

## Montanaro Select Fund (£)

31 January 2020

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 (including UK), Iceland, Norway and Switzerland with a market capitalisation smaller than the largest constituent of the Stoxx Europe Mid 200 Index at the time of initial investment. No unquoted investments are permitted. Target portfolio of 20-30 quoted companies.

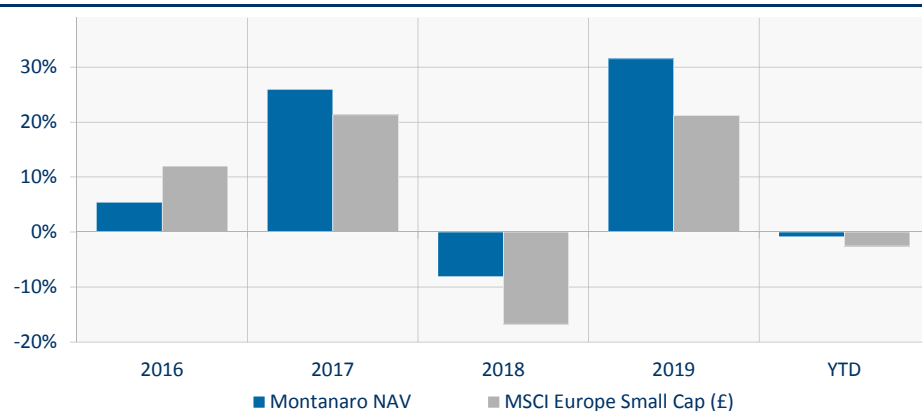
### Performance

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	Launch
<b>Fund</b>	-0.9%	-0.9%	8.5%	5.5%	23.2%	49.3%		59.1%
<b>Benchmark</b>	-2.5%	-2.5%	4.2%	2.7%	11.6%	17.5%		33.6%
<b>Fund (TR)‡</b>	-0.9%	-0.9%	8.5%	5.5%	25.0%	54.0%		64.2%
<b>MSCI Europe Small Cap (TR)†</b>	-2.5%	-2.5%	4.5%	3.3%	14.2%	25.5%		43.6%

### Cumulative Performance Since Inception



### Calendar Year Returns



Source: Montanaro, MSCI, Bloomberg. NAV to NAV, unrounded.

† The MSCI Europe SmallCap index (net TR) and the MSCI LargeCap index are used for comparison purposes only.

‡ Dividends reinvested at ex-date.

### About Montanaro

Montanaro, an independent specialist asset manager, was established in 1991 to research and invest in quoted Small & MidCap companies. Funds under management are currently £2.7 billion.

### Fund Facts

<b>Fund Manager</b>	Montanaro Team
<b>Contact</b>	Alex Magni
<b>Fund Launch</b>	July 2016
<b>Year End</b>	December
<b>Currency</b>	GBP
<b>Class</b>	Distribution
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI Europe Small Cap (£)
<b>Ticker</b>	MOEMCSID
<b>ISIN</b>	IE00BD37Z928
<b>Sedol</b>	BD37Z92
<b>Fund Size</b>	£5 million
<b>NAV</b>	159.1p
<b>No. of Holdings</b>	29
<b>Median Mkt Cap</b>	£2308 million
<b>Cash</b>	4.4%
<b>Legal Status</b>	Irish OEIC
<b>Listing</b>	Irish Stock Exchange
<b>Valuation Time</b>	Daily 4pm Dublin time
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	£1,000
<b>Dealing Time</b>	12pm Dublin time
<b>Dividend Date</b>	Expected Q1
<b>Reporting Fund Status</b>	Approved
<b>Management Fee</b>	Annual 0.75%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	20% outperformance of Benchmark + 3%, with a hurdle of 160.5p

**Authorised for marketing in** Finland, Ireland, Sweden, UK

**Fund ESG Score** 6.5

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

### Ratings and Awards

★★★★ – Morningstar Rating™  
 (as at 31/01/20)

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**Top 10 Holdings**

Ashtead Group	5.0%
Integrafin	4.6%
VZ Holding	4.5%
Reply	4.4%
MTU Aero Engines	4.3%
St. James Place	4.3%
First Derivatives	4.1%
Thule Group	4.0%
Cranswick	4.0%
Big Yellow Group	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.2%</b>

**Risk Analysis**

	Fund	Index
Jensen's Alpha (annual)	8.8%	
Beta	0.99	1.00
Standard Deviation	11.5%	10.6%
Sharpe Ratio	1.27	0.55
Tracking Error	4.7%	
Information Ratio	2.06	
Active Share	96.5%	

