

# **Unicorn UK Smaller Companies Fund**

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#### **Portfolio Team**



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### **Investment Objective**

The Unicorn UK Smaller Companies Fund aims to achieve long- term capital growth by investing primarily in UK companies included within the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM Index. For this purpose, UK companies are defined as those which are incorporated or domiciled in the UK, or have a significant part of their operations in the UK. The Index covers the bottom tenth by value of the main UK equity market plus AIM stocks that meet the same size limit.

### **Investment Policy/Strategy**

The investment approach is to identify individual companies for investment and therefore the portfolio may not be representative of the index. AIM is the London Stock Exchange's International Market for smaller growing companies. The fund may also invest, at its discretion, in other transferable securities and deposits and cash. The fund may also enter into certain derivative and forward transactions for hedging purposes. The fund invests for the long term and there is no guarantee that any particular return will be achieved over any period. Investors should note that their capital is always at risk.

#### **Past Performance - 10 Years**



- A -Unicorn UK Smaller Companies BTR in GB [94.15%]
- B-Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM Excluding Investment Companies TR in GB [56.82%]

31/05/2014 - 31/05/2024 Data from FE2024

## **Cumulative Performance**

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
UK Smaller Companies (B -Shares)	14.3 %	18.6 %	0.6 %	30.7 %	94.2 %
Rank	5/47	9/47	7/46	11/45	21/40
NSCI plus AIM (ex IC)	7.6%	12.5%	-11.7%	20.8%	56.8%
Sector Average	10.8 %	14.5 %	-14.1 %	20.9 %	84.9 %

Source: Financial Express, 31/05/2024 (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

## **Discrete Performance**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
UK Smaller Companies (B -Shares)	3.7 %	-16.3 %	19.3 %	-0.8 %	32.4 %
Rank	13/47	8/46	35/46	34/45	11/44
NSCI plus AIM (ex IC)	3.2 %	-21.9 %	20.0 %	4.9 %	22.2 %
Sector Average	0.5 %	-25.2 %	22.9 %	6.5 %	25.3 %

Source: Financial Express, 31/05/2024 (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

# **1 Month Attribution**

Top 5	Ţ CTR	Total Return	Bottom 5	_ CTR	Total Return
PEEL HUNT LTD	0.59	26.87	GOODWIN PLC	-0.54	-10.85
GB GROUP PLC	0.38	19.74	MICROLISE GROUP PLC	-0.40	-18.32
FDM GROUP HOLDINGS PLC	0.36	30.58	TRIFAST PLC	-0.25	-14.16
AJ BELL PLC	0.34	19.01	MERCIA ASSET MANAGEMENT PLC	-0.17	-7.06
SOMERO ENTERPRISES INC- REGS	0.33	13.78	OCEAN WILSONS HOLDINGS LTD	-0.13	-3.82

Figures are for the 1 month period ending 31 May 2024

Additions & Disposals		
Additions	Disposals	
	Integrafin Holdings	



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Top 10 Holdings	
Goodwin	4.3%
Severfield	3.9%
Alpha Group	3.8%
Ocean Wilsons Holdings Ltd	3.1%
Peel Hunt	2.6%
Somero Enterprises	2.6%
Cohort	2.5%
Avon Protection	2.3%
Telecom Plus	2.1%
GB Group	2.1%
Total	29.3%

Fund Facts	
Portfolio Team	Simon Moon
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Fund Size	£49m
Launch Date	15 July 2002
Fund Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Number of Holdings	52
Pricing	10:00 Daily
ISAs/JISAs	Available
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 30/9
	Payment: 30/11

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	10.85	12.16
Alpha	6.70	4.02
Beta	0.84	0.80
Sharpe	1.40	0.00
Information Ratio	0.80	0.77

Top 10 Sectors	
Engineering	19.9%
Financial Services	17.5%
Software & Computer Services	8.7%
Building & Construction	5.7%
Logistics & Transportation	5.1%
Communications	5.0%
Defence	4.8%
Cash	4.4%
Food Production	3.5%
Consulting Services	3.4%
Total	78.0%

Share Class Information			
	A - Income	B - Income	O - Income
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge	1.65%	0.90%	1.65%
ISIN Code	GB0031791238	GB0031785065	GB00BJTMQC36
Sedol Code	3179123	3178506	BJTMQC3
Bloomberg Code	UNUKSAI	UNUKSBI	UNUKSOI
MEX ID	U2UKSI	U2UKSB	U2AAAF
Initial Investment	£2,000	£20,000	£10,000

distributors including		
7IM	HL Vantage	
Aegon	Hubwise	
Alliance Trust	James Hay	
Ascentric/Funds Direct	Novia	
Aviva	Nucleus	
Bestinvest	Pershing Nexus Funds	
Charles Stanley Direct	Standard Life Fundzone	
Cofunds	Transact	
Fidelity Funds Network	Zurich	
Standard Life Elevate	Old Mutual Wealth	

All figures within this factsheet have been calculated with reference to 31 May 2024 with exception to the on going charge figure which is based on the interim accounts for the 6 months ended 31st March 2024

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