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PENDER US SMALL/MID CAP EQUITY FUND



# Pender US Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund — Class F

June 27, 2025

This document contains key information you should know about Pender US Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund. You can find more detailed information in the fund's simplified prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact PenderFund Capital Management Ltd. (Pender) at 1-866-377-4743 or info@penderfund.com or visit www.penderfund.com.

Before you invest in any fund, consider how it would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.

#### **Quick facts**

Fund code:	PGF1810	Fund manager:	PenderFund Capital Management Ltd.	
Date class started:	November 15, 2024	Portfolio manager:	PenderFund Capital Management Ltd.	
Total value of the fund on April 30, 2025:	\$1.1 million	Distributions:	Net income and net capital gains annually.	
Management expense ratio (MER):	0.00%		Automatically reinvested in additional units cash upon request	
		Minimum investment:	\$500 initial, \$0 additional	

#### What does the fund invest in?

The Fund invests primarily in U.S equity securities. The Fund may also invest in Canadian and foreign securities from time to time.

The charts below give you a snapshot of the fund's investments on April 30, 2025. The fund's investments will change.

#### Top 10 investments - (April 30, 2025)

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1. Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	5.1%	Industrials	21.0%
2. Molina Healthcare, Inc.	5.1%	Information Technology	17.6%
3. Euronet Worldwide, Inc.	4.6%	Health Care	12.3%
4. Genpact Limited	4.5%	Insurance	11.8%
5. Dollar Tree, Inc.	4.1%	Cash	7.9%
6. Webster Financial Corporation	4.1%	Financial Services	7.8%
7. VeriSign, Inc.	4.0%	Consumer Staples	6.8%
8. Jabil Inc.	4.0%	Banks	4.1%
9. Ero Copper Corp.	3.9%	Materials	3.9%
10. Itron, Inc.	3.9%	Energy	3.1%
Total percentage of top 10 investments	43.3%	Consumer Discretionary	2.0%
Total number of investments	26	Real Estate	1.7%

#### How risky is it?

The value of the fund can go down as well as up. You could lose money. One way to gauge risk is to look at how much a fund's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".

In general, funds with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. Funds with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

#### Risk rating

Investment mix - (April 30, 2025)

#### Pender has rated the volatility of Class F of the fund as medium.

This rating is based on how much the fund's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the fund will be in the future. The rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.

Low Low to Medium	Medium	Medium to High	High
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For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the fund's returns, see the section titled "What is a Mutual Fund and What are the Risks of Investing in a Mutual Fund" in the fund's simplified prospectus.

#### No guarantees

Like most mutual funds, this fund doesn't have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

#### How has the fund performed?

This section tells you how Class F units of the fund have performed since inception. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the fund's returns.

#### YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

Performance information for this class is not available because it has been in operation for less than one completed calendar year.

#### **BEST and WORST 3-MONTH RETURNS**

Performance information for this class is not available because it has been in operation for less than one completed calendar year.

#### **AVERAGE RETURN**

Performance information for this class is not available because it has been in operation for less than one completed calendar year.

#### Who is this fund for?

This fund is suitable for investors who want to maximize the long-term potential growth of their capital.

This fund is suitable for investors who want to invest in a portfolio of U.S. equities.

Investors in this fund should have a long-term investment time horizon and a medium to high tolerance for investment risk.

This fund is not suitable for those with a low tolerance for risk in their returns or for those who have a short or medium time horizon for their investment.

#### A word about tax

In general, you pay income tax on your share of the fund's earnings and on any gains you realize from redeeming your investment. The amount of tax depends on the tax rules and rates that apply to you, and whether you hold the fund in a registered plan, such as an RRSP or TFSA.

Keep in mind that if you hold your fund in a non-registered account, fund distributions are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

#### How much does it cost?

The following tables show the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell Class F units of the fund. The fees and expenses – including any commissions – can vary among classes of a fund and among funds. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other funds and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

#### 1. SALES CHARGES

There are no sales charges for Class F units of the fund.

#### 2. FUND EXPENSES

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the fund's returns. Pender waived some of the fund's expenses. If it had not done so, the MER would have been higher. The fund's expenses are made up of management fees, administration expenses and trading costs, exclusive of taxes. The Class F annual management fee is 0.85% and its administration fee is 0.30% of the class' value, exclusive of taxes. As of December 31, 2024, the expenses of Class F were 0.35% of the value of this class. This equals \$3.50 for every \$1,000 invested.

(as a <sup>o</sup>	Annual rate % of the class' value)
Management expense ratio (MER) This is the total of the fund's management fee (including, if applicable, the tra commission) and administration fee.	0.00% illing
Trading expense ratio (TER) These are the fund's trading costs for this class.	0.35%
Fund expenses	0.35%

#### More about the trailing commission

No trailing commission is paid by Pender to your representative's firm in respect of Class F securities.

#### 3. OTHER FEES

You may have to pay other fees when you buy, hold, sell or switch units of the fund.

Fee	What you pay
Short-term trading fee	You may be charged up to 2.00% of the value of units you sell or switch within 30 days of buying them. This fee goes to the fund.
Switch fee	Your representative's firm may charge you up to 2.00% of the value of units you switch to another class of the fund or to another fund managed by Pender.
Fee-based account fee  You may pay a fee-based account fee, which is negotiated between you and your representative directly to your representative's firm. Investors who purchase this class of the fund generally paying ligible fee-based program with their representative's firm.	

#### What if I change my mind?

Under the securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to:

- withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual fund units within two business days after you receive a simplified prospectus or Fund Facts document; or
- cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you will also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the simplified prospectus, annual information form, Fund Facts document; or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

#### For more information

Contact Pender or your representative for a copy of the fund's simplified prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the Fund Facts make up the fund's legal documents, which can be found on our website at www.penderfund.com or on the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca.

