

Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund (TRSSX)

As of February 28, 2026



T. Rowe Price

Portfolio Management	Managed Since	Joined Firm
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Investment Objective

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in stocks of small companies.

General Information

CUSIP	45775L309
Inception Date	March 31, 2000
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index
Expense Information (as of the most recent Prospectus)	0.66%

Market Commentary

U.S. stock indexes were mixed in February as investors navigated a crosscurrent of encouraging economic data, landmark legal developments, and market shifts in artificial intelligence (AI). As measured by Russell indexes, mid- and small-cap stocks advanced, while large-cap shares ended lower. Value outpaced growth across all market capitalizations. Within the S&P 500 Index, utilities, energy, and materials recorded strong gains, while the consumer discretionary, communication services, and information technology sectors declined.

A major event during the month was the U.S. Supreme Court's February 20 ruling that struck down tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), holding that the statute does not authorize the president to impose tariffs and that the power to tax rests with Congress. Within hours, the Trump administration imposed a new across-the-board 10% tariff, effectively capping the rate below prior IEEPA levels and reducing the U.S. average effective tariff rate. Markets initially rallied on the ruling, though uncertainty over refunds of the duties already collected and the administration's stated intent to raise the new tariff to 15% injected volatility into the final week of trading. Labor market data added to the month's complexity. The January jobs report showed nonfarm payrolls rising well above estimates, while the unemployment rate ticked down. However, final benchmark revisions for 2025 showed that job growth during the year was lower than previously reported.

While the transformative impact of AI continues to be a defining force, the contours of equity market leadership are shifting. Looking ahead, we anticipate broader market participation and a widening spectrum of opportunities—both within AI related sectors and across a diverse range of industries and regions. Overall, the market backdrop is complex, but the coming year could bring broader participation. The AI cycle remains powerful, yet it is evolving; fiscal expansion, reindustrialization, and valuation gaps are opening multiple paths to growth. We believe investors should balance exposure to enduring AI leaders with cyclical and international markets that stand to benefit from this broadening.

Performance (%) (NAV, total return Performance > 1yr is Annualized)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	15yrs
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund (TRSSX)	3.32	7.99	8.53	17.67	12.79	5.39	12.82	11.39
Russell 2000 Index (RUS20)	0.80	5.58	6.20	23.34	13.14	5.05	11.30	9.54

The 1-, 5-, and 10-year annualized returns as of 2025-12-31 were 8.34%, 4.97% and 11.01% for the Fund.

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The Fund's total return figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, if any.

The fund(s) may have other share classes available that offer different investment minimums and fees. See the prospectus for details.

Risks: Small-cap stocks: Investments in securities issued by small-cap companies are likely to be more volatile than investments in securities issued by larger companies. **Foreign investing:** Non-U.S. securities tend to be more volatile and have lower overall liquidity and trading volume than investments in U.S. securities and may lose value because of adverse local, political, social, or economic developments overseas, or due to changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. **Diversification:** Diversification cannot assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. See the prospectus for more detail on the fund's principal risks.

Risk Return Characteristics (Five Years ended February 28, 2026)

	Active Share ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ as of 02/28/26	Annualized Std. Deviation (%)	Alpha (%)	Beta	R-Squared	Information Ratio	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error (%)
Institutional Small-Cap Stock Fund	83.2%	17.22	0.40	0.85	0.95	0.07	0.11	4.80
Russell 2000 Index	-	19.66	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.08	0.00

