

# Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust

31 December 2020

## Fund Objective

Capital growth by investing in quoted UK smaller companies and to outperform its Benchmark, the Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex-IC).

The Trust will invest primarily in quoted UK smaller companies with a market capitalisation smaller than the largest constituent of the Numis Smaller Companies Index at the time of initial investment.

The Trust pays a quarterly dividend equivalent to 1% of NAV (roughly 4% p.a).

## Performance

### Rolling Returns (£)

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	10Y	Launch
<b>Trust (Price)</b>	3.7%	10.7%	34.4%	39.9%	3.7%	35.9%	51.6%	124.4%	745.1%
<b>Trust (NAV)<sup>†</sup></b>	-1.7%	6.6%	12.9%	18.2%	-1.7%	9.2%	31.3%	94.8%	699.3%
<b>Benchmark<sup>**†</sup></b>	-4.3%	6.8%	20.0%	27.6%	-4.3%	-1.1%	24.2%	82.4%	183.2%

### Annual Returns (£) [Financial Year End - 31 March]

	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12
<b>Trust (Price)</b>	-0.3%	-3.1%	9.8%	10.6%	-0.4%	-8.4%	15.7%	25.6%	-2.0%
<b>Trust (NAV)<sup>†</sup></b>	-8.4%	-2.9%	7.5%	10.7%	1.1%	-4.0%	11.2%	21.2%	3.5%
<b>Benchmark<sup>**†</sup></b>	-25.9%	-3.2%	2.3%	15.4%	1.4%	-3.2%	22.7%	24.3%	-3.1%

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg. NAV to NAV, fully diluted.

\* Composite benchmark. Effective April 1st 2013 the index used in this factsheet for comparison purposes is the Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex-IC).

† Effective November 1st 2018 the performance of the Fund and Benchmark is Total Return. Prior to this the performance is Capital Return.

## Key Information

<b>Fund Launch</b>	March 1995
<b>Legal Status</b>	UK Investment Trust
<b>Listing</b>	London Stock Exchange
<b>Dividend Dates</b>	May, Aug, Nov & Feb
<b>Price</b>	145p
<b>NAV<sup>†</sup></b>	146.09p
<b>Discount</b>	-1%

## Fund Facts

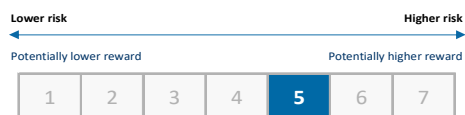
<b>Fund Manager</b>	Charles Montanaro
<b>Backup Fund Manager</b>	George Cooke
<b>Benchmark<sup>**†</sup></b>	Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex-IC)
<b>Net Assets</b>	£245 million
<b>Gross Assets</b>	£268 million
<b>No. of Holdings</b>	49
<b>Median Mkt Cap</b>	£744 million
<b>Gearing</b>	9.2%

## ESG

<b>Carbon Intensity</b>	34.4
<b>Water Intensity</b>	n/a
<b>Waste Intensity</b>	n/a
<b>Fund ESG Score*</b>	6.2

\*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.

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**Top 10 Holdings**

XP Power	3.9%
Discoverie Group	3.8%
Marshalls	3.8%
NCC Group	3.8%
4Imprint Group	3.3%
Ideagen	3.3%
Kainos	3.3%
Big Yellow Group	3.3%
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	3.2%
Polypipe Group	3.1%
	<b>34.8%</b>

**Risk Analysis**

	Fund	Index
Jensen's Alpha (annual)	3.1%	
Beta	0.8	1.00
Standard Deviation	19.5%	22.3%
Sharpe Ratio	0.12	-0.04
Tracking Error	9.0%	
Information Ratio	0.37	
Active Share	88.4%	

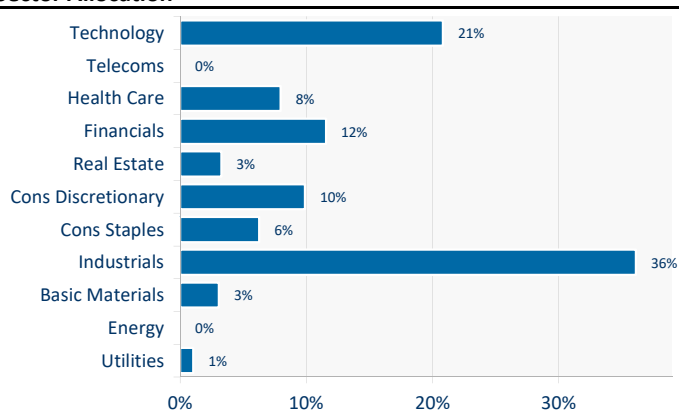
Note: risk statistics over three years

**Portfolio Analysis**

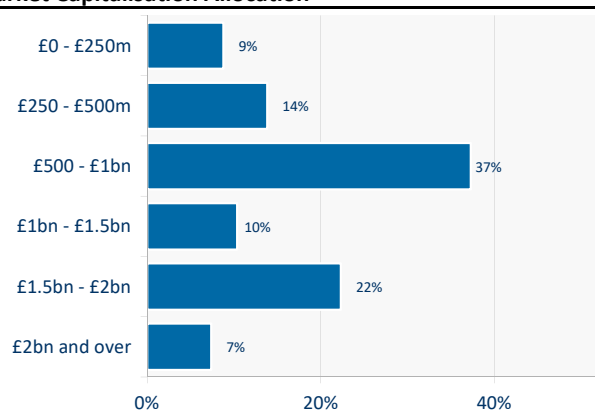
Price / Earnings 21F	26.9
EPS Growth 21F	22.9%
Dividend Yield 21F (NAV)	1.6%
Dividend Growth 21F	17.3%
Return on Equity 21F	14.9%
EV/EBITDA 21F	20.3
EBIT Margin 21F	20.1%
Net Debt/Equity 21F	-8.6%

Source: Factset consensus estimates

**Sector Allocation**

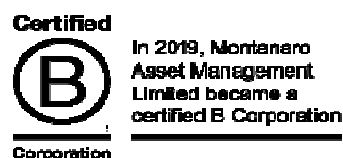


**Market Capitalisation Allocation**



**Share Information**

Currency	Ticker	ISIN	SEDOL	Launch	Price	NAV	Discount	Ongoing Charge	Annual AMC	Perf Fee	Hurdle	SRRI
Sterling	MTU LN	GB00BZ1H9L86	BZ1H9L8	31/03/1995	145p	146.09p	-1%	0.81%	0.50%	N/A	N/A	5



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