

# BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund

## Class A British Pound

### UK Retail Funds

Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-May-2024. All other data as at 12-Jun-2024.

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#### FUND OVERVIEW

- The Fund aims to provide a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund) over the long term (5 or more consecutive years beginning at the point of investment).
- The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities (e.g. shares) of smaller companies incorporated, or listed on a stock exchange, in the United Kingdom which the investment adviser (IA) considers to have above average growth prospects. Smaller companies are those whose market capitalisations are similar to that of companies in the Numis Smaller Companies plus AiM ex-Investment Trusts Index at the time of the Fund's investment. The market capitalisation of a company is the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued.
- The Fund has the flexibility to invest outside of the asset class set out above.

#### RISK INDICATOR

##### Lower Risk

Potentially Lower Rewards

##### Higher Risk

Potentially Higher Rewards



**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### KEY RISKS:

- Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.
- Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.
- The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
- Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

#### RATINGS



#### KEY FACTS

**Constraint<sup>11</sup>:** Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index

**Comparator<sup>12</sup>:** IA UK Smaller Companies Sector Ave

**Asset Class:** Equity

**Fund Launch Date:** 08-May-1987

**Share Class Launch Date:** 08-May-1987

**Share Class Currency:** GBP

**Use of Income:** Distributing

**Net Assets of Fund (M):** 432.02 GBP

**Morningstar Category:** UK Small-Cap Equity

**Domicile:** United Kingdom

**ISIN:** GB0005811301

**Management Company:** BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd

\* or currency equivalent

#### FEES AND CHARGES

**Annual Management Fee:** 1.50%

**Ongoing Charge:** 1.66%

**Performance Fee:** 0.00%

#### DEALING INFORMATION

**Minimum Initial Investment:** 500 GBP \*

**Settlement:** Trade Date + 3 days

**Dealing Frequency:** Daily, forward pricing basis

\* or currency equivalent

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

**Price to Book Ratio:** 1.72x

**Price to Earnings Ratio:** 18.97x

**Standard Deviation (3y):** 18.41

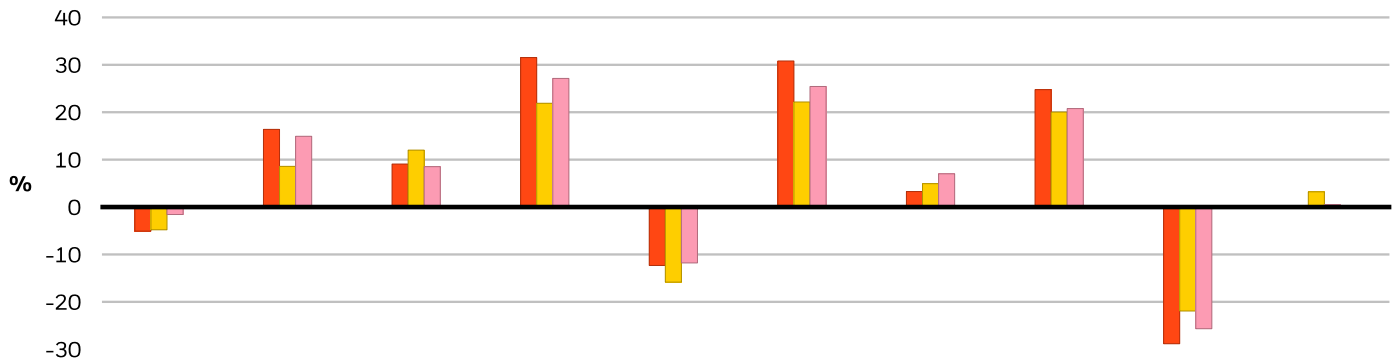
**3y Beta:** 1.15

**Number of Holdings:** 92

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)

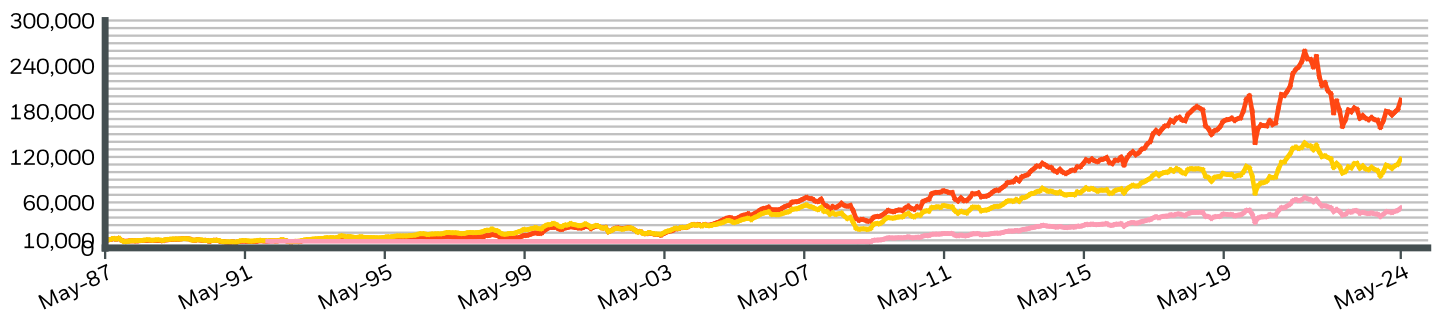
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**CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE**



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Share Class</b>	-5.08	16.38	9.07	31.53	-12.33	30.81	3.27	24.76	-28.84	0.31
<b>Constraint<sup>†1</sup></b>	-4.80	8.58	12.01	21.89	-15.84	22.16	4.93	20.03	-21.93	3.21
<b>Comparator<sup>†2</sup></b>	-1.58	14.92	8.52	27.13	-11.79	25.43	7.01	20.77	-25.67	0.46

**GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL 10,000 GBP SINCE INCEPTION**



**CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE**

	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	1y	3y	5y	Since Inception
<b>Share Class</b>	6.68	11.29	16.56	8.33	14.13	-6.06	2.96	8.35
<b>Constraint<sup>†1</sup></b>	6.41	11.78	16.78	7.59	12.47	-4.05	3.85	6.87
<b>Comparator<sup>†2</sup></b>	6.17	12.49	18.51	10.70	14.48	-5.89	3.45	-

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in GBP, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in GBP. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

- Share Class BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund Class A British Pound
- Constraint<sup>†1</sup> Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index
- Comparator<sup>†2</sup> IA UK Smaller Companies Sector Ave

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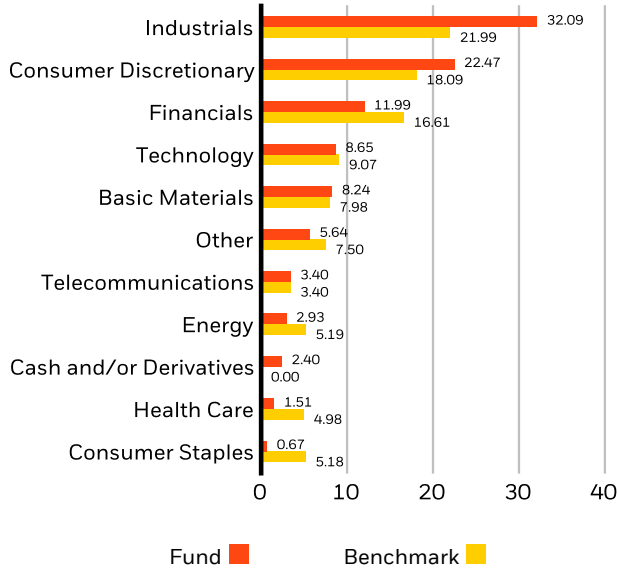


#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

GAMMA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	2.70%
HILL & SMITH PLC	2.68%
INTEGRAFIN HOLDINGS PLC	2.46%
BREEDON GROUP PLC	2.43%
4IMPRINT GROUP PLC	2.42%
BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING PLC	2.17%
CHEMRING GROUP PLC	2.17%
WORKSPACE GROUP PLC	2.15%
BALTIC CLASSIFIEDS GROUP PLC	1.94%
TATTON ASSET MANAGEMENT PLC	1.85%
<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>22.97%</b>

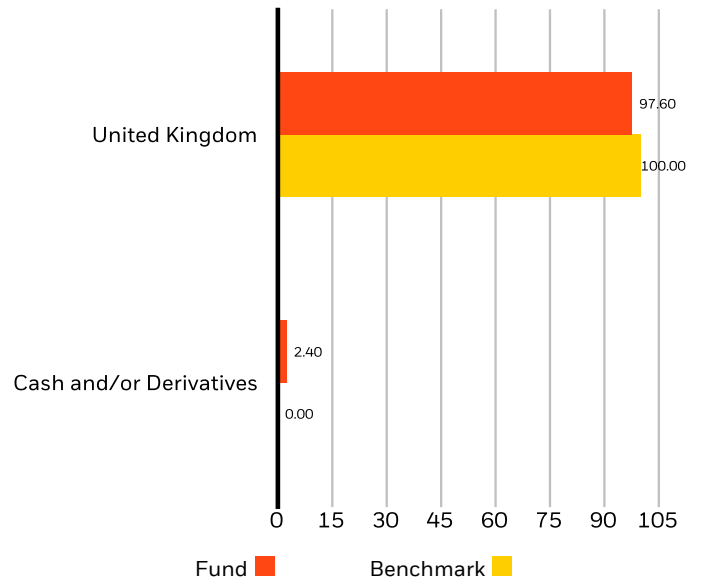
Holdings subject to change

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)



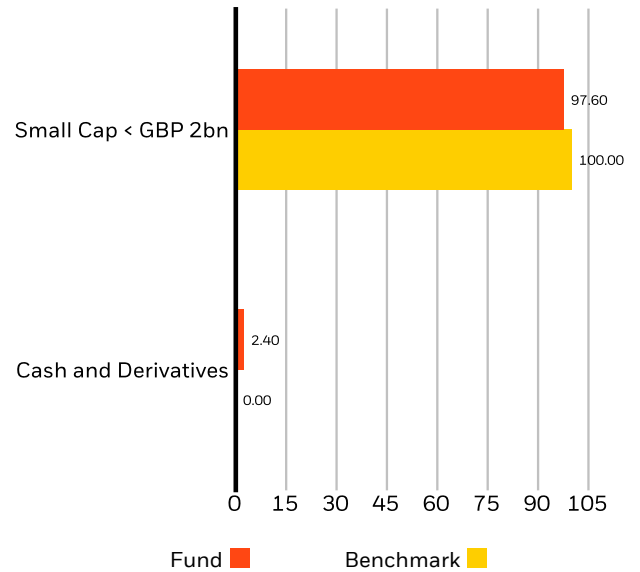
Allocations are subject to change. Source: BlackRock

#### GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)



Allocations are subject to change. Source: BlackRock

#### MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)



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#### GLOSSARY

**Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share.

**Price to Earnings:** A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings in the current forecast year, calculated as current share price divided by current earnings per share.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Ongoing Charge may be discounted depending on the size of the fund.

<sup>1</sup>Negative weightings may result from specific circumstances (including timing differences between trade and settlement dates of securities purchased by the funds) and/or the use of certain financial instruments, including derivatives, which may be used to gain or reduce market exposure and/or risk management. Allocations are subject to change

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