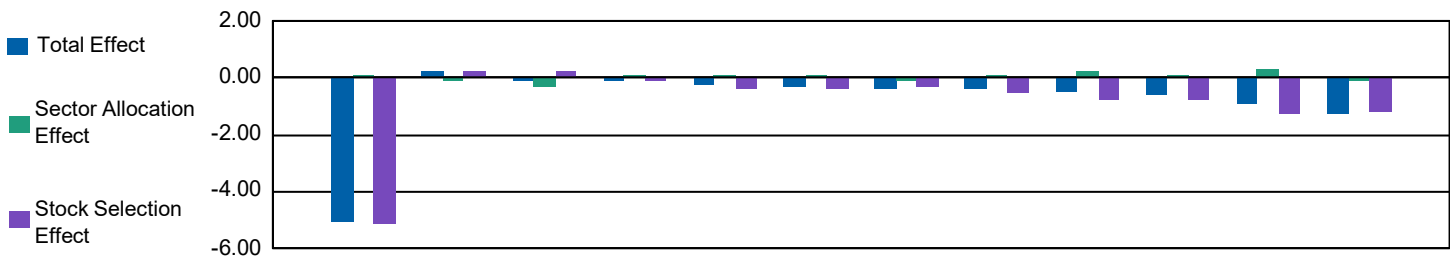
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⁽¹⁾Active Share is a snapshot in time as of the indicated date.

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Figures are calculated using monthly data and are net of fees.

Sector Attribution Data: Fund vs Russell 2000 Index (12 Months ended February 28, 2026) (%)



	Total	Comm Svcs	Energy	Utilities	Health Care	Real Estate	Info Tech	Materials	Indust & Bus Svcs	Consumer Staples	Consumer Disc	Financials
Over (Under) Weight	0.00	1.39	-1.38	-0.35	0.64	-1.78	-1.65	-0.68	3.44	-0.59	-3.60	0.44
Fund Performance	18.21	27.89	53.33	14.72	25.19	2.20	20.01	50.89	36.85	-26.61	-6.75	1.19
Index Performance	23.34	20.34	45.09	17.19	26.89	10.16	22.84	64.93	41.52	6.47	9.62	6.90
Sector Allocation Effect	0.02	-0.01	-0.34	0.01	0.07	0.06	-0.08	0.12	0.27	0.13	0.33	-0.06
Stock Selection Effect	-5.15	0.24	0.25	-0.13	-0.37	-0.42	-0.30	-0.53	-0.72	-0.74	-1.27	-1.18
Total Effect	-5.13	0.23	-0.08	-0.11	-0.29	-0.36	-0.38	-0.41	-0.45	-0.61	-0.93	-1.25

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Top 10 Issuers (%)	Industry	Fund
Liberty Live Holdings	Diversified Consumer Services	2.6
VSE	Aerospace & Defense	2.5
Lattice Semiconductor	Semicons & Semicon Equip	2.0
Esab	Machinery	1.5
Immunome	Biotechnology	1.3
Api	Construction & Engineering	1.3
Elanco Animal Health	Pharmaceuticals	1.3
RBC Bearings	Machinery	1.3
OR Royalties	Metals & Mining	1.3
Mirion Technologies	Electronic Equip, Instr & Cmpts	1.0
Comprising 16.1% of total net assets.		

Portfolio Characteristics	Fund	RUS20
Number of Issuers	275	1,925
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$8,753	\$5,201
Price to Earnings (12 Months Forward) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	23.4X	15.5X
Price to Book (trailing) ⁽⁴⁾	4.2X	3.2X
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3-5 Years) ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	11.2%	11.5%
Return on Equity (Last 12 Months excl. charges) ⁽⁴⁾	7.9%	6.9%
Top 20 Issuers as Percent of Total	25.7%	9.4%
Total Assets (all share classes)	\$4,762,882,735	N/A
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	0.6%	N/A

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⁽⁴⁾Statistics are based on Investment Weighted Average.

⁽⁵⁾These statistics are based on the Fund's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

Sector Diversification (%)	Fund	RUS20
Indust & Bus Svcs	23.3	18.8
Health Care	19.3	17.5
Financials	17.0	16.6
Info Tech	13.1	14.1
Cons Disc	5.4	9.0
Materials	4.8	5.0
Energy	4.6	6.0
Comm Svcs	4.0	2.6
Real Estate	3.7	5.5
Utilities	2.7	3.0
Cons Stpls	1.3	1.9

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