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Montanaro European Smaller Companies Trust

"MESCT"

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Montanaro has now managed MESCT for 20 years

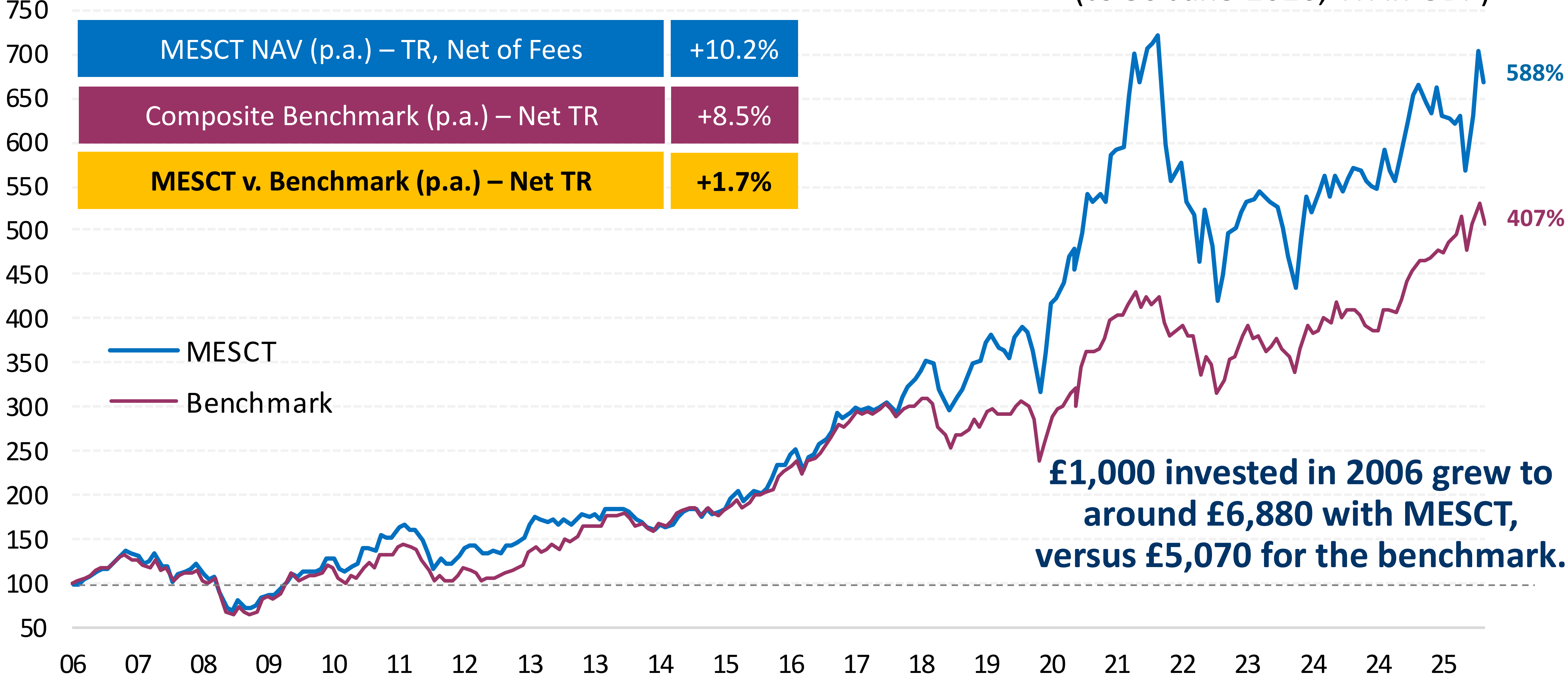
1981	September 2006	+10.2%	+1.7%
Incorporated in Scotland as First Charlotte Assets Trust	Montanaro appointed as Investment Manager	NAV return p.a net of fees	Ahead of benchmark p.a. net total return

Source: Internal. See performance details on slide 3.

Performance since MAM was appointed

Cumulative NAV Total Returns since MAM's appointment
(to 30 June 2026, TR in GBP)

MESCT NAV (p.a.) – TR, Net of Fees	+10.2%
Composite Benchmark (p.a.) – Net TR	+8.5%
MESCT v. Benchmark (p.a.) – Net TR	**+1.7%**



£1,000 invested in 2006 grew to around £6,880 with MESCT, versus £5,070 for the benchmark.

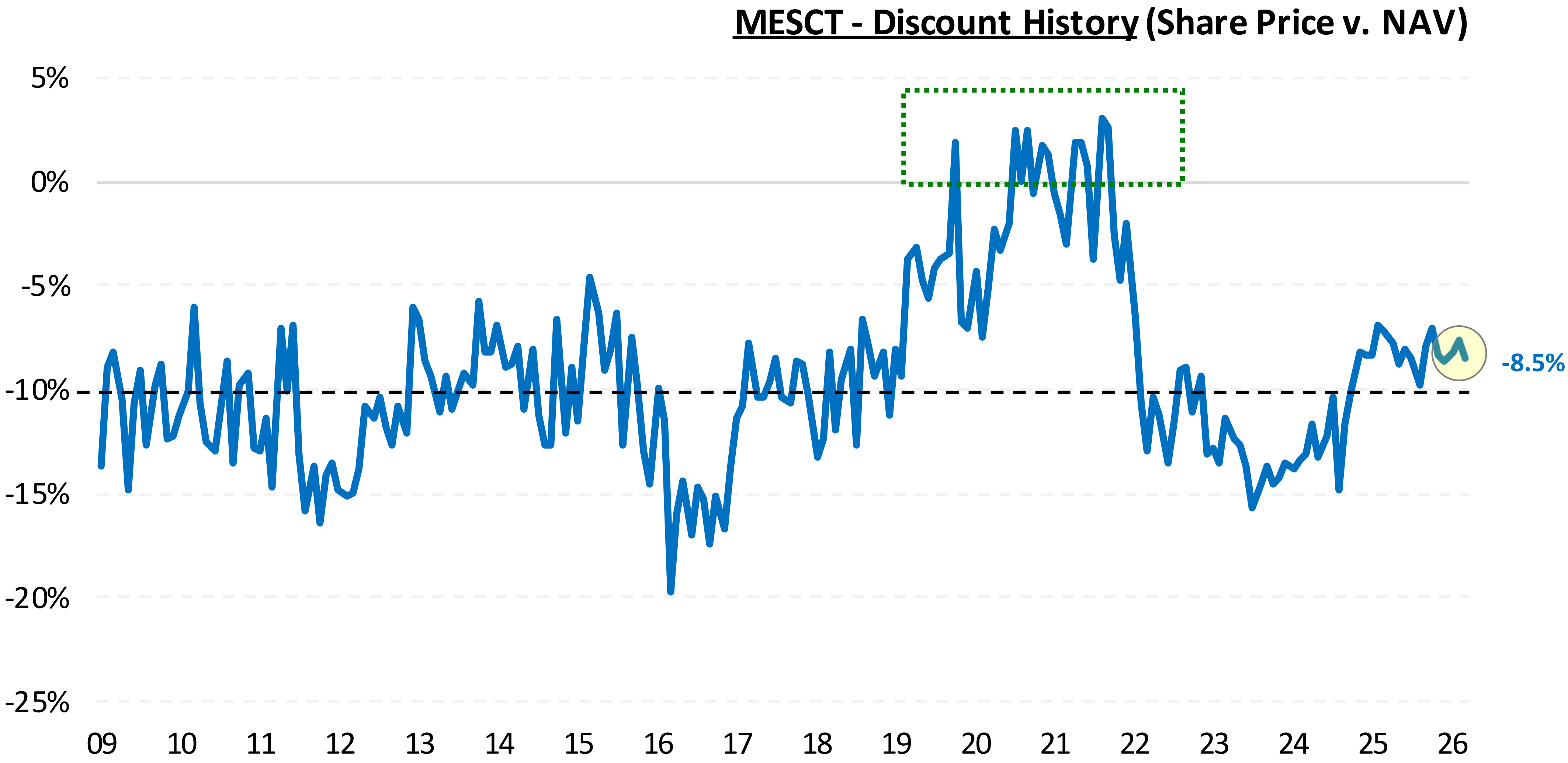
Source: Internal, MSCI. Note: MAM was appointed Manager to MESCT in September 2006.
Note: Effective June 1st 2009 the index used for comparison purposes is the MSCI European Smaller Companies Index ex-UK. **The benchmark history for the European Trust prior to June 1st 2009 was the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index.**

