

# 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 1.5% of NAV (roughly 6% p.a).

## Performance (Total Returns)

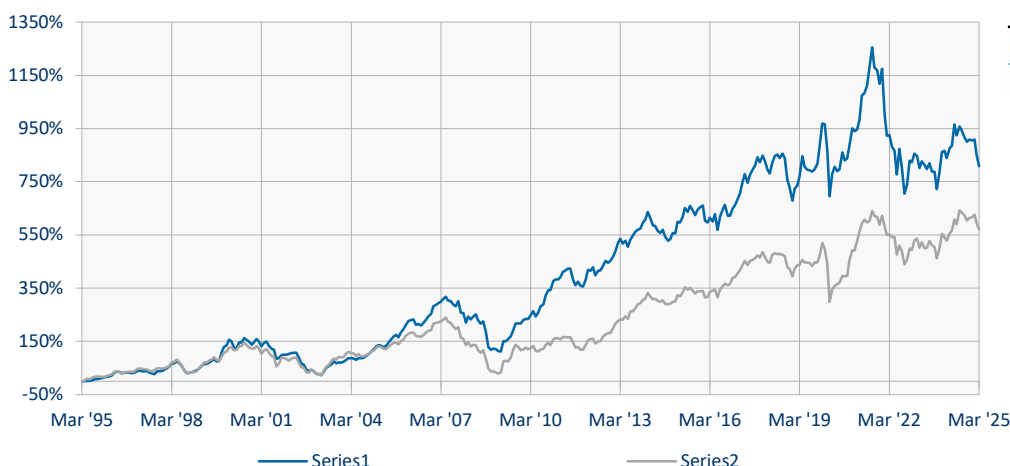
Cumulative Returns (£)

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	10Y	Launch
<b>Trust (Price)</b>	-6.4%	-5.8%	-6.4%	-5.8%	1.1%	-10.8%	20.3%	52.3%	854.0%
<b>Trust (NAV)</b>	-9.5%	-4.6%	-9.5%	-10.7%	-6.8%	-11.4%	14.3%	30.4%	808.6%
<b>Benchmark*</b>	-6.3%	-3.7%	-6.3%	-7.5%	2.3%	2.7%	68.2%	60.3%	570.6%

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

	FYTD	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17
<b>Trust (Price)</b>	1.1%	0.7%	-12.4%	-10.1%	50.0%	-0.3%	-1.1%	12.0%	13.3%
<b>Trust (NAV)</b>	-6.9%	8.3%	-12.1%	-5.0%	35.8%	-8.4%	-1.5%	9.3%	12.8%
<b>Benchmark*</b>	2.3%	9.0%	-7.9%	-1.1%	65.6%	-25.9%	-1.2%	5.2%	18.8%

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).

## 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>	97p
<b>NAV</b>	105.86p
<b>Discount</b>	-8%

## Fund Facts

<b>Fund Manager</b>	Charles Montanaro
<b>Backup Fund Manager</b>	Adam Montanaro
<b>Benchmark*</b>	Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex-IC)
<b>Net Assets</b>	£151 million
<b>Gross Assets</b>	£158 million
<b>No. of Holdings</b>	40
<b>Median Mkt Cap</b>	£859 million
<b>Gearing</b>	4.4%

## ESG

<b>Carbon Intensity</b>	40.9
<b>Water Intensity</b>	n/a
<b>Waste Intensity</b>	n/a
<b>Fund ESG Score*</b>	6.6

\*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).

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## Top 10 Holdings

discoverIE	5.2%
XPS Pensions	4.8%
Big Yellow	4.7%
Hilton Food	4.4%
Telecom Plus	3.9%
Baltic Classifieds	3.8%
Porvair	3.7%
4Imprint	3.5%
Bytes Technology Group	3.5%
JTC	3.5%
	<b>40.9%</b>

## Risk Analysis

	Fund	Index
Jensen's Alpha (annual)	-4.7%	
Beta	1.05	1.00
Standard Deviation	18.2%	16.2%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.52	-0.24
Tracking Error	6.7%	
Information Ratio	-0.74	
Active Share	84.5%	

Note: risk statistics over three years

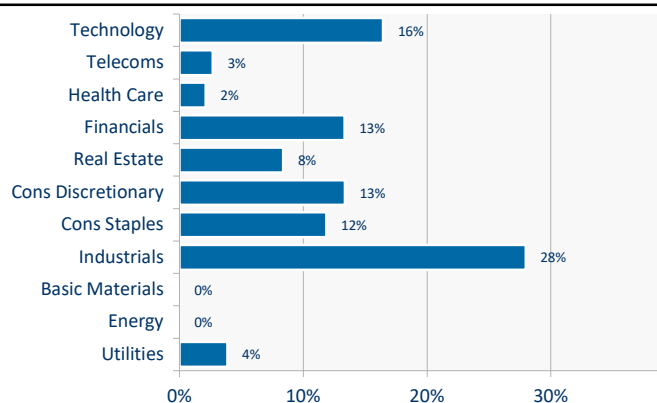
## Portfolio Analysis

Price / Earnings 25F	14.9
EPS Growth 25F	12.3%
Dividend Yield 25F (NAV)**	3.4%
Dividend Growth 25F	3.2%
Return on Equity 25F	14.1%
EV/EBITDA 25F	11.0
EBIT Margin 25F	25.6%
Net Debt/Equity 25F	-10.7%

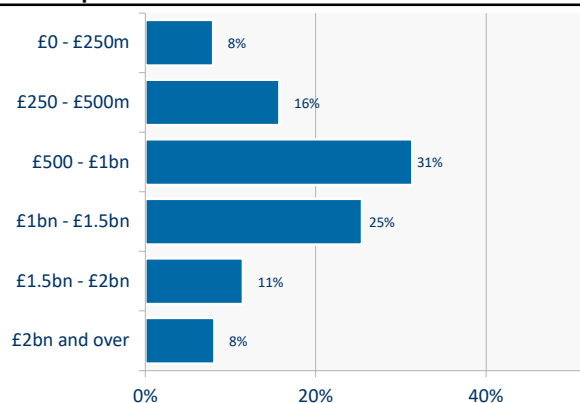
Source: Factset consensus estimates

\*\* Yield on underlying portfolio. The yield on the Trust will be 6% 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	97p	105.86p	-8%	0.90%*	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.

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