

# Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust

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## 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

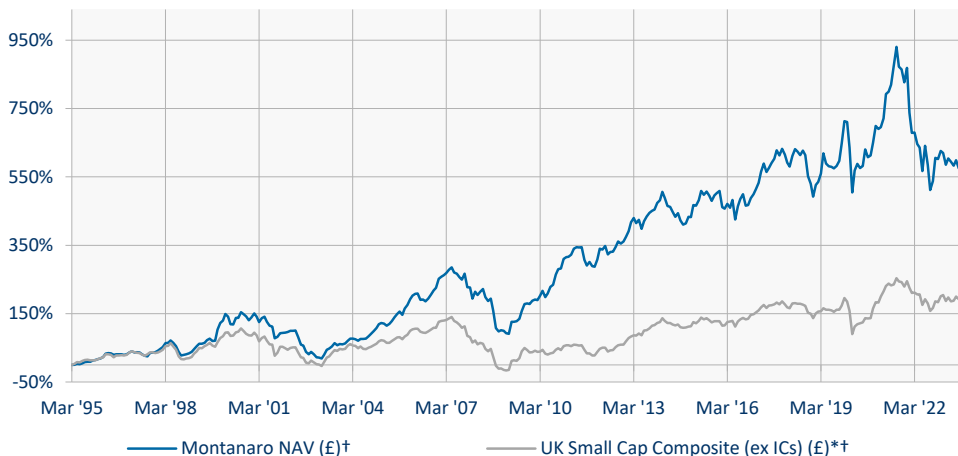
### Rolling Returns (£)

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	10Y	Launch
<b>Trust (Price)</b>	-11.3%	9.0%	5.3%	5.9%	-11.3%	-18.4%	23.1%	32.6%	589.5%
<b>Trust (NAV)<sup>†</sup></b>	4.1%	8.7%	8.3%	6.9%	4.1%	-8.6%	23.3%	27.4%	630.7%
<b>Benchmark<sup>**</sup></b>	10.1%	9.4%	8.3%	8.6%	10.1%	10.3%	32.1%	40.4%	212.3%

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

	FYTD	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16
<b>Trust (Price)</b>	2.5%	-12.4%	-10.1%	50.0%	-0.3%	-3.1%	9.8%	10.6%	-0.4%
<b>Trust (NAV)<sup>†</sup></b>	6.6%	-12.1%	-5.0%	35.8%	-8.4%	-2.9%	7.5%	10.7%	1.1%
<b>Benchmark<sup>**</sup></b>	8.7%	-7.9%	-1.1%	65.6%	-25.9%	-3.2%	2.3%	15.4%	1.4%

## 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>	104p
<b>NAV<sup>†</sup></b>	118.36p
<b>Discount</b>	-12%

## Fund Facts

<b>Fund Manager</b>	Charles Montanaro
<b>Backup Fund Manager</b>	Guido Dacie-Lombardo
<b>Benchmark<sup>**†</sup></b>	Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex-IC)
<b>Net Assets</b>	£199 million
<b>Gross Assets</b>	£214 million
<b>No. of Holdings</b>	35
<b>Median Mkt Cap</b>	£708 million
<b>Gearing</b>	7.6%

## ESG

<b>Carbon Intensity</b>	26.4
<b>Water Intensity</b>	n/a
<b>Waste Intensity</b>	n/a
<b>Fund ESG Score*</b>	6.55

\*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.

For further information please see the Risk and Reward section of the Key Investor Information Document (KID).

## Important Information

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**Top 10 Holdings**

Big Yellow	5.7%
4Imprint	5.3%
Diploma	5.0%
Games Workshop	4.6%
Bytes Technology Group	4.6%
discoverIE	4.1%
Greggs	4.0%
Kainos	3.9%
Marshalls	3.9%
XPS Pensions	3.8%
	<b>45.0%</b>

**Risk Analysis**

	Fund	Index
Jensen's Alpha (annual)	-6.4%	
Beta	1.11	1.00
Standard Deviation	20.7%	16.7%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.27	0.06
Tracking Error	9.3%	
Information Ratio	-0.72	
Active Share	92.3%	

Note: risk statistics over three years

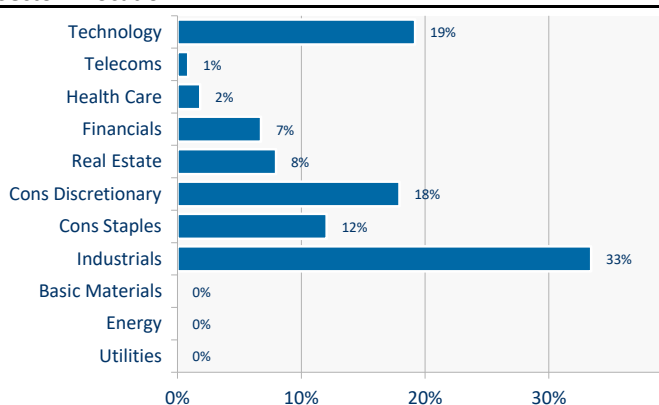
**Portfolio Analysis**

Price / Earnings 24F	17.5
EPS Growth 24F	6.6%
Dividend Yield 24F (NAV)**	2.7%
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Return on Equity 24F	14.8%
EV/EBITDA 24F	12.5
EBIT Margin 24F	23.4%
Net Debt/Equity 24F	-7.9%

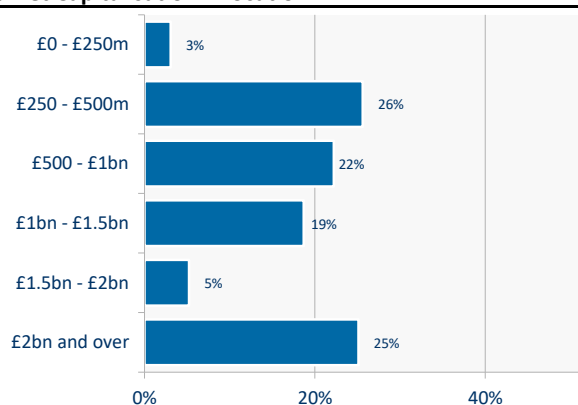
Source: Factset consensus estimates

\*\* Yield on underlying portfolio. The yield on the Trust will be 4% or more (subject to size of discount)

**Sector Allocation**



**Market Capitalisation Allocation**



**Share Information**

Currency	Ticker	ISIN	SEDOL	Launch	Price	NAV	Discount	Ongoing Charge	Annual AMC	Perf Fee	High Water Mark	SRI
Sterling	MTU LN	GB00BZ1H9L86	BZ1H9L8	31/03/1995	104p	118.36p	-12%	0.94%*	0.50%	N/A	N/A	5

\*The costs of buying and selling investments are excluded, as are interest costs, taxation, non-recurring costs and the costs of buying back or issuing Ordinary shares.

**Certified**



Corporation

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