Returns (since MAM was appointed in September 2006)

(Total Returns, GBP)	MESCT (NAV)	MESCT (Share Price)	Benchmark (Composite)	Relative	
				NAV	Share Price
Q2 2026	17.9%	18.1%	6.1%	**11.7%**	**11.9%**
6 months	6.7%	6.0%	4.3%	**2.4%**	**1.7%**
1 Year	2.3%	0.8%	11.6%	**-9.3%**	**-10.8%**
3 Years p.a.	7.9%	9.1%	11.3%	**-3.4%**	**-2.2%**
5 Years p.a.	2.4%	1.2%	4.7%	**-2.3%**	**-3.4%**
10 Years p.a.	11.8%	13.5%	9.4%	**2.4%**	**4.1%**
15 Years p.a.	10.0%	10.6%	9.0%	**1.0%**	**1.6%**
Launch p.a. (Sep 2006)	**10.2%**	**10.2%**	**8.5%**	**1.7%**	**1.7%**

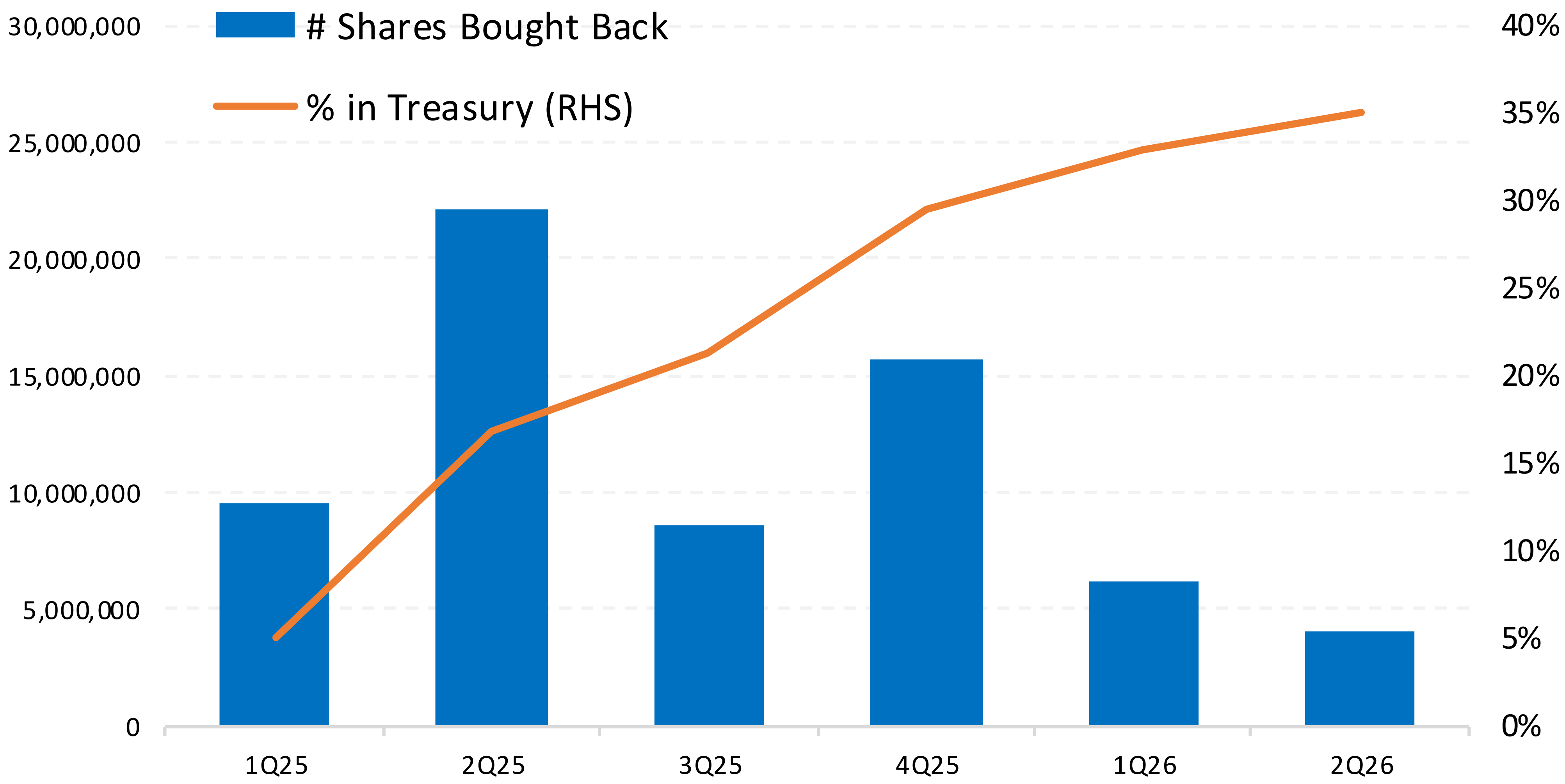
Source: Internal, MSCI. Based on the Cum-Income NAV. Note**: Effective June 1st 2009 the index used for comparison purposes is the MSCI European Smaller Companies Index ex-UK.** The benchmark history for the European Trust prior to June 1st 2009 was the MSCI European Smaller Companies Index.

From a premium four years ago to an 8.5% discount today



Source: Internal.

The Board has been actively managing the discount



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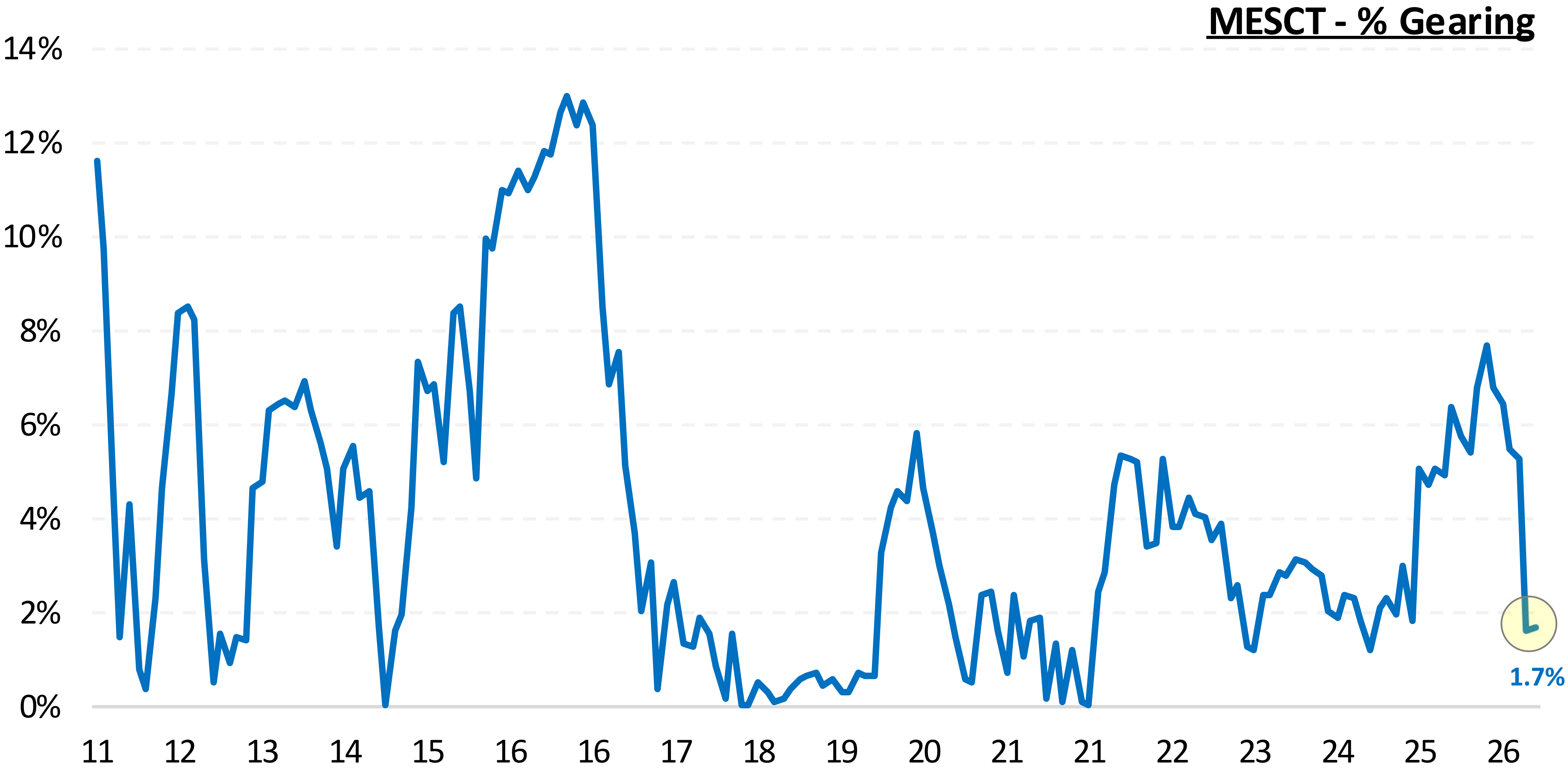
Gearing at the end of June was 1.7%



