

# Nicholas Limited Edition Class I (NCLEX)

Style: Small-Cap Growth

March 31, 2014

Portfolio Manager: David O. Nicholas, CFA

## Investment Philosophy:

The advisor invests in high quality, long-term growth companies that meet our investment criteria, which includes

- A strategic position within their industry
- An enduring franchise, product or brand
- Consistent, or improving, earnings growth and free cash flow
- Low debt levels
- Reputable management with meaningful stock ownership
- Out-of-favor or undiscovered companies
- Stock price below long-term potential value

## Investment Approach:

Nicholas Limited Edition pursues long-term capital growth through a diversified stock portfolio of primarily small-sized companies with capitalizations generally less than \$2 billion. The Fund is typically benchmarked against the Russell 2000 Growth Index over a market cycle.

## Portfolio Information:

Date of Inception:	05/18/1987
Net Assets:	\$295.9 million
Number of Holdings:	95
Weighted Avg. Trailing P/E Capped:	23.31x
Weighted Avg. Forward P/E Capped:	21.33x
Weighted Avg. Market Cap.:	\$2,813.3 million
Weighted Median Market Cap.:	\$2,591.0 million
Weighted Harmonic Avg. Price/Book:	3.33x
Turnover Rate:	31.59% (12/31/13) <sup>(1)</sup>
Standard Deviation:	16.17% 10-Yr <sup>(2)</sup>
Sharpe Ratio:	0.52 10-Yr <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup>Annualized

<sup>(2)</sup>Average Annual

## Morningstar Ratings:

	Overall	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Rating	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★
# of Funds	633	633	555	373

Category: Small Growth

Source: Morningstar, as of March 31, 2014.

The Overall Morningstar Rating™ for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the risk-adjusted performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating™ metrics. <sup>(3)</sup>

## Performance History: as of March 31, 2014

	Quarter	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
<b>Nicholas Limited Edition</b>	-0.37%	21.86%	11.93%	22.44%	9.16%
<b>Russell 2000 Growth</b>	0.48%	27.19%	13.61%	25.24%	8.87%
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>Nicholas Limited Edition</b>	36.13%	10.58%	1.33%	31.62%	27.50%
<b>Russell 2000 Growth</b>	43.30%	14.59%	-2.91%	29.09%	34.47%

Expense ratio: 0.87%

**Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by visiting [www.nicholasfunds.com/returns.html](http://www.nicholasfunds.com/returns.html) or by calling 1-800-544-6547.**

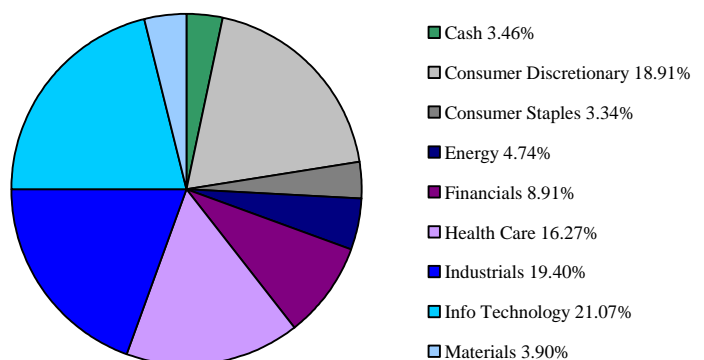
## Top 10 Holdings:

% of Net Assets

VeriFone Systems, Inc.	1.63%
Knight Transportation, Inc.	1.50%
MICROS Systems, Inc.	1.41%
Roadrunner Transportation Systems, Inc.	1.39%
Generac Holdings Inc.	1.38%
KAR Auction Services, Inc.	1.37%
Teleflex Incorporated	1.36%
Euronet Worldwide, Inc.	1.35%
Dorman Products, Inc.	1.34%
Bally Technologies, Inc.	1.31%
	<u>14.04%</u>

## Sector Weightings:

% of Portfolio



**The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment company, and it may be obtained by visiting [www.nicholasfunds.com](http://www.nicholasfunds.com). Read it carefully before investing.**

**Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.**

*The Fund invests in smaller companies, which involve additional risks such as limited liquidity and greater volatility.*

Please refer to Page 2 for additional disclosures.

**Russell 2000® Index** measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which represents approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index. As of March 31, 2014, the weighted average market capitalization was approximately \$1.888 billion; the median market capitalization was approximately \$0.732 billion. The largest company in the index had an approximate market capitalization of \$10.616 billion.

**Russell 2000® Growth Index** measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

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Fund holdings and/or sector weightings are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

### Glossary of Terms:

<b>EPS</b>	Company total earnings divided by outstanding shares.
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	Free cash flow is cash flow available for distribution among all the securities holders of an organization.
<b>Harmonic Price/Book</b>	Price per share divided by book value per share. The harmonic function reduces the impact of outliers in the denominator on the aggregate calculation.
<b>Price/Earning Capped</b>	PE is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings or in the case of REITs (real estate investment trusts), their funds from operations. These weighted average values are limited in a range between 0 and 60.
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	A measure of a fund's historical returns adjusted for risk, or volatility.
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	Standard Deviation is a statistical measure of the historical volatility of a mutual fund or portfolio, usually computed using 36 monthly returns.