

Investment Objective

The Unicorn UK Smaller Companies Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in UK companies included within the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM Index. For this purpose, UK companies are defined as those which are incorporated or domiciled in the UK, or have a significant part of their operations in the UK. The Index covers the bottom tenth by value of the main UK equity market plus AIM stocks that meet the same size limit.

Investment Policy/Strategy

The investment approach is to identify individual companies for investment and therefore the portfolio may not be representative of the index. AIM is the London Stock Exchange's International Market for smaller growing companies. The fund may also invest, at its discretion, in other transferable securities and deposits and cash. The fund may also enter into certain derivative and forward transactions for hedging purposes. The fund invests for the long term and there is no guarantee that any particular return will be achieved over any period. Investors should note that their capital is always at risk.

Manager

Fund Manager - Simon Moon

Assistant Fund Manager - Alex Game

Fund Commentary

The UK Smaller Companies Fund recorded a total return of +4.7% in December. This compares to an average total return of +4.6% for the IA UK Smaller Companies sector over the same period.

The largest contributor during the month was Somero, which added 0.8% to overall Fund performance. Somero released another strong trading update during the month, increasing full year forecasts for the fifth time in the past twelve months. Revenue expectations for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 have been revised to \$130m, which is 50% higher than initially forecast. The next largest contributor was Fulham Shore, which added 0.8% in overall Fund performance. Fulham Shore released encouraging interim results during the month, which reported on revenue growth of 10% on the prior year. Another notable contributor was Braemar Shipping, which added 0.7% in Fund performance terms, despite an absence of newsflow.

There were no material detractors from performance during the period.

Positions in Breedon and James Fisher were exited in full during the month.

Unicorn Asset Management Limited (Unicorn) is an independent, specialist fund management group, established in July 2000.

Unicorn focuses on long term, long only, investment in UK quoted companies and aims to achieve superior absolute returns through the application of traditional, fundamental principles of investment.



Cumulative Performance

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
UK Smaller Companies (B-Shares)	19.3 %	19.3 %	56.6 %	65.9 %	283.5 %
Rank	37/50	37/50	34/48	34/45	28/42
NSCI plus AIM (ex IC)	20.0%	20.0%	53.8%	57.8%	193.0%
Sector Average	22.9 %	22.9 %	64.0 %	84.2 %	278.1 %

Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

Discrete Performance

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
UK Smaller Companies (B-Shares)	19.3 %	-0.8 %	32.4 %	-15.6 %	25.4 %
Rank	37/50	36/49	12/48	34/47	33/45
NSCI plus AIM (ex IC)	20.0 %	4.9 %	22.2 %	-15.8 %	21.9 %
Sector Average	22.9 %	6.5 %	25.3 %	-11.7 %	27.2 %

Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

Past Performance - 10 Years



Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the full amount of their original investment.

Top 10 Holdings	
Somero Enterprises	6.3%
Goodwin	4.1%
The Fulham Shore	4.1%
Severfield	3.7%
Tortilla Mexican Grill	2.8%
Virgin Wines UK	2.8%
Alpha FX	2.7%
Braemar Shipping Services	2.7%
Warpaint London	2.6%
Alumasc	2.5%
Total	34.3%

Top 10 Sectors	
Engineering	20.6%
Financial Services	11.4%
Building & Construction	8.1%
Consumer Retail	7.6%
Food Production	7.0%
Travel & Leisure	6.8%
Cash	6.3%
Software & Computer Services	5.8%
Logistics & Transportation	4.2%
Computer Games	2.4%
Total	80.2%

Fund Facts	
Fund Manager	Simon Moon
Assistant Fund Manager	Alex Game
Fund Size	£56m
Launch Date	15 July 2002
Fund Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Number of Holdings	45
Pricing	10:00 Daily
ISAs/JISAs	Available
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 30/9
	Payment: 30/11

Share Class Information			
	A - Income	B - Income	O - Income
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge	1.59%	0.84%	1.59%
ISIN Code	GB0031791238	GB0031785065	GB00BJTMCQ36
Sedol Code	3179123	3178506	BJTMCQ3
Bloomberg Code	UNUKSAI	UNUKSBI	UNUKSOI
MEX ID	U2UKSI	U2UKSB	U2AAAF
Initial Investment	£2,000	£20,000	£10,000

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	11.46	19.75
Alpha	-2.28	-1.02
Beta	0.99	1.00
Sharpe	1.29	0.64
Information Ratio	-0.44	-0.20

How to buy the Fund: The fund is available through a number of distributors including	
7IM	HL Vantage
Aegon	Hubwise
Alliance Trust	James Hay
Ascentric/Funds Direct	Novia
Aviva	Nucleus
Bestinvest	Pershing Nexus Funds
Charles Stanley Direct	Standard Life Fundzone
Cofunds	Transact
Fidelity Funds Network	Zurich
Standard Life Elevate	Old Mutual Wealth

All figures within this factsheet have been calculated with reference to 31 December 2021 with exception to the on going charge figure which is based on the annual accounts for the 12 months ended 30 September 2021.

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- Unicorn Asset Management do not give out investment advice, we recommend that you contact a financial advisor if you are unsure whether to invest
- Investors should also read the Prospectus and KIID document of the fund before making an investment
- Equities are subject to greater degrees of market risk than other types of investment, such as bonds or money market instruments. You should not invest unless you are prepared to accept a higher degree of risk
- Investing in smaller companies, including AIM companies, can carry greater risks than those usually associated with large capitalisation companies. Smaller companies are likely to be less established and may not have access to the financial resources available to their larger counterparts. The shares of smaller companies are relatively illiquid and under-researched.
- Taxation levels, benefits and reliefs may all vary depending on individual circumstances and are subject to change
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