Source: Internal, MSCI

An Investment Trust building your future

We look for **tomorrow's champions** while they are still small — high-quality European businesses growing earnings at double digits — and hold them for years.

Specialist
We only invest in smaller companies

Hidden gems
a universe of ~2,000 companies

Multi-baggers
22 current holdings have achieved multi bagger status*

+181%
cumulative outperformance since 2006**

Today's opportunity:

Investors can access a proven Quality Growth portfolio at an unusually attractive price — both at the company level and through the Trust's discount to NAV.

Source: Internal. *Note: a multi-bagger is an investment that has increased in value by multiple times its original purchase price. Number of multi-baggers as of 31 March 2026. **See performance details on slide 2.

Montanaro's four pillars of 'Quality Growth'

Attractive industries

We target large, growing markets with strong long-term demand.

- High barriers to entry
- Attractive economics

High-quality businesses

We invest in market leaders with durable competitive advantages.

- Pricing power
- Strong returns and robust balance sheets

Strong management teams

We back experienced leaders who allocate capital wisely and act with integrity.

- Aligned incentives
- Disciplined capital allocation

Long-term growth

We look for businesses with predictable growth that can compound over time.

- Recurring revenues
- Sustainable double-digit earnings growth

We invest in businesses capable of compounding earnings for many years.

Source: Internal

We have a strong record of identifying “Winners”

Hold quality-growth companies for years — and the winners compound dramatically.

Belimo

+1,900%

Building controls & data-centre cooling

Kitron

+1,000%

Electronics for defence and industry

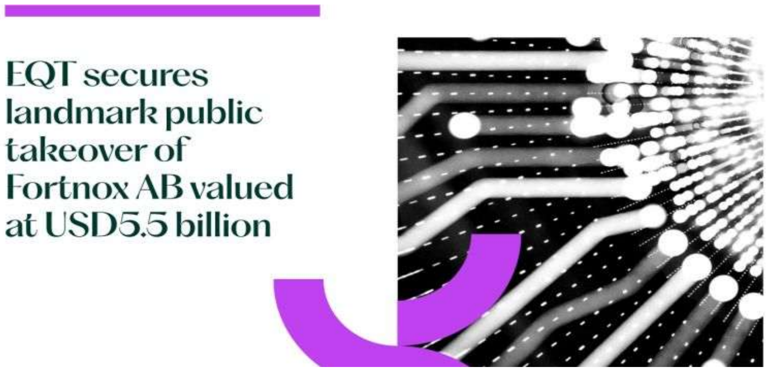
22 current holdings

Multi-baggers

worth multiples of their purchase price*

Recent example — Fortnox

Acquired in 2025 at a 38% premium, delivering a total return of over 2,100% since MESCT first invested.



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One of the largest teams dedicated to Small & MidCaps

Charles Montanaro
Chairman / PM

George Cooke
Head of Investments

Andrea Shen
PM / Analyst

Cedric Durant des Aulnois
CEO / PM

Ed Heaven
Chief of Staff /
Head of Sustainable Investments

Guido Dacie-Lombardo
PM / Analyst

Harriet Topham
Product / Sustainability
Specialist

Adam Montanaro
PM / Analyst

Kate Hewitt
ESG & Impact
Specialist

Stefan Fisherfeier
PM / Analyst

Alex Magni
PM / Analyst

Hal Miller
Analyst

Yonis Abdi Aziz
AI & Data
Science Analyst

Ed Jeans
Analyst

Ben Turner
Analyst

George Waldon
Analyst

Source: Internal. Note: George Waldon and Ed Jeans joined in early July; Yonis Abdi Aziz joined in early September.

A Quality portfolio supporting long-term resilience

+30% in 2026e
+20% in 2027e
Consensus EPS Growth

23%
Return on equity
versus 16% for the index

48%
Portfolio holdings with net cash
versus 27% for the index

~1%
Net debt / equity
versus substantially higher leverage for the index

Our companies grow strongly, earn higher returns and carry less debt than the index.

Source: Internal, Factset. Note: Index relates to the Trust's Benchmark, the MSCI Europe ex-UK Small Cap Index.

Top 20 holdings

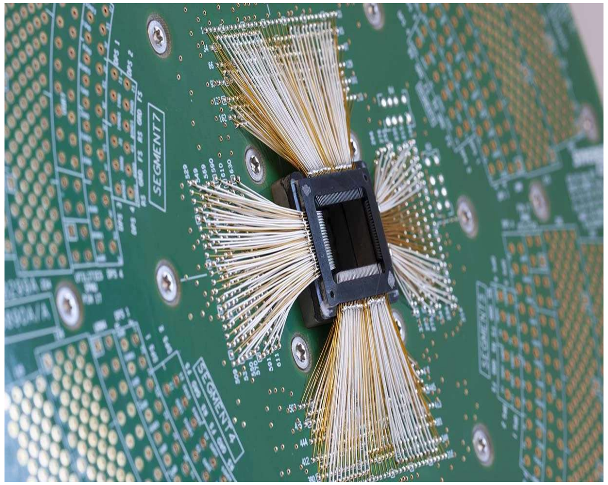
	Company	Country	% Wght
1	NCAB	Sweden	5.7%
2	TECHNOPROBE	Italy	5.3%
3	KITRON	Norway	4.6%
4	BELIMO	Switzerland	4.0%
5	PLEJD	Sweden	3.9%
6	CAREL INDUSTRIES	Italy	3.8%
7	MTU AERO ENGINES	Germany	3.2%
8	MELEXIS	Belgium	3.1%
9	MERLIN PROPERTIES SOCIMI	Spain	3.0%
10	BREMBO	Italy	2.9%
TOTAL 1 to 10			**39.5%**

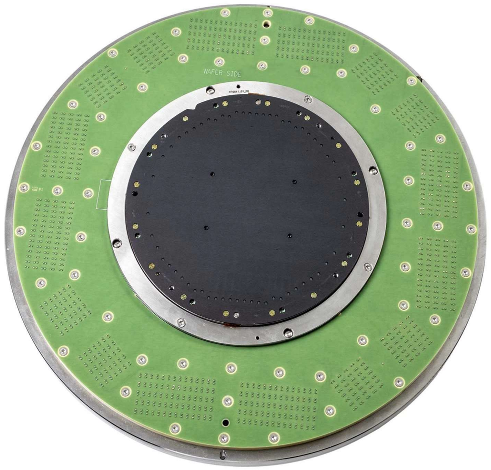
	Company	Country	% Wght
11	VZ	Switzerland	2.6%
12	REPLY	Italy	2.4%
13	ATOSS SOFTWARE	Germany	2.4%
14	CTS EVENTIM AG & CO	Germany	2.4%
15	SARTORIUS STEDIM BIOTECH	France	2.3%
16	IMCD	Netherlands	2.3%
17	BACHEM	Switzerland	2.2%
18	ASTA ENERGY SOLUTIONS	Germany	2.2%
19	KARDEX	Switzerland	2.2%
20	PFISTERER	Germany	2.2%
TOTAL 11 to 20			**23.1%**

Source: Internal.

