	11.26%	15.94%
Quartile Rank	1st	1st	1st	1st
Rank†	144/1,397	295/1,256	34/1,114	77/805
Rating	-	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★
Russell 1000 Growth Index	12.75%	16.53%	13.50%	17.52%

Expense ratio as of 10/31/18—Gross: 0.68%; Net‡: 0.0.66%

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‡ If applicable, this reflects the Adviser's contractual waiver of a portion of its advisory fee and/or reimbursement of a portion of the Fund's operating expenses. Absent reimbursements or waivers, performance would have been lower.

Source: Morningstar and AB

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index** represents the performance of large-cap growth companies within the US. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and its performance does not reflect the performance of any AB portfolio. The unmanaged index does not reflect fees and expenses associated with the active management of a portfolio.

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