

# Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund

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Open Ended

## Fund Objective

To outperform its Benchmark, the MSCI Europe SmallCap (Capital Return) Index. The Fund will invest primarily in SmallCap companies quoted in the EU, the UK, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland with a market capitalisation smaller than largest unadjusted market capitalisation of any of the constituents of the MSCI Europe (Capital Return) Index at the time of initial investment. No unquoted investments are permitted.

## Performance

### Rolling Returns (£)

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	10Y	Launch
<b>£ Class</b>	-1.5%	0.6%	4.9%	11.5%	24.5%	38.9%	84.4%	146.8%	589.8%
<b>Benchmark (£)</b>	1.1%	1.9%	6.9%	16.9%	20.0%	12.5%	59.5%	117.8%	348.8%
<b>£ Class (TR)*</b>	-1.5%	0.6%	4.9%	11.5%	24.5%	39.8%	86.7%	157.6%	643.3%
<b>MSCI Europe Small Cap (£ TR)†</b>	1.1%	1.9%	7.1%	17.5%	21.8%	19.5%	76.6%	169.9%	593.0%

### Annual Returns (£)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>£ Class</b>	16.1%	28.9%	-8.5%	19.7%	7.9%	19.4%	-4.0%	16.2%	23.5%
<b>Benchmark (£)</b>	8.8%	21.2%	-16.8%	21.3%	14.3%	14.9%	-2.7%	33.8%	20.2%
<b>£ Class (TR)*</b>	16.1%	28.9%	-7.9%	20.3%	8.0%	20.6%	-3.4%	17.2%	24.2%
<b>MSCI Europe Small Cap (£ TR)†</b>	10.5%	24.1%	-14.9%	23.8%	16.8%	17.3%	-0.7%	36.8%	23.3%

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Source: Montanaro, MSCI, Bloomberg. NAV to NAV, unrounded. NAVs prior to 24/09/07 priced at close of business; between 24/09/07 and 01/10/09 priced at midday; since 2/10/09 priced at 4pm.

\* Dividends reinvested at ex-date.

† The MSCI Europe Small Cap (net TR) index is shown for comparison purposes only.

## Key Information

<b>Fund Launch</b>	December 2000
<b>Depository</b>	BNY Mellon
<b>Administrator</b>	BNY Mellon
<b>Transfer Agent</b>	BNY Mellon

<b>Legal Status</b>	Irish OEIC
<b>Listing</b>	Euronext Dublin
<b>Valuation Time</b>	Daily 4pm Dublin time
<b>Dealing Cut-Off Time</b>	12pm Dublin time

## Fund Facts

<b>Fund Manager</b>	George Cooke
<b>Backup Fund Manager</b>	Charles Montanaro
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI Europe Small Cap

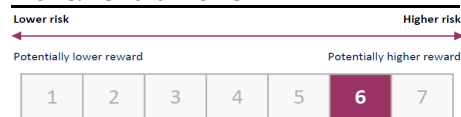
<b>Fund Size</b>	£409 million
<b>No. of Holdings</b>	57
<b>Median Mkt Cap</b>	£3,109 million
<b>Cash</b>	4.4%

## ESG

<b>Carbon Intensity</b>	26.4
<b>Water Intensity</b>	947.8
<b>Waste Intensity</b>	25.9
<b>Fund ESG Score*</b>	6.4

\*The Fund ESG Score is the weighted average of Montanaro's proprietary company ESG Checklist scores (0-10; 10 is best).

## Risk & Reward Profile



These numbers rate how the Fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your investment. In general the potential for higher returns also implies a higher level of risk. However, the lowest category (1) does not mean a risk free investment.

This risk rating is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the fund. The risk rating of the fund may change over time.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. All investments are subject to risk and the value of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise due to stock market and currency movements. You may not get back as much as you originally invested.