Technoprobe— testing the brains of the AI boom

- Makes the ultra-fine “probe cards” used to test advanced computer chips before they ship.
- Almost every leading-edge AI processor must pass through this critical testing stage.





~30%
Global probe-card market share

+64%
Q2 2026 revenue growth

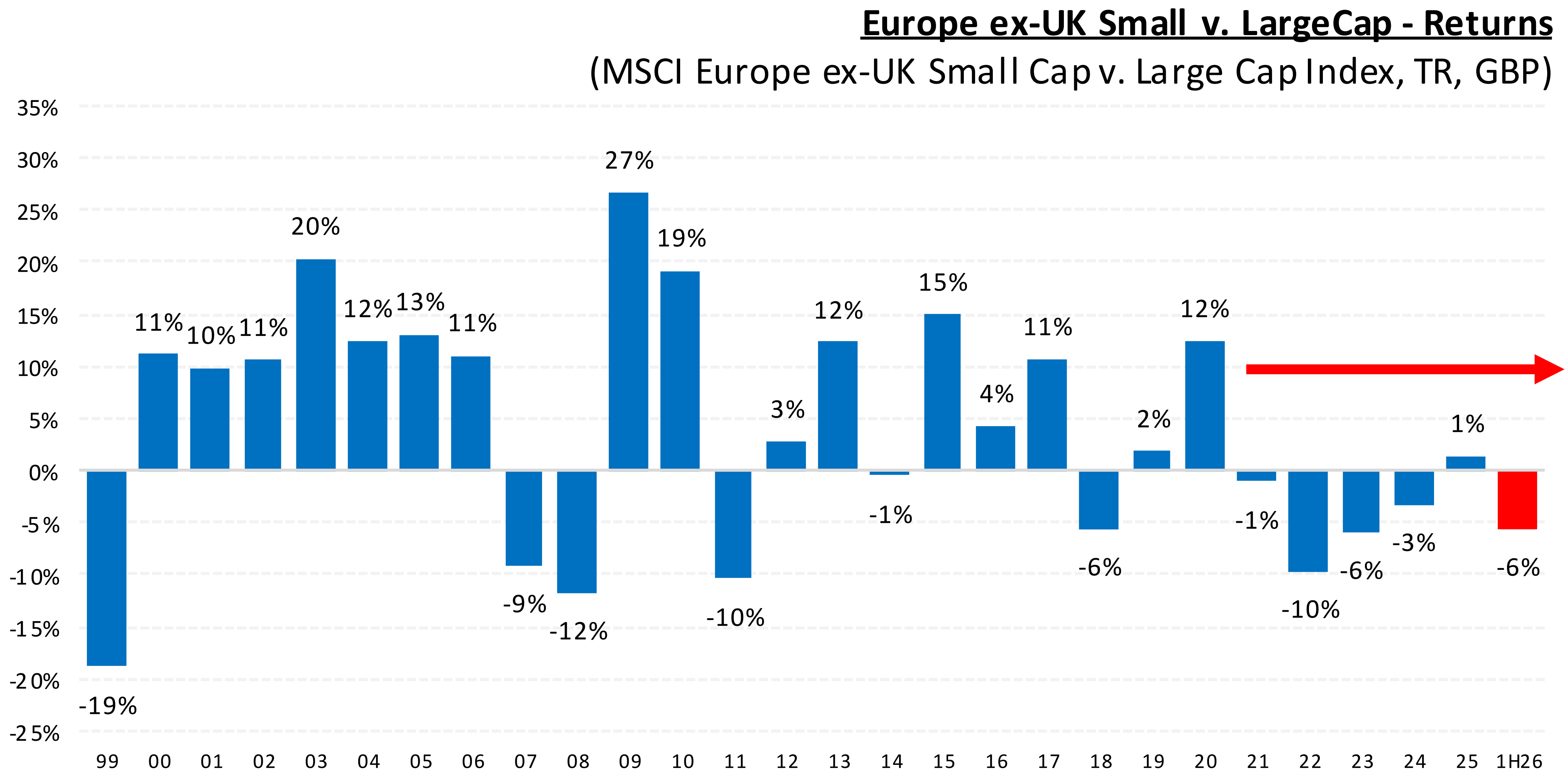
600+
Proprietary patents

Why it's exciting now:

Surging AI demand has brought management’s financial targets forward by a full year. **Technoprobe was one of MESCT’s two largest contributors to performance in FY26.**

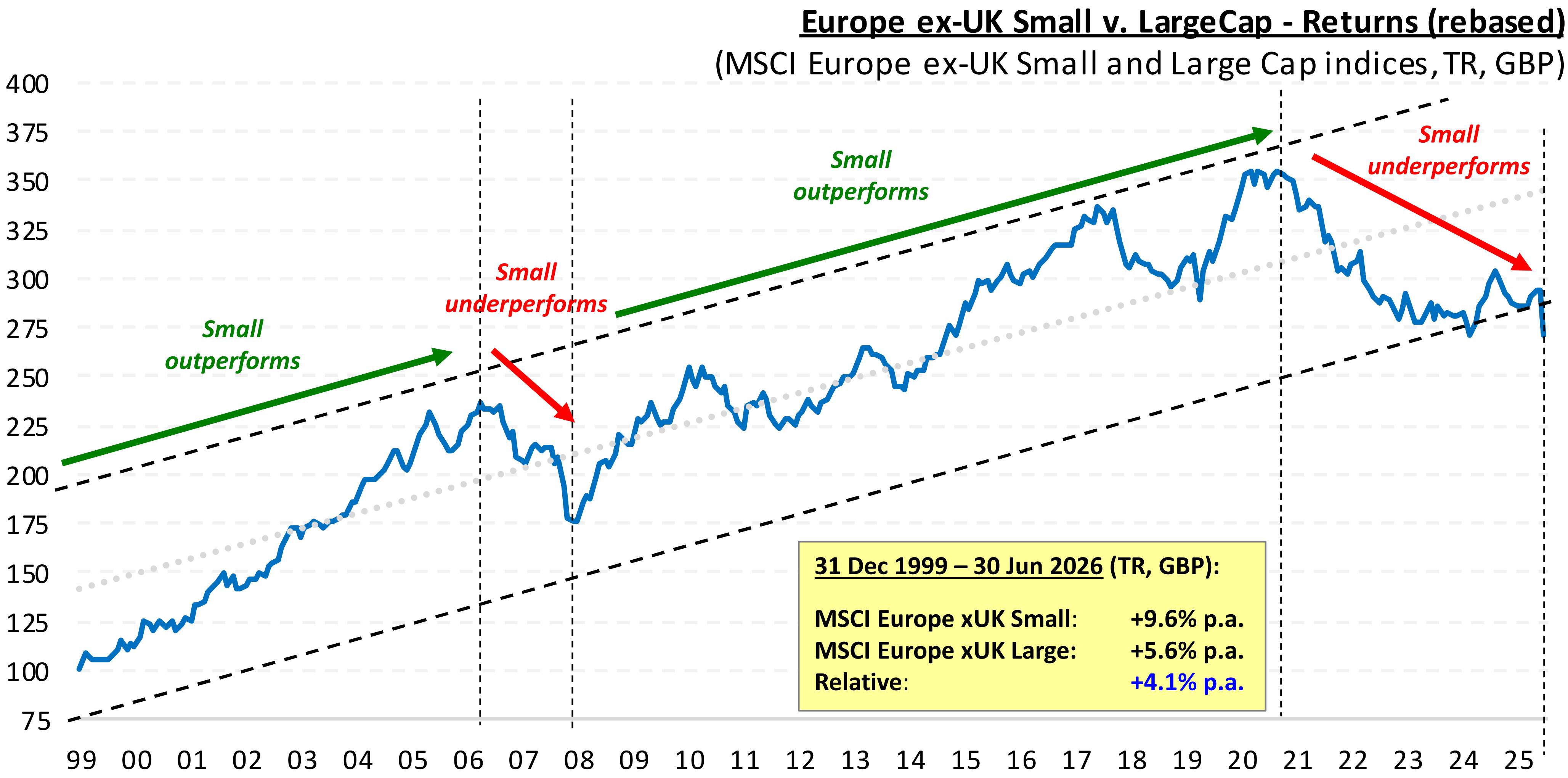
Source: Company results and releases (2026); Internal. Weighting as at 30 June 2026.