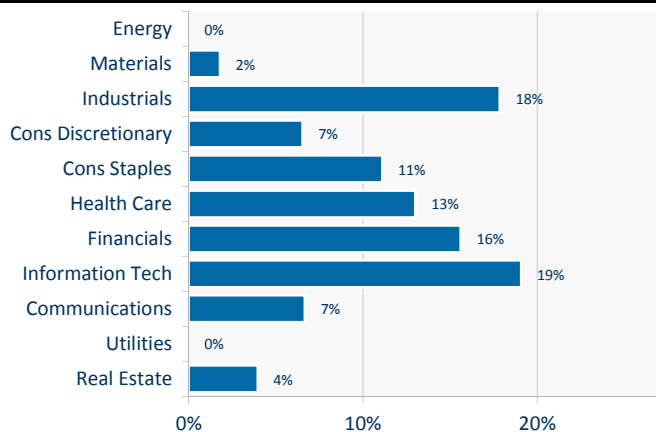
Note: risk statistics over three years

**Portfolio Analysis**

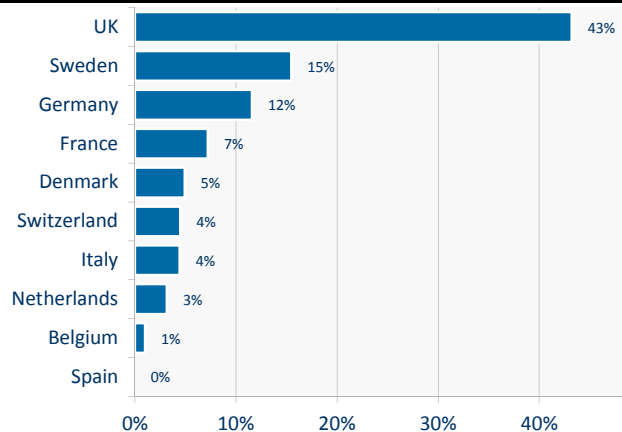
Price / Earnings 20F	25.7
EPS Growth 20F	13.5%
Dividend Yield 20F	1.8%
Dividend Growth 20F	10.2%
Return on Equity 20F	16.4%
EV/EBITDA 20F	21.1
EBIT Margin 20F	24.2%
Net Debt/Equity 20F	13.8%

Source: Factset consensus estimates

**Sector Allocation**



**Country Allocation (Top 10)**



**Monthly Commentary**

Equity markets began the year in high spirits before volatility increased towards the end of the month. This was largely due to the coronavirus outbreak, although another notable geopolitical event – namely the flare up between the US and Iran – was a further reason for the strong performance of safe haven assets in January. Against this backdrop, it was little surprise that SmallCap delivered negative returns. Markets cannot always go up and after such a strong fourth quarter, a pullback was somewhat welcome.

During January, the NAV of the share class declined by 0.9% in Sterling terms, 1.6% ahead of the MSCI Europe Small Cap benchmark index.

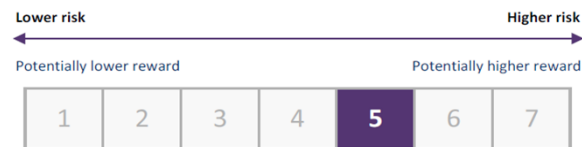
The strongest contribution during the month came from **VZ Holdings**, the Swiss wealth manager, which saw strong share price appreciation ahead of its February results announcement. **IntegraFin**, the UK IFA platform provider, benefited from a strong rally in UK stock markets following the December election. **MTU Aero Engines**, the aircraft engine maker, continued to benefit from expectations that the Airbus 320 could take share from the 737 Max.

The weakest contribution came from **Smart Metering**, the owner and manager of smart meters, which experienced volatile trading as its larger peer, Calisen, announced its intention to float. **Elekta**, the developer of clinical solutions for treating cancer and brain disorders, traded lower ahead of its quarterly results which are due next month. **Restore**, the document management and recycling business in the UK, saw profit taking after a strong run.

The US yield curve inverted once again in January as investors fretted over the unknown consequences of the viral outbreak in Wuhan, China. Although at the time of writing this has not yet developed into a full blown pandemic, this is the type of “unknown” that can easily spook markets.

For now, omens of recession are few and far between. Economic data remains steady and Central Banks supportive. A concerted policy response in China seems likely if the coronavirus does have a meaningful impact on growth (for context, growth in China rebounded quickly following the SARS outbreak of 2003). In uncertain times, investors tend to favour the reliability of quality companies and this was in evidence in January. We would not be surprised if this persists in the months ahead. Quality is our investment style and one that we never waver from.

**Risk and 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.

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