# SEI Quantitative Team added to SGMF U.S. Small Companies Fund



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SEI's Quantitative Investment Management Team (Quantitative Team) was added to the SGMF Emerging Market Equity Fund (the "Fund").

# Investment philosophy and process

Over 20 years ago, SEI first pioneered the alpha sources approach. Our research shows that much of active managers' excess returns—or alpha—can be explained by their underlying factor exposures, such as value, momentum, and quality. As such, we believe that factor investing can deliver results that outperform passive strategies at a lower cost than traditional active strategies.

We believe that factor investing offers three chief advantages over a traditional active investing approach:

- 1. Better return potential
- 2. Better risk management
- 3. Better cost control

## Role in the Funds

The SEI Quantitative Team has been added to the Funds. Their factor approach is designed to enhance both returns and risk management at a lower cost than traditional active management. Reducing both implicit charges (through in-house trading) and explicit charges (through increased factor implementation) should reduce the all-in costs of managing the Fund.

# **About SEI Quantitative Team**

SEI's Quantitative Team is based in London. A part of the broader Investment Management Unit, they are focused on factor-based investing approaches.

### Glossary

Alpha source: Alpha source is a term used by SEI as part of our internal classification system to categorize and evaluate investment managers in order to build diversified fund portfolios. An alpha source is the investment approach taken by an active investment manager in an effort to generate excess returns. Another way to define an alpha source is that it is the inefficiency that an active investment manager seeks to exploit in order to add value.

**Momentum:** A trend-following investment strategy that is based on acquiring assets with recent improvement in their price, earnings, or other relevant fundamentals.

**Quality:** A long-term buy and hold strategy that is based on acquiring assets with superior and stable profitability with high barriers of entry.

**Security selection:** An investment strategy that employs research and judgement to uncover individual opportunities that have been mispriced by other financial market participants.

Value: A mean-reverting investment strategy that is based on acquiring assets at a discount to their fair valuation.

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