SmallCaps only enjoyed a brief respite in 2025



Source: Internal, MSCI, Factset.

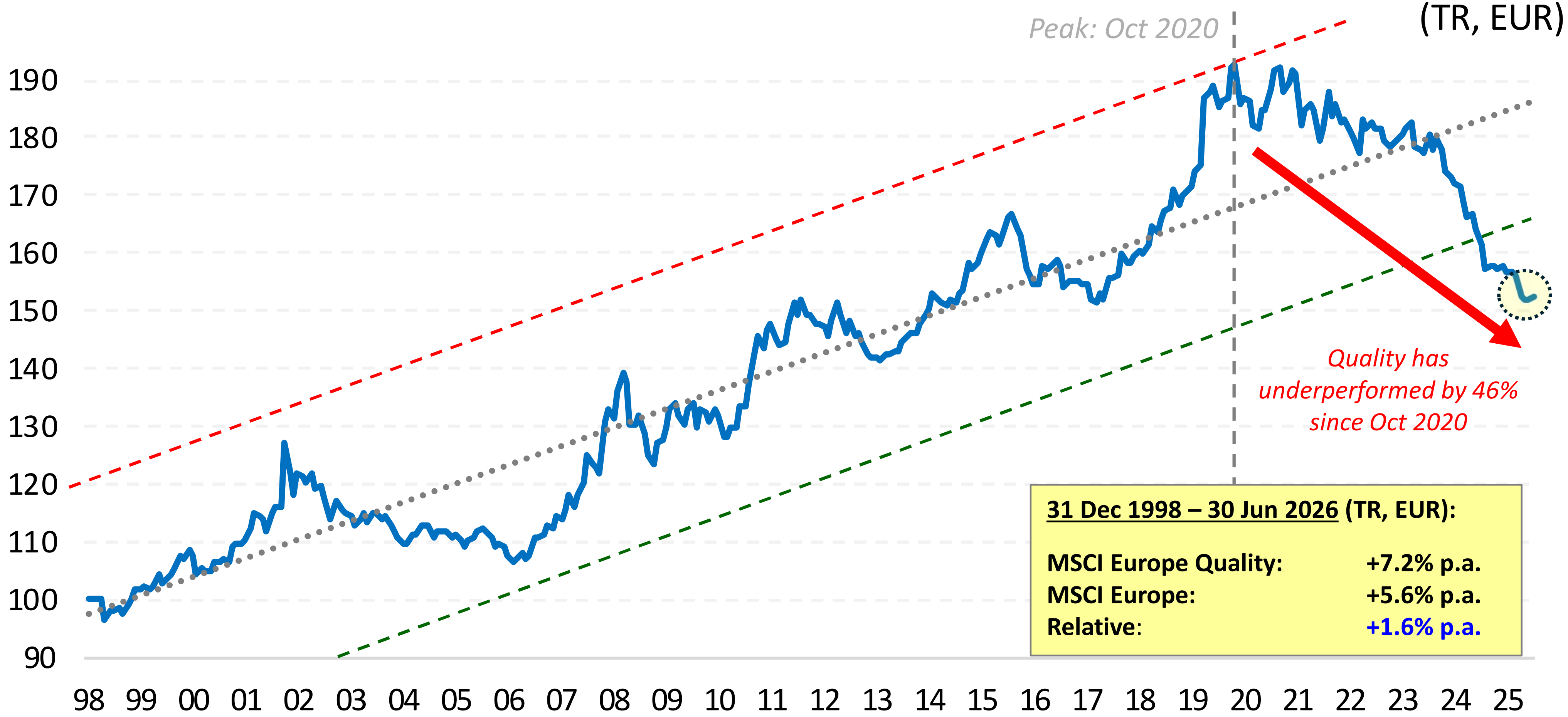
Over the long run SmallCaps have outperformed by more than 4% p.a.



Source: Internal, MSCI.

The drawdown in European Quality has been significant

MSCI Europe QUALITY v. MSCI Europe (rebased)
(TR, EUR)



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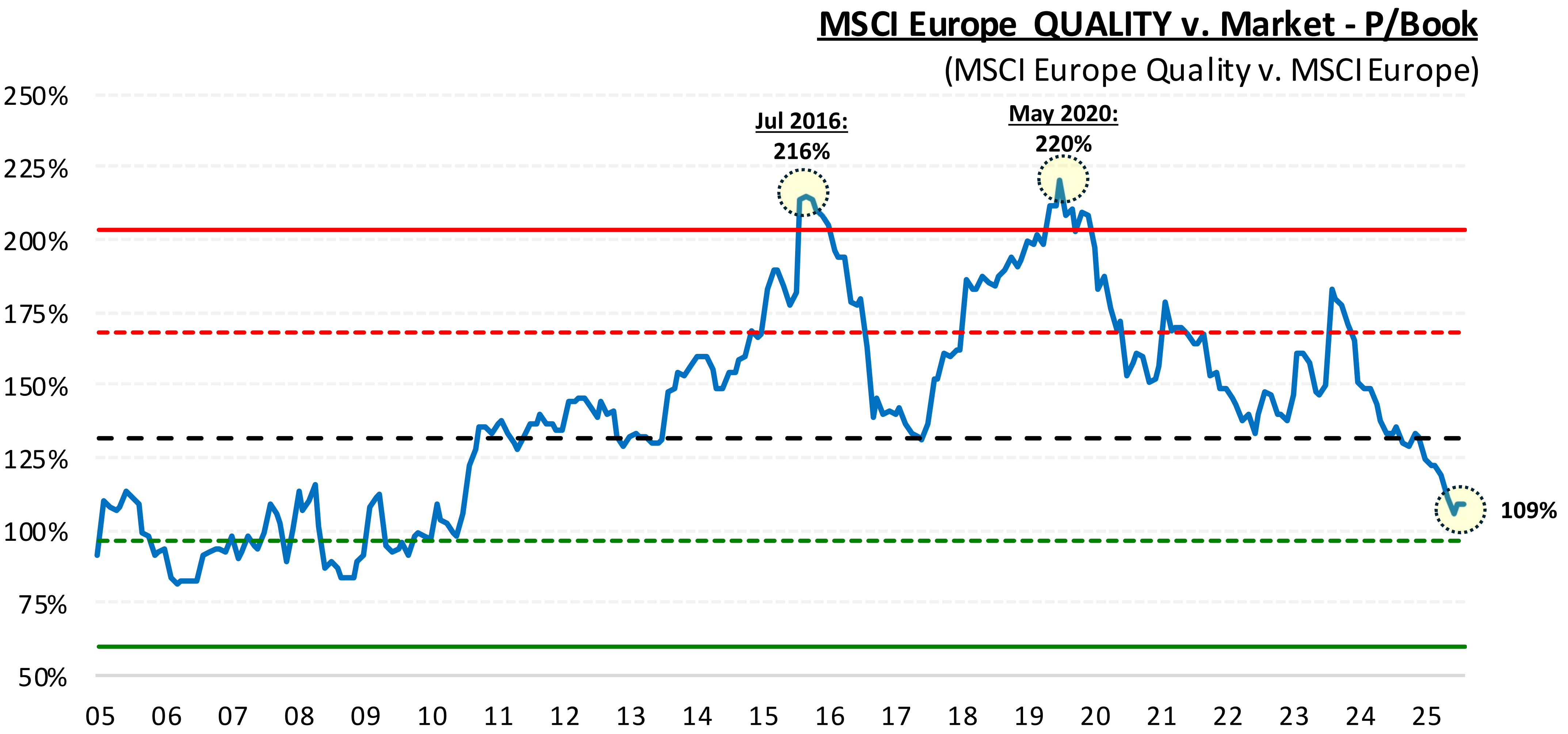
Quality is on the lowest premium to the market in more than 15 years



