

**BlackRock** 

December 2024

Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-Dec-2024. All other data as at 10-Jan-2025.

This document is marketing material. For Investors in the UK. Investors should read the KIID/PRIIPs document and prospectus prior to investing, and should refer to the prospectus for the funds full list of risks.

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

- The Fund aims to provide a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund) over the long term (5 or more consecutive years beginning at the point of investment).
- The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities (e.g. shares) of smaller companies incorporated, or listed on a stock exchange, in the United Kingdom which the investment adviser (IA) considers to have above average growth prospects. Smaller companies are those whose market capitalisations are similar to that of companies in the Numis Smaller Companies plus AiM ex-Investment Trusts Index at the time of the Fund's investment. The market capitalisation of a company is the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued.
- The Fund has the flexibility to invest outside of the asset class set out above.

#### **RISK INDICATOR**

Lower Risk
Potentially Lower Rewards

Potentially Higher Rewards

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### **KEY RISKS:**

- Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.
- Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies.
   This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.
- The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
- Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

#### **RATINGS\*\***



#### **KEY FACTS**

**Constraint<sup>11</sup>:** Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index

Comparator<sup>†2</sup>: IA UK Smaller Companies Sector

Ave

Asset Class: Equity

Fund Launch Date: 08-May-1987 Share Class Launch Date: 20-Mar-2015

Share Class Currency: GBP Use of Income: Distributing

Net Assets of Fund (M): 364.96 GBP

Morningstar Category: UK Small-Cap Equity

**Domicile :** United Kingdom **ISIN :** GB00BVW2JF81

Management Company: BlackRock Fund

Managers Ltd

Analyst-Driven %i:100.00%

Data Coverage %i:100.00%

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

Annual Management Fee: 0.67%

Ongoing Charge: 0.83% Performance Fee: 0.00%

### **DEALING INFORMATION**

Dealing Frequency: Daily, forward pricing basis

Settlement: Trade Date + 3 days

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Price to Book Ratio: 1.83x

Price to Earnings Ratio: 18.79x

Standard Deviation (3y): 17.82

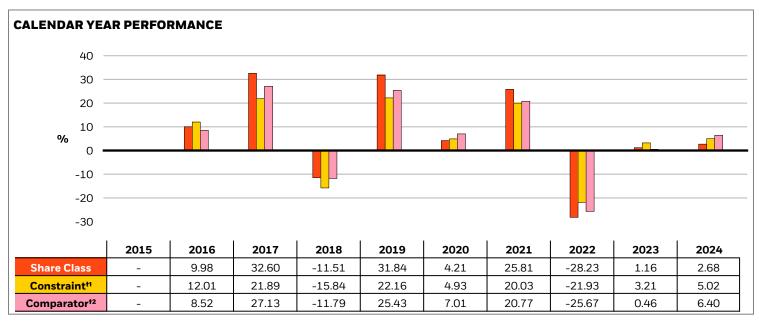
**3y Beta:** 1.11

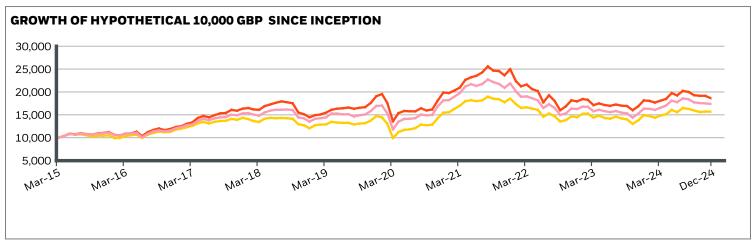
Number of Holdings: 88

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)

Roland Arnold

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CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE										
	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)				
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	Зу	5у	Since Inception		
Share Class	-2.75	-3.44	-3.19	2.68	2.68	-9.33	-0.46	6.51		
Constraint <sup>†1</sup>	-0.14	-1.63	0.79	5.02	5.02	-5.42	1.28	4.56		
Comparator <sup>†2</sup>	-0.63	-1.93	-2.18	6.40	6.40	-7.38	0.53	-		

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in GBP, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in GBP. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

Share Class

BlackRock UK Smaller Companies FundClass S British Pound

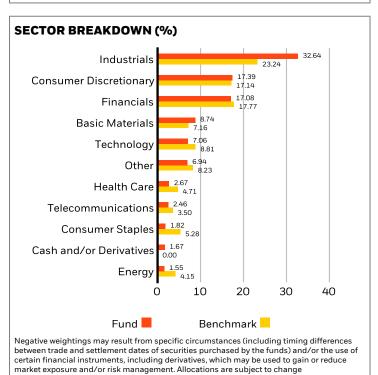
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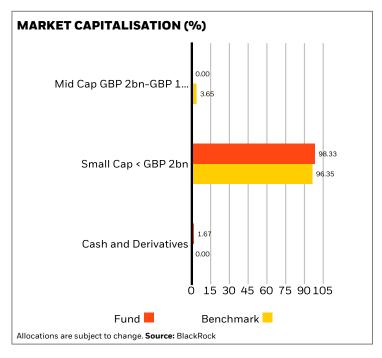
Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index

Comparator<sup>†2</sup> IA UK Smaller Companies Sector Ave



TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
BREEDON GROUP PLC	2.92%
INTEGRAFIN HOLDINGS PLC	2.68%
HILL & SMITH PLC	2.61%
GAMMA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	2.46%
XPS PENSIONS GROUP PLC	2.45%
BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING PLC	2.40%
TATTON ASSET MANAGEMENT PLC	2.35%
CHEMRING GROUP PLC	2.30%
BOKU INC	2.17%
WORKSPACE GROUP PLC	2.12%
Total of Portfolio	24.46%
Holdings subject to change	







#### **GLOSSARY**

**Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share.

**Analyst Driven %** is the analyst input into the overall rating assignment, including direct analyst coverage and inheritance of an analyst-rated pillar

**Price to Earnings:** A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings in the current forecast year, calculated as current share price divided by current earnings per share.

**Data Coverage %** is available input data for rating calculation at the Pillar level

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Ongoing Charge may be discounted depending on the size of the fund.

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