# **Sentinel VP Small Company**

### **Benchmark**

Russell 2000 Growth TR USD

Overall Morningstar Rating™ Morningstar Return Morningstar Risk Above Average

Out of 2159 Small Growth VA subaccounts. A subaccount's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure for more detail.

1.815

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## Investment Strategy from portfolio's prospectus

The investment seeks growth of capital.

The fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in small-capitalization companies. It seeks to invest primarily in common stocks of small companies that the adviser believes are high quality, have superior business models, solid management teams, sustainable growth potential and are attractively valued. The fund may invest without limitation in foreign securities. Up to 25% of the fund's assets may be invested in securities within a single industry.

#### Category Description: Small Growth

Small-growth funds focus on faster-growing companies whose shares are at the lower end of the market-capitalization range. These funds tend to favor companies in up-and-coming industries or young firms in their early growth stages. As a result, the category tends to move in sync with the market for initial public offerings. Many of these funds invest in the technology, health-care, and services sectors. Because these businesses are fast-growing and often richly valued, their stocks tend to be volatile

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Expense Ratio 0.75% of fund assets Subaccount Incp Date 05-01-09 Underlying Portfolio Incp 11-30-00 Date

Advisor Sentinel Asset Management, Inc. Subadvisor

## Portfolio Manager(s)

Carole Hersam

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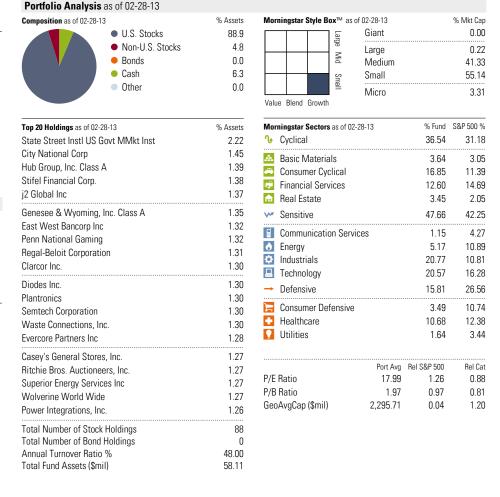
#### **Morningstar Proprietary Statistics** 10-Year 3-Year 5-Year Morningstar Rating \*\*\* \*\*\*

## Past Performance is no guarantee of future results.

Out of # of Investments

The ratings presented may reflect the waiver of all or a portion of the portfolio's fees. Without such a waiver, the ratings may have been lower.

2.159



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