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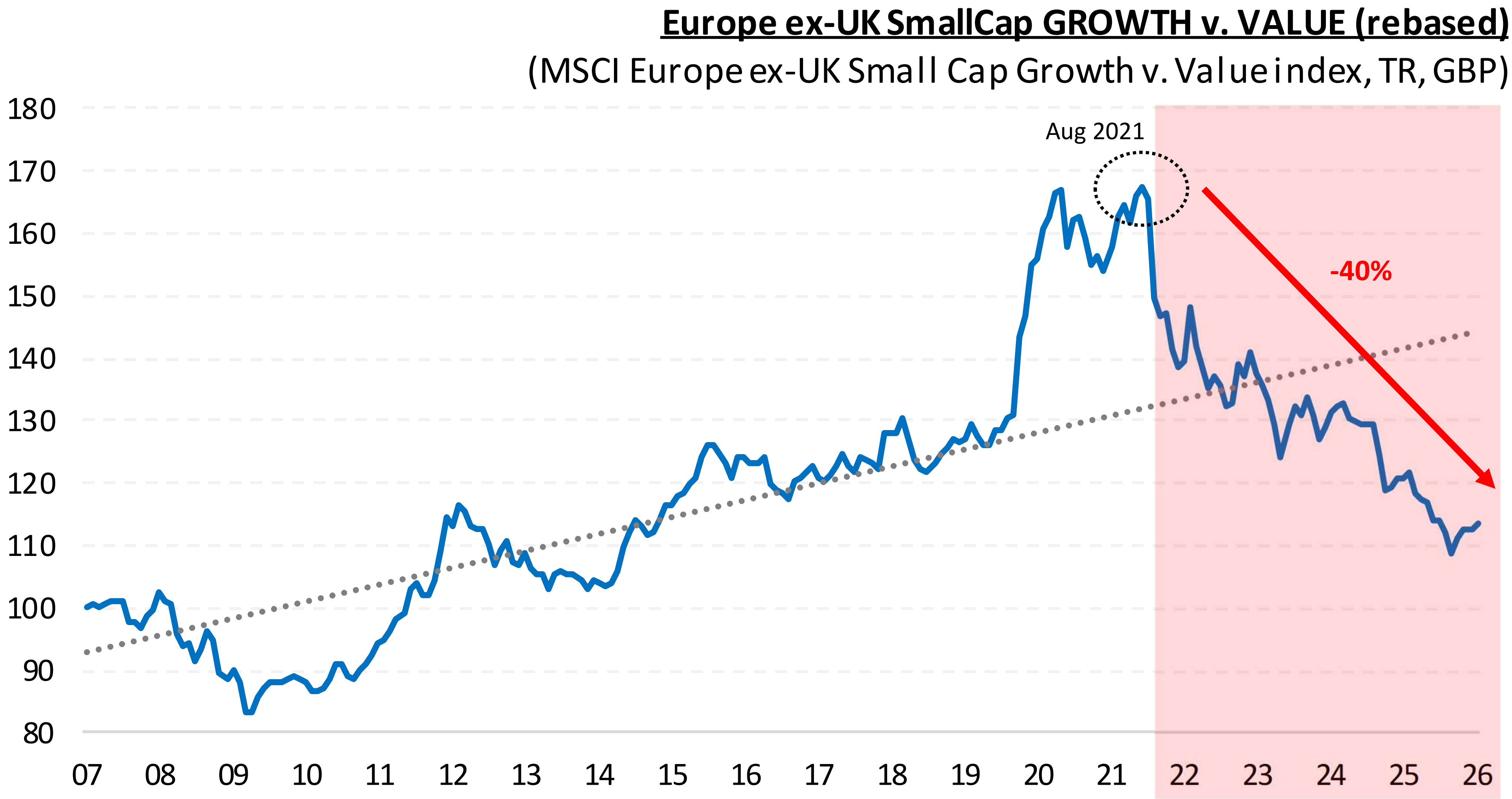
Growth has underperformed Value SmallCaps by 40% since 2021



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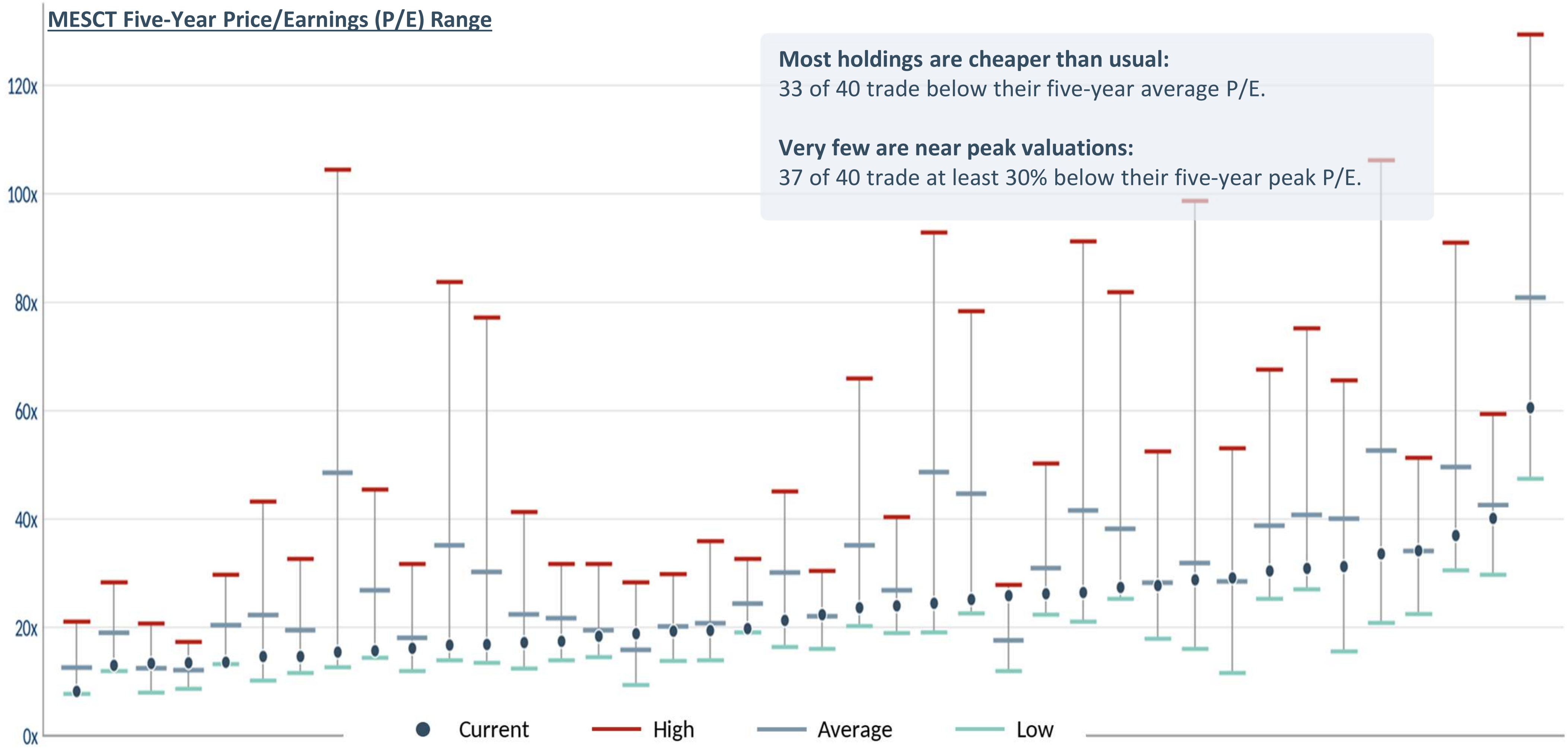
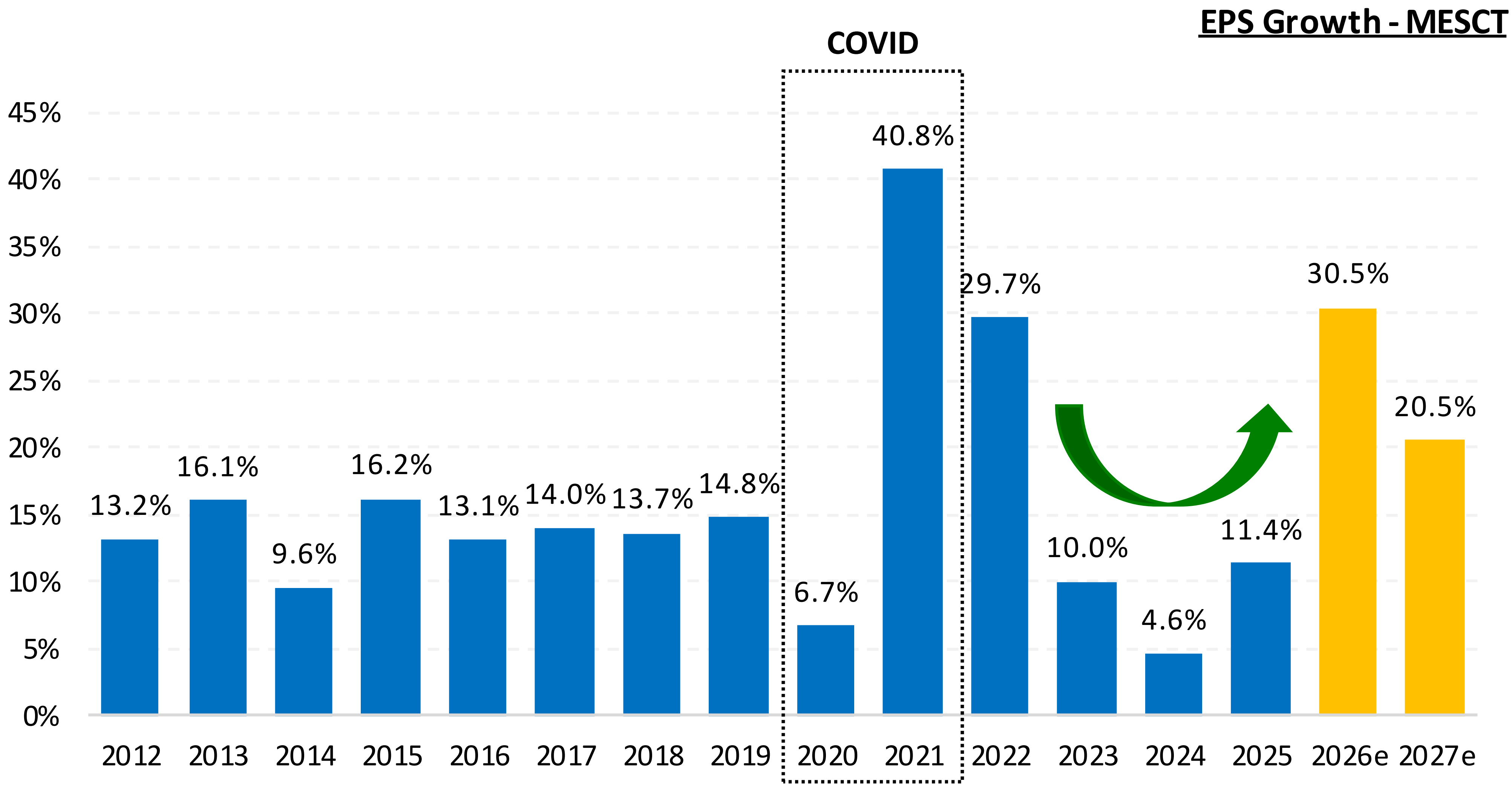
Portfolio currently trading materially below 5-year average P/E



