# The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III

# SouthernSun Small Cap Fund



# **Class N Shares - SSSFX**

# Annual Shareholder Report: September 30, 2025

This annual shareholder report contains important information about Class N Shares of the SouthernSun Small Cap Fund (the "Fund") for the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. You can find additional information about the Fund at https://southernsunam.com/investment-products/small-cap-fund/. You can also request this information by contacting us at 866-392-2626.

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

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

Fund Name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
SouthernSun Small Cap Fund, Class N Shares	\$133	1.34%

# How did the Fund perform in the last year?

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2025, the Fund (Class N) returned -0.89%, underperforming its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Index (USD) (TR) which returned 10.76%.

SouthernSun focuses on building a portfolio of attractively valued, high quality businesses with strong market positions and financial flexibility, led by management teams that are good allocators of capital. We believe that stock selection will be the most important long-term driver of portfolio returns. However, in the past year, movements in equity markets seem to have been driven largely by political or macroeconomic sentiment in addition to individual company performance. For example, dramatic tariff announcements in the first part of 2025 led to volatility for equity markets while also driving uncertainty regarding inflation, future Fed policy, consumer confidence and economic growth. Equity markets later responded positively to a rate reduction and a bit of progress on trade policy with some of our key trading partners.

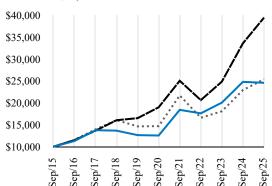
Stock selection within the consumer staples and materials sectors was responsible for the majority of the underperformance during the last year, led by MGP Ingredients, Inc. (MGPI) and Stepan Co (SCL), respectively. This was offset, in part, by an underweight allocation to the health care and real estate sectors, which posted negative returns for the 12-month period.

Looking forward, we believe the market may experience volatility due to the likelihood of continued political and economic headlines, including Fed policy in the coming year. Our opinion is that market environments like these create opportunities for active management that truly have a long-term investment horizon. Price dislocations often occur when there is economic uncertainty and price volatility. These dislocations can result in opportunities to add to positions, take profits, or initiate new positions in the portfolio. We take a long-term view, and we will take advantage of what we believe could be short-term price movements in order to improve the long-term upside for the portfolios.

#### How did the Fund perform during the last 10 years?

### Total Return Based on \$10,000 Investment

- SouthernSun Small Cap Fund, Class N Shares - \$24,580
- Russell 3000 Index (USD) (TR)\* -\$39,447
- Russell 2000 Index (USD) (TR)\* \$25,391



Average Annual Total Returns as of September 30, 2025				
Fund/Index Name	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	
SouthernSun Small Cap Fund, Class N Shares	-0.89%	14.38%	9.41%	
Russell 3000 Index (USD) (TR)*	17.41%	15.74%	14.71%	
Russell 2000 Index (USD) (TR)*	10.76%	11.56%	9.77%	
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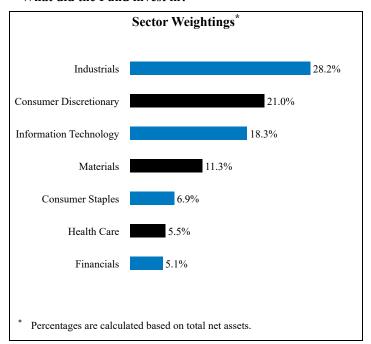
The line graph represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the Fund during the last 10 years. Returns shown are total returns, which assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The table and graph presented above do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Call 866-392-2626 or visit https://southernsunam.com/investment-products/small-cap-fund/ for current month-end performance.

\* Total Return (TR) - Reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes.

# Key Fund Statistics as of September 30, 2025

Total Net AssetsNumber of HoldingsTotal Advisory Fees PaidPortfolio Turnover Rate\$276,710,00223\$2,017,33230%

#### What did the Fund invest in?



Top Ten Holdings		
	Percentage of	
Holding Name	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	
Brink's	7.3%	
US Physical Therapy	5.5%	
Live Oak Bancshares	5.1%	
Dorman Products	5.0%	
Louisiana-Pacific	4.9%	
Modine Manufacturing	4.9%	
Crane NXT	4.7%	
Murphy USA	4.7%	
Advanced Energy Industries	4.7%	
Darling Ingredients	4.5%	

## **Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants**

There were no changes in or disagreements with accountants during the reporting period.

#### **Additional Information**

For additional information about the Fund, including its prospectus, financial information, holdings, and proxy voting information, call or visit:

- 866-392-2626
- https://southernsunam.com/investment-products/small-cap-fund/

#### Householding

Rule 30e-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 permits funds to transmit only one copy of a proxy statement, annual report or semi-annual report to shareholders (who need not be related) with the same residential, commercial or electronic address, provided that the shareholders have consented in writing and the reports are addressed either to each shareholder individually or to the shareholders as a group. This process is known as "householding" and is designed to reduce the duplicate copies of materials that shareholders receive and to lower printing and mailing costs for funds. Once implemented, if you would like to discontinue householding for your accounts, please call toll-free at 866-392-2626 to request individual copies of these documents. Once the Fund receives notice to stop householding, we will begin sending individual copies 30 days after receiving your request.



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