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**Top 10 Holdings**

Sartorius Stedim Biotech	3.8%
MIPS	3.4%
Thule Group	3.3%
Marshalls	2.8%
IMCD	2.6%
Simcorp	2.5%
Ashtead Group	2.4%
Esker	2.2%
Fortnox	2.2%
Melexis	2.2%
	<b>27.4%</b>

**Risk Analysis**

	Fund	Index
Jensen's Alpha (annual)	8.4%	
Beta	0.82	1.00
Standard Deviation	17.0%	19.5%
Sharpe Ratio	0.7	0.22
Tracking Error	6.6%	
Information Ratio	1.22	
Active Share	93.3%	

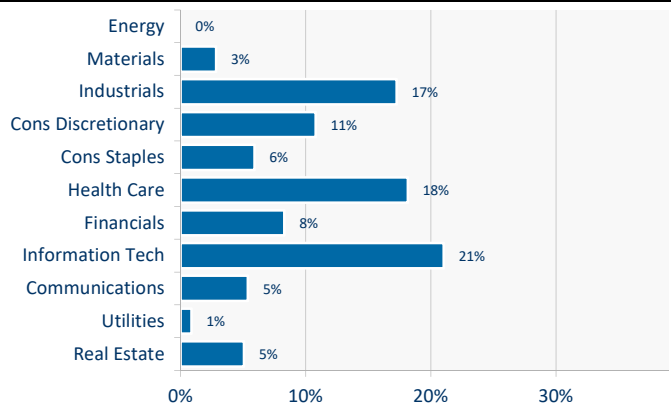
Note: risk statistics over three years, £ Class

**Portfolio Analysis**

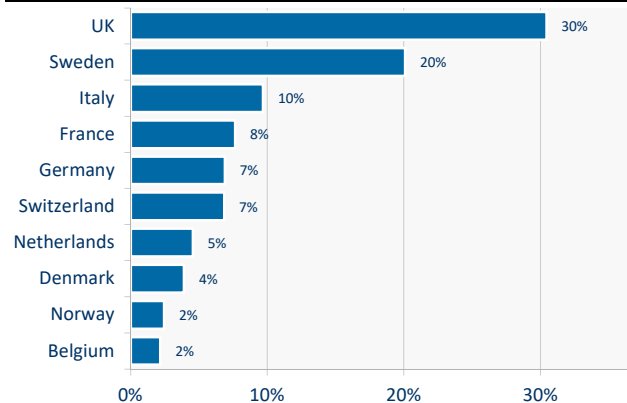
Price / Earnings 21F	34.5
EPS Growth 21F	19.6%
Dividend Yield 21F	1.4%
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Return on Equity 21F	14.4%
EV/EBITDA 21F	25.7
EBIT Margin 21F	19.7%
Net Debt/Equity 21F	0.2%

Source: Factset consensus estimates

**Sector Allocation**



**Country Allocation (Top 10)**



**Share Class Information**

	Ticker	ISIN	SEDOL	Launch	NAV	Ongoing Charge	Annual AMC	Perf Fee	Hurdle	Initial Charge	Minimum Investment	SRR1
<b>£ Class</b>	MONESCF ID	IE0001195316	0119531	08/12/2000	689.8p	1.59%	1.50%	As Below	700.0p	Nil	N/A	6
<b>£ Institutional Class</b>	MONESCG ID	IE00B3V9KZ14	B3V9KZ1	30/03/2012	717.3p	0.84%	0.75%	As Below	727.1p	Nil	£50m	6
<b>€ Class</b>	MONESCE ID	IE00B1FZRP01	B1FZRP0	23/11/2006	€7.88	1.59%	1.50%	As Below	€7.756	Nil	N/A	6
<b>€ Accumulation Class</b>	MONESSEA ID	IE00B411W698	B411W69	02/10/2009	€7.577	1.59%	1.50%	As Below	€7.458	Nil	N/A	6
<b>€ Institutional Class</b>	MONESED ID	IE00BBT35671	BBT3567	01/07/2013	€7.996	0.84%	0.75%	As Below	€7.861	Nil	€50m	6
<b>€ Institutional Accumulation Class</b>	MONESSEU ID	IE00BBT35564	BBT3556	01/07/2013	€8.396	0.59%	0.50%	Nil	N/A	Nil	€250m	6
<b>SEK Class</b>	MONESSA ID	IE00BBT35788	BBT3578	01/07/2013	25.916kr	1.59%	1.50%	As Below	25.138kr	Nil	SEK 10,000	6
<b>USD Class</b>	MONESCU ID	IE00B1FZRQ18	B1FZRQ1	27/11/2006	\$4.545	1.59%	1.50%	As Below	\$4.509	Nil	N/A	6

**Performance Fee** 20% outperformance of Benchmark + 3%, with a hurdle as per the table above.

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