Note: Shows 40 of 47 holdings, representing 88% of the portfolio. Seven are excluded: five lack a full five-year history, one has no P/E data and one has an extreme historic P/E that distorts its range. None is excluded because of its current valuation. P/E compares a company’s share price with its earnings per share. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Holdings may change and references to securities are not recommendations to buy or sell. Source: Internal, FactSet.

EPS Growth – strong growth expected after post-COVID deceleration



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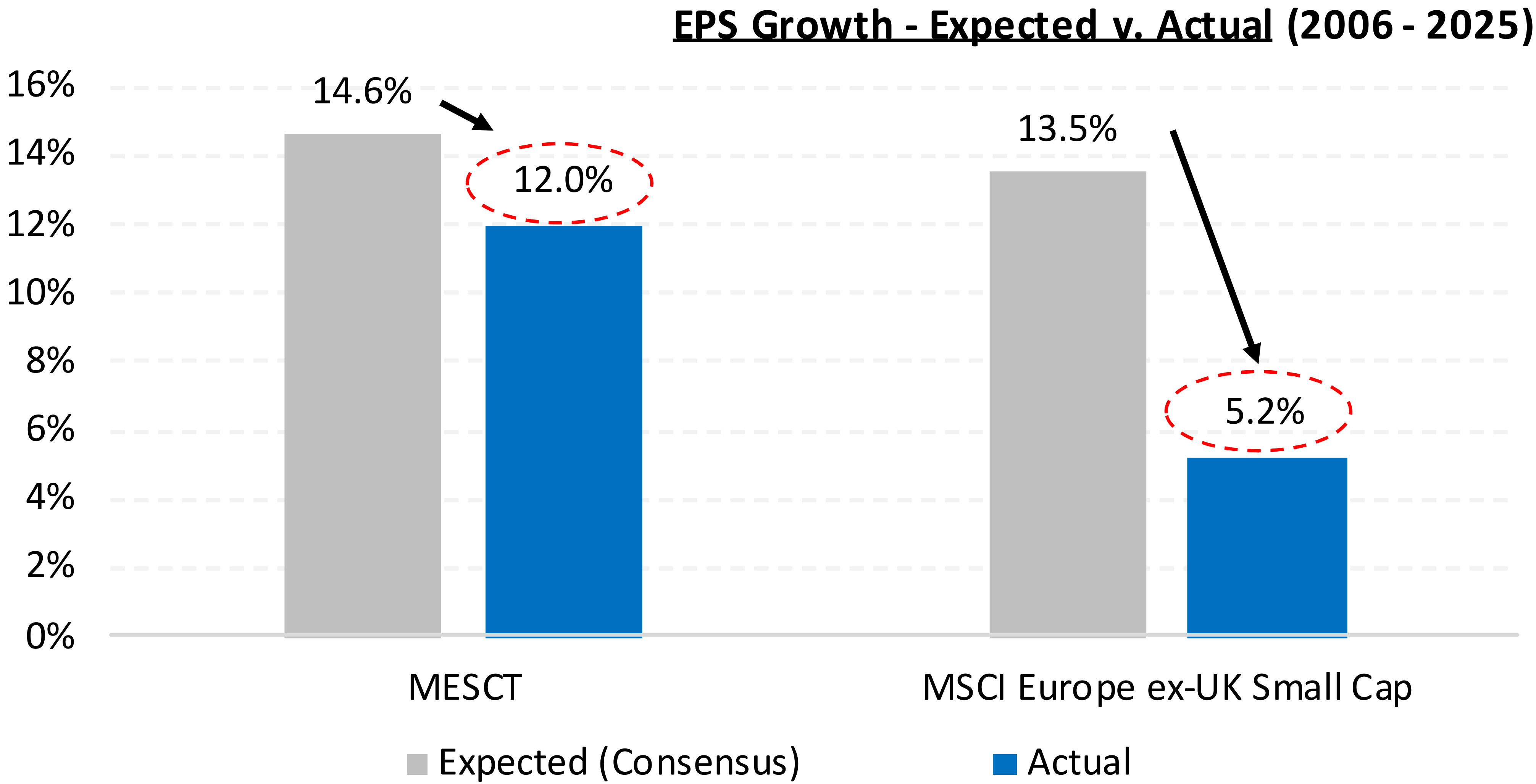
MESCT earnings growth has been more than twice the index



