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# Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. — Why We Own



Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (Fort Washington) is pleased to present profiles for some of the companies within the Touchstone Small Company Fund. Fort Washington's research intensive approach focuses on finding high quality companies that are believed to have improving business models, solid management teams, sustainable growth potential and favorable industry dynamics.

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Touchstone Small Company Fund	
SAGWX	(A Shares)
SSCOX	(C Shares)
SIGWX	(Y Shares)
TICSX	(INST Shares)
SSRRX	(R6 Shares)

## **COMMUNICATION SERVICES**



**CarGurus, Inc. – 2.40%** – operates the number one digital automotive platform for buying and selling vehicles. The company's innovative new products and pricing initiatives are driving accelerated growth in their marketplace platform to the low-double digits, with earnings growth of approximately 30% over the last year.

#### INDUSTRIALS



Clean Harbors Inc. -1.33% – operates the largest environmental services business in North America focused on the collection and disposal of hazardous waste from many different industries. We believe that their network of assets is unrivaled to protect the environment.

## REAL ESTATE



**COPT Defense Properties** – **1.71%** – is a REIT that is focused on the United States Government and its contractors engaged in national security, defense, and information technology related activities. We believe this market provides stable, and durable earnings growth potential over a multi-year period.

#### **FINANCIALS**

# Evercore

**Evercore** – **1.07%** – is a global independent investment banking advisory firm. The company has successfully executed its strategy to attract top tier talent, gain material market share over the last several cycles, and deliver industry-leading profit margins. The company is well-positioned to deliver strong earnings growth over the next investment banking advisory cycle, residential, commercial, and industrial construction markets.

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# Fort Washington Small Company Portfolio Holdings – Why We Own

#### **HEALTH CARE**



**Ensign Group Inc.** – **1.20**% – invests in and operates an industry leading network of skilled nursing and senior living facilities at 290 locations across 13 states. We believe their ability to grow occupancy and skilled services at existing facilities combined with a highly successful acquisition strategy will drive double digit earnings growth over the long-term.

#### INDUSTRIALS



**ExlService Holdings Inc.** – **1.99**% – is a leading data analytics and digital operations and solutions provider. We believe the company will continue to benefit from the long-term trend of global enterprises outsourcing business operations and that GenAI provides an additional market opportunity that plays well into ExlServices data analytics capabilities.

## **HEALTH CARE**



**Globus Medical, Inc.** -2.07% – is a medical device company that manufactures innovative solutions focused on the spine market. We believe their market leading portfolio and synergies from the acquisition of Nuvasive will drive well above average earnings growth over the next few years.

#### INDUSTRIALS



**ITT Inc.** – **1.44%** – is a diversified manufacturer of highly engineering critical products and technology solutions for the transportation, industrial, and energy markets. We believe their innovation and operational excellence position the company well to generate favorable long-term earnings growth.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



**Onto Innovation Inc.** – **1.44**% – is a manufacturer of semiconductor wafer fabrication equipment. We believe that the company will benefit both from the expected acceleration in spending on equipment to manufacture semiconductors, as well as secular trends in advanced nodes and advanced packaging that play into their strengths.

#### **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**



**Texas Roadhouse Inc.** – **1.17**% – is an operator of casual dining steakhouses across the United States. We believe the company's differentiated operating model will continue to drive their multi-year history of above average restaurant sales and market share gains.

## Fort Washington Small Company Portfolio Holdings – Why We Own

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