

**EXPENSE INFORMATION**

**What were the Fund costs for the past 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*
Ancora/Thelen Small-Mid Cap Fund – Class S	\$ 102	1.00%

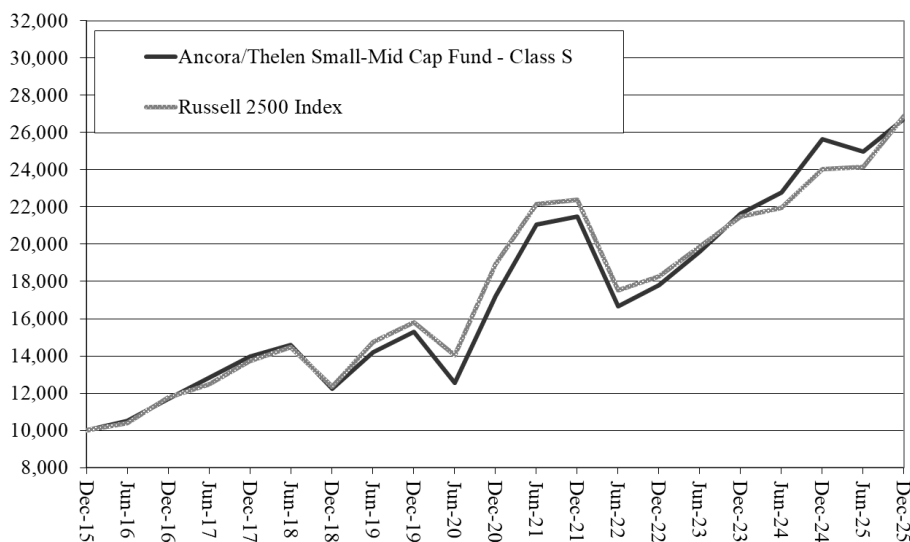
\* Annualized.

**PERFORMANCE ILLUSTRATION**

**TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

FUND/INDEX	ONE YEAR	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS	ENDING VALUE
ANCORA/THELEN SMALL-MID CAP FUND - S	4.30%	9.20%	10.33%	\$26,728
RUSSELL 2500 INDEX	11.91%	7.26%	10.41%	\$26,909

**Cumulative Performance Comparison of \$10,000 Investment Since Inception**



\* Inception: 6/19/15

**Past performance is not a good predictor of future performance.** The returns shown do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or on the redemption of Fund shares. Updated performance data current to the most recent month-end can be obtained at [www.ancorafunds.com](http://www.ancorafunds.com) or by calling 1-866-6-ANCORA.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the Ancora/Thelen Small-Mid Cap Fund – Class S - AATSX for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, as well as certain changes to the fund.

You can find additional information about the fund including its prospectus, financial information, holdings and proxy voting information, at [www.ancorafunds.com](http://www.ancorafunds.com). You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-866-6-ANCORA.

**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

The Fund saw positive returns in 2025, though it lagged the Russell 2500 Index. Central to our investment philosophy is a rigorous evaluation of a company’s fundamental intrinsic value against its prevailing market valuation. With performance exceptionally narrow in 2025, we saw a significant “value penalty” for strategies like ours focused on high-quality, cash-flow-generative businesses.

**Attribution**

Despite these market pressures, we maintained our discipline, and the Fund concluded 2025 with strong relative performance in December as the market began to refocus on earnings and as the seasonal pressure of tax-loss selling finally abated. Winning sectors in 2025 were Industrials, driven by the “reshoring” trend and infrastructure resurgence, and Utilities, fueled by a dovish shift in monetary policy and AI-driven consumption. Health Care, impacted by market rotation toward speculative non-earners, and Financials, which faced headwinds from loan write-offs and market fluctuations, were both detractors to performance during the year. The fourth quarter began with weak performance in October, followed by stabilization in November and a strong relative turnaround in December. This year-end strength was led by Industrials and a broader rotation back to quality fundamentals.

**Positioning**

We believe we are currently witnessing a meaningful shift in market leadership, and we enter 2026 with high conviction. The Fund is trading at historically attractive levels and is well-positioned to benefit from a broader market recovery. Historically, periods of temporary underperformance have provided the most attractive entry points for long-term capital appreciation. Consequently, I have used this period of relative weakness to add meaningfully to our holdings.

We maintain our focus on the spin-off pipeline, underfollowed opportunity tailwinds and attractive franchises. We see a robust calendar of upcoming spin-offs ahead, a focus reinforced by the strong December performance of our recent additions. Quality small-cap companies continue to trade at deep discounts, and conservative sectors, specifically Consumer Staples, REITs and Health Care, currently appear historically attractive from a valuation perspective. Furthermore, we observed a rise in “take-private” transactions in 2025 and expect this trend of private equity interest in undervalued franchises to accelerate throughout 2026.

**Strategy**

As we reflect on the performance of the fourth quarter and the full calendar year of 2025, we remain steadfast in our commitment to a disciplined, “three-bucket” investment framework: Franchise companies, Special Situations, and Underfollowed opportunities. While our quarterly results fell below our long-term trend, our optimism regarding our current holdings remains high. Our disciplined framework is specifically designed to provide a steady hand during periods of market volatility. We will continue to move diligently, making idiosyncratic investment decisions as risks and opportunities arise.

## FUND STATISTICS

NET ASSETS:

\$217,100,240

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PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS:

96

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PORTFOLIO TURNOVER:

94.92%

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ADVISORY FEES PAID BY FUND  
(NET OF WAIVERS):

\$1,885,201

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

1.	GCI Liberty, Inc.	2.95%
2.	Ralliant Corp.	2.94%
3.	PotlatchDeltic Corp.	2.82%
4.	Atmus Filtration Technologies, Inc.	2.76%
5.	Middleby Corp.	2.48%
6.	Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc.	2.48%
7.	UGI Corp.	2.40%
8.	Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund - Institutional Class	2.38%
9.	Amentum Holdings, Inc.	2.26%
10.	Phinia, Inc.	2.23%
	Total % of Net Assets	<u>25.70%</u>

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATIONS

Industrials	32.19%
Information Technology	12.30%
Consumer Discretionary	9.26%
Materials	8.28%
Financials	8.09%
Real Estate	6.85%
Communication Services	5.64%
Utilities	4.79%
Health Care	4.54%
Consumer Staples	3.21%
Energy	2.48%
Money Market Funds	2.37%
% of Total Investments	<u>100.00%</u>

## HOUSEHOLDING

To reduce Fund expenses, only one copy of most shareholder documents may be mailed to shareholders with multiple accounts at the same address (Householding). If you would prefer that your Fund's documents not be househanded, please contact Ancora Funds at 1-866-6-ANCORA, or contact your financial intermediary. Your instructions will typically be effective within 30 days of receipt by Ancora Funds or your financial intermediary.

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