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#### **NET ASSET VALUE**

Class F

NAV Per Unit \$10.64 1 00 Beta **Total Holdings** 27

Total Net Assets of Fund \$1.27 Million

#### **FUND FACTS**

Asset Class US Small/Mid Cap Equity

Fund

Fund Inception November 2024

Valuations Daily

Eligibility Canada-wide, Registered

Plans

Distributions DRIP Annually, Cash

Optional

#### **FUND INFO**

MERs at 2025-06-30. MER was NIL as at 2024-12-31 due to waiver of fees.

Class	Code	MER	MGMT Fee
Α	PGF 1800	0.00%	1.85%
F	PGF 1810	0.00%	0.85%

#### September 30, 2025 / Class F

# Pender US Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund

The Pender US Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund launched in November 2024, to provide investors with access to what we believe is a compelling opportunity set. Managed by Aman Budhwar, CFA, the Fund invests in small/mid-cap companies with a sustainable competitive advantage, ability to reinvest capital at high rates of return that are positioned to benefit from growth tailwinds.

#### The Pender Approach

A disciplined approach aiming to deliver high risk-adjusted return within small/mid cap investing.

- The Portfolio Manager follows a disciplined, repeatable security-selection process based on rigorous analysis and regular management interaction.
- · Seeks exposure to companies with market caps between \$500m and \$25bn at the time of purchase.
- · Focuses on companies with the potential to compound earnings by reinvesting capital at above-average rates of
- · Places significant emphasis on assessing management, ensuring alignment of management incentives with shareholder interests.
- Targets high-quality businesses with a sustainable competitive advantage in growth industries.



ASSET ALLOCATION

**EQUITY** 

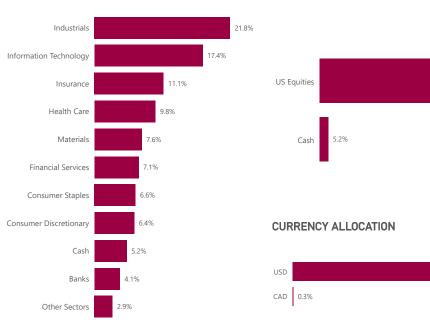
#### MINIMUM INVESTMENT

Class	Initial Investment	Subsequent Investment
Α	\$500	\$0
F	\$500	\$0

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

Legal Counsel Lawson Lundell LLP Fund Admin CIBC Mellon Auditor KPMG LLP

## SECTOR ALLOCATION



TOP 10 HOLDINGS	
Brookfield Business Partners L.P. IQT344330268	Brookfield Business Partners L.P. is a private equity firm specializing in growth capital, divestitures, and acquisitions.
Ero Copper Corp. NYSE:ERO	Ero Copper Corp. engages in the exploration, development, and production of mining projects in Brazil.
Mercury General Corporation IQT2629756	Mercury General Corporation, together with its subsidiaries, engages in writing personal automobile insurance in the United States.
Webster Financial Corporation NYSE:WBS	Webster Financial Corporation operates as the bank holding company for Webster Bank, National Association that provides various financial products and services to businesses, individuals, and families in the United States.
Fidelity National Financial, Inc. NYSE:FNF	Fidelity National Financial, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides various insurance products in the United States.
Molina Healthcare, Inc. NYSE:MOH	Molina Healthcare, Inc. provides managed healthcare services to low-income families and individuals under the Medicaid and Medicare programs and through the state insurance marketplaces.
Addus Homecare Corp.	Addus HomeCare Corporation, together with its subsidiaries, provides personal care services to elderly, chronically ill, disabled persons, and individuals who are at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization in the United States. It operates through three segments: Personal Care, Hospice, and Home Health. The Personal Care segment provides non-medical assistance with activities of daily living
DigitalBridge Group, Inc. IQT416056350	DigitalBridge (NYSE: DBRG) is a leading global alternative asset manager dedicated to investing in digital infrastructure.
Genpact Limited IQT36057263	Genpact Limited provides business process outsourcing and information technology services in India, rest of Asia, North and Latin America, and Europe.
VeriSign, Inc. NasdaqGS:VRSN Source: Capital IQ	VeriSign, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides internet infrastructure and domain name registry services that enables internet navigation for various recognized domain names worldwide.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)

#### Aman Budhwar, CFA

Aman Budhwar is an equity Portfolio Manager having joined Pender in February 2022. He is passionate about capital markets and has over 25 years of experience in the field of equity research, analysis and stock-picking. Aman has uncovered investment opportunities by analysing long term trends and adopting a differentiated view of the market. Prior to joining Pender, Aman held Senior Equity Analyst positions at leading Canadian fund and asset management firms. Aman holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Garhwal University in India and an MBA from the Institute of Management Technology in India. He earned his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 2004.

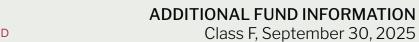
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NAV PER UNIT	
Class A	\$10.64
Class E	\$10.64
Class F	\$10.64
Class O	\$10.64

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	39.5%
Ero Copper Corp.	4.4%
Brookfield Business Partners L.P.	4.4%
Webster Financial Corporation	4.1%
Mercury General Corporation	4.1%
Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	3.9%
Molina Healthcare, Inc.	3.8%
DigitalBridge Group, Inc.	3.7%
VeriSign, Inc.	3.7%
Addus Homecare Corp.	3.7%
Genpact Limited	3.7%



# Aman Budhwar, CFA Portfolio Manager

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