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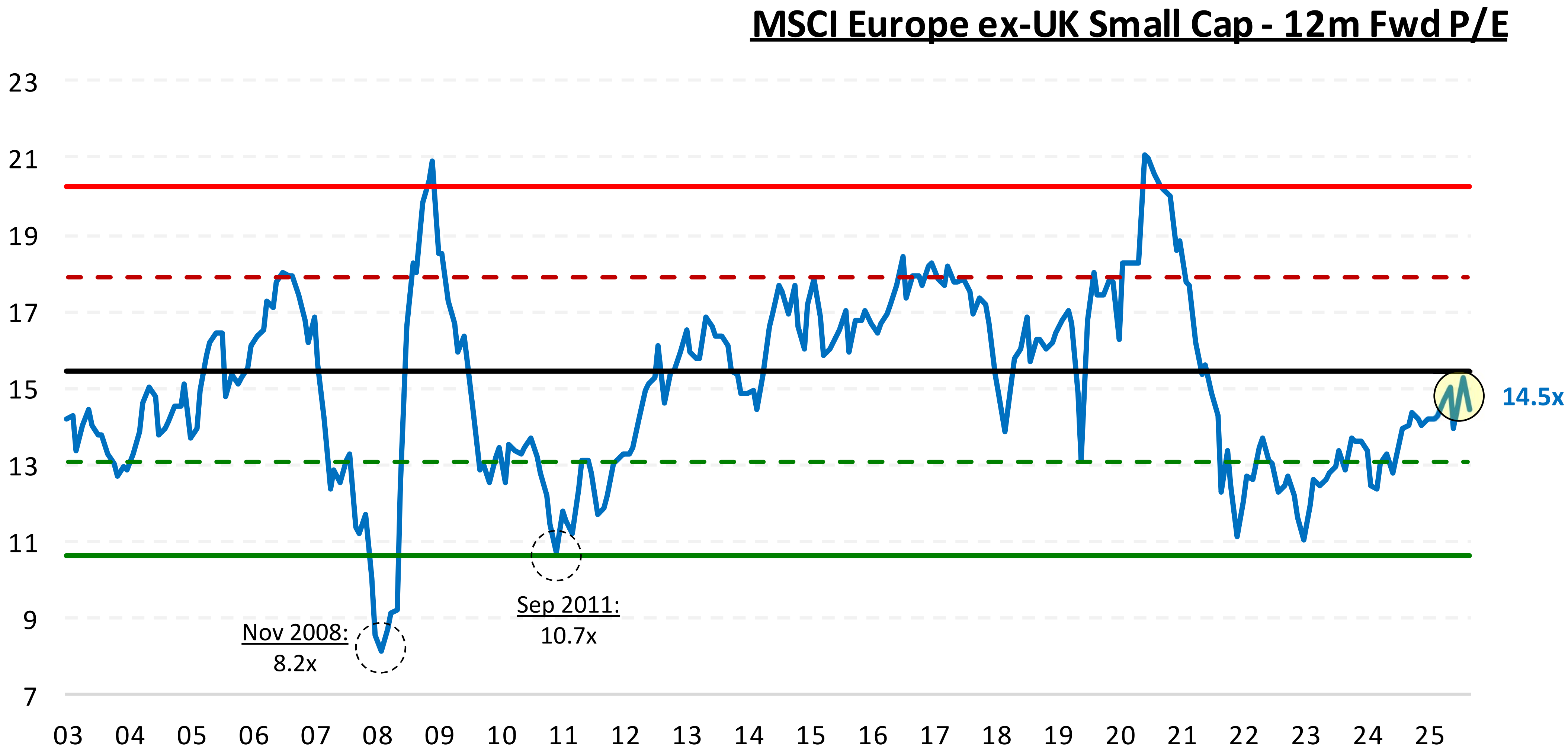
European SmallCap is trading just below its historical average P/E



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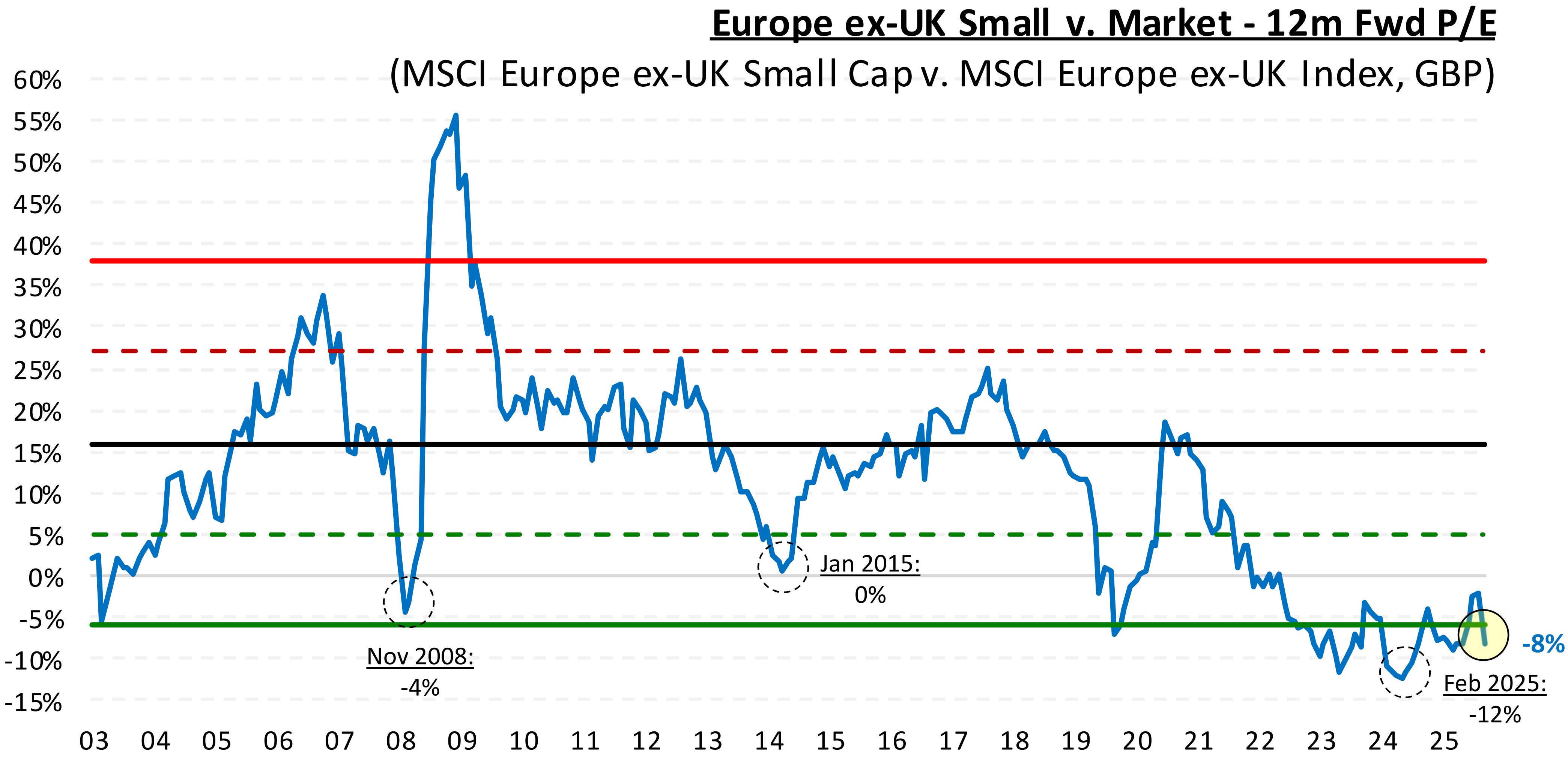
… and on a significant discount to the market



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Why invest in MESCT?

1

Excellent track record

MESCT has delivered 10% per annum on NAV basis since 2006 net of fees (Net TR, GBP)

2

Quality portfolio

Growing, profitable companies — about half hold net cash

3

Tomorrow's companies

AI infrastructure, defence, the grid and modern medicine

4

Attractive valuation

Many companies trading below their 5-year P/E average

5

Distinctive portfolio

Providing investors exposure to companies they may not own elsewhere

6

Aligned team

Employee-owned manager; Montanaro is a major shareholder in the Trust

Source: Internal

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