



# **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**

Cumulative Retur	rns (£)								
	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	10Y	Launch
Trust (Price)	-6.4%	-5.8%	-6.4%	-5.8%	1.1%	-10.8%	20.3%	40.6%	585.3%
Trust (NAV) <sup>†</sup>	-9.5%	-4.6%	-9.5%	-10.7%	-6.9%	-11.4%	14.3%	22.2%	591.0%
Benchmark*†	-6.3%	-3.7%	-6.3%	-7.5%	2.3%	2.7%	68.2%	44.4%	220.3%

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

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	FYTD	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17
Trust (Price)	1.1%	0.7%	-12.4%	-10.1%	50.0%	-0.3%	-3.1%	9.8%	10.6%
Trust (NAV) <sup>†</sup>	-6.9%	8.3%	-12.1%	-5.0%	35.8%	-8.4%	-2.9%	7.5%	10.7%
Benchmark*†	2.3%	9.0%	-7.9%	-1.1%	65.6%	-25.9%	-3.2%	2.3%	15.4%

## **Key Information**

Fund Launch	March 1995
Legal Status	UK Investment Trust
Listing	London Stock Exchange
<b>Dividend Dates</b>	May, Aug, Nov & Feb

Price 97p NAV 105.86p Discount -8%

#### **Fund Facts Fund Manager**

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<b>Backup Fund Manager</b>	Adam Montanaro
Benchmark*†	Numis Smaller Companies Index (ex-IC)
Net Assets	£151 million
Gross Assets	£158 million
No.of Holdings	40
Median Mkt Cap	£859 million
Gearing	4.4%
ESG	
Carbon Intensity	40.9
Water Intensity	n/a

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

n/a

#### Cumulative Performance Since Inception



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

## **Risk & Reward Profile**

Waste Intensity

Fund ESG Score\*



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

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

25.6%

-10.7%

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%
	40.9%

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

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%
FV/FBITDA 25F	11.0

Source: Factset consensus estimates

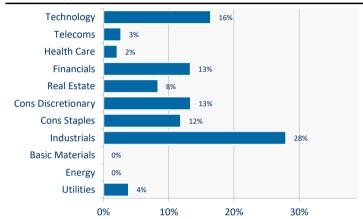
**Portfolio Analysis** 

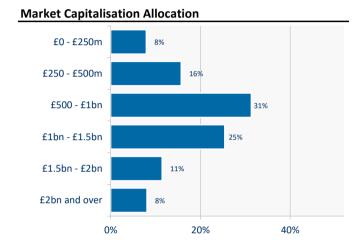
**EBIT Margin 25F** 

Net Debt/Equity 25F

6% or more (subject to size of discount)

#### **Sector 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

<sup>\*</sup>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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 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{**}}$  Yield on underlying portfolio. The yield on the Trust will be