

# TM Tellworth UK Smaller Companies Fund

### **Fund Overview**

- · The objective of the Fund is to provide long term (in excess of five years) capital growth, by investing in shares of smallsized UK companies.
- The Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets, directly or indirectly in shares of small-sized UK companies. These are companies that are domiciled, incorporated or have a significant portion of their business in the UK and, have a market capitalisation within the bottom 10% of the UK equities market.
- Fund Managers Paul, John and James generate returns using a bottom up fundamental research approach.

# **Performance Overview**



Source: Bloomberg

Returns quoted denote performance from 29 November 2018 – 28 February 2023. Returns quoted are net of fees on the F Acc Institutional share class. The index refers to Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Companies Index.

Benchmark: Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex Investment Companies

# **Return History - Cumulative**

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	ITD <sup>2</sup>
Fund	1.56%	8.63%	1.68%	-12.56%	9.75%	25.45%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	0.06%	4.05%	3.85%	-7.72%	16.95%	19.85%

## **Calendar Year Performance - Discrete**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
Fund	-0.37%	26.19%	1.81%	26.20%	-27.72%	7.08%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	5.20%	22.16%	4.93%	20.03%	-21.93%	5.26%

<sup>1</sup>The Fund's performance comparator is the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Companies Index. Returns quoted are net of fees on the F Acc Institutional share class.

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

### **Key Facts**

Asset Class	Equity	
IA Sector	UK Smaller Companies	
Benchmark	Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Companies	
Currency	GBP	
Fund size (£m)	£187.4m	
Launch date	29 November 2018	
No. of holdings	48	
Domicile	United Kingdom	
Structure	UCITS	
Bloomberg Ticker	LFTUKSF	
SEDOL	BDTM8B4	



### **Fund Managers**

Paul Marriage launched Tellworth in October 2017. He joined from Schroders and has over 20 years of investment experience.

John Warren launched Tellworth in October 2017. He joined from Schroders and has over 18 years of investment experience.

James Gerlis joined Tellworth at launch in 2017. He joined from BlackRock and has over 11 years investment experience.







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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Inception of the Fund was 29 November 2018.

# **TELLWORTH**

### **Portfolio**

	Sector	% Fund
Gresham Technologies	Technology	4.1%
IG Design	Consumer Staples	3.1%
XPS Pensions	Financials	3.0%
iomart	Technology	2.9%
SIG	Industrials	2.9%
Harworth	Real Estate	2.8%
Card Factory	Consumer Discretionary	2.8%
Oxford Metrics	Technology	2.7%
Stelrad	Industrials	2.7%
Vp	Industrials	2.6%

# **Market Cap Breakdown**

£ Million	% Fund
<50	0.5%
50-100	12.5%
100-250	30.7%
250-500	36.2%
500-1000	10.7%
1000-2500	6.7%
>2500	0.0%
Cash	2.4%



### **Attribution**

Return	Return Top detractors	
0.69%	Gresham Technologies	-0.45%
0.58%	Gooch & Housego	-0.33%
0.40%	iomart	-0.28%
0.32%	Everyman Media	-0.23%
0.30%	Mattioli Woods	-0.20%
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Data as at 28 February 2023. Returns shown are for the last month.

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Consumer Discretionary	0.10%
Consumer Staples	0.14%
Energy	-0.03%
Financials	-0.42%
Health Care	0.16%
Industrials	2.07%
Other	-0.07%
Real Estate	0.12%
Technology	-0.51%
Utilities	0.00%

Return

# **Summary**

While this was a month when I didn't make it to the Alps unlike a few of my colleagues - I particularly enjoyed the WFA entry in our team out of office diary - there was a bit of Matterhorn about how it played out for us. The improving sector sentiment, lack of painful downgrades and sense that the asset class was just beginning to bleep on a few more radars has pervaded most of the time. The dull deeper recession, sticky inflation, non-party balloons, non-water tanks, and no 'fresh' veg theme tune remains the market's background music of choice. The DJ should try giving up gloom for Lent. As usual companies fret much less about all this than everyone else. We have generally seen businesses meet or beat at results and remain pretty circumspect on the outlook. We and they have been here before, there is no need to be a hero in the 2020s thus far - unless you are called Harry of course. One thing we are a bit more optimistic about is household cashflow recovering quicker than the cost of living crisis warriors might have expected.

Secondly, there is an outside chance that an improved relationship with the EU will make the UK slightly more appealing to global investors and hence the long standing discount to other developed markets may have a little more inclination to close. We would view that, regardless of the messy politics, as a helpful background. Given how correlated UK small caps are to domestic sentiment, regardless of their international earnings breadth, these two factors could be an unsung tailwind as we go into Spring. We've notched up another small win this month, the more of these we grind out then the more likely we regain go-to status as an asset class; in the meantime let us hope we take a Lenten abstinence from profit warnings and feast on bids come Easter. We should also take this opportunity to congratulate James Gerlis on becoming a father - time to pop some Tellworth UK Smaller Cos in the JISA for the tiny tot surely?

Sector

# **Share class information**

Share class	ISIN	SEDOL	Annual charge	Ongoing charge	Min. Investment
F Acc	GB00BDTM8B47	BDTM8B4	0.85%	0.93%	£10,000,000
F Inc	GB00BNR4KT46	BNR4KT4	0.85%	0.93%	£10,000,000
I Acc	GB00BDTM8C53	BDTM8CS	1.00%	1.08%	£100,000
I Inc	GB00BNR4KV67	BNR4KV6	1.00%	1.08%	£100,000



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