

The European Small Cap Fund



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Fund Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term growth by investing in the equities of smaller-sized European companies. The Fund is broadly diversified across different European countries and industry sectors. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index (EUR) - Net Returns (the Index) which seeks to outperform by 2% over the medium to long term. Russell Investments has full discretion to select investments for the Fund.

Fund Update

The Fund outperformed the benchmark in the first quarter. The tilt towards momentum was favourable during the period. Selection within financials (overweight BPER Banca) drove positive excess returns, followed by selection within industrials (overweight Saab). Selection within consumer discretionary (overweight Pandora) was also additive. However, selection within health care (overweight Genovis, underweight Zealand Pharma) limited further outperformance.

Performance Review %

Performance to period end Returns shown in EUR	1 month	3 months	6 months	Year to Date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Return net of management fee Class B Roll-Up	4.8	6.1	13.9	6.1	9.8	2.1	6.0	5.4	5.8
MSCI Europe Small Cap Index (EUR) - Net Returns	4.3	3.5	13.5	3.5	10.2	0.7	6.1	6.7	6.7

All returns greater than 1 year are annualised

Rolling 12 Month Performance (%)

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/23 31/03/24	31/03/22 31/03/23	31/03/21 31/03/22	31/03/20 31/03/21	31/03/19 31/03/20
Return net of management fee Class B Roll-Up	9.81	-6.08	3.21	60.76	-21.67
MSCI Europe Small Cap Index (EUR) - Net Returns	10.20	-9.05	1.88	61.21	-18.13

Returns shown in EUR	31/03/18 31/03/19	31/03/17 31/03/18	31/03/16 31/03/17	31/03/15 31/03/16	31/03/14 31/03/15
Return net of management fee Class B Roll-Up	-5.86	4.65	17.53	-7.10	17.89
MSCI Europe Small Cap Index (EUR) - Net Returns	-1.26	6.79	16.92	-1.77	16.84

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Fund facts

Share Class; Dealing ccy

B Roll-Up; EUR

Dealing frequency; Cut off

Daily; 2:00 pm GMT

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Ireland; UCITS

Fund size

EUR 12.04m

Fund launch date

10 June 1999

Share class launch date

15 July 1998

Management fee

1.30%

ISIN; Bloomberg

IE0004308122; SGRESBI ID

Share class NAV

EUR 11.05m

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Portfolio Statistics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of equity holdings	288	905
Price/Earnings	17.4	3.3
Dividend Yield	2.7	2.7
Price to Book	1.8	1.8
EPS Growth (1 Year)	20.3	38.1

3 years	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.6	17.6
Tracking error	2.6	2.6
Sharpe ratio	0.0	0.0
Information ratio	1.2	1.2
3 year return (net)	3.9%	0.7%
3 year excess return (net)	3.2%	-

Ten largest holdings by weight

Issuer	Fund	Benchmark
Pandora A/S	2.1%	0.0%
Balfour Beatty PLC	1.8%	0.2%
Bekaert SA	1.8%	0.1%
4imprint Group PLC	1.5%	0.2%
IPSOS SA	1.5%	0.2%
Saab AB	1.4%	0.0%
Ringkjoebing Landbobank A/S	1.3%	0.4%
Vistry Group PLC	1.3%	0.4%
BAWAG Group AG	1.3%	0.4%
Atoss Software AG	1.2%	0.1%

Regional weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Europe ex UK	73.2%	75.5%
United Kingdom	25.2%	23.5%
Canada	0.8%	0.0%
Emerging Markets	0.7%	0.9%
Asia ex Japan	0.1%	0.2%
United States	0.0%	0.0%
Australia/New Zealand	0.0%	0.0%
Japan	0.0%	0.0%

Sector weights

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	24.1%	25.4%
Financials	15.3%	15.3%
Consumer Discretionary	12.8%	10.3%
Information Technology	12.5%	8.4%
Materials	8.7%	7.6%
Health Care	8.4%	7.7%
Communication Services	7.9%	5.1%
Consumer Staples	3.4%	4.9%
Real Estate	3.1%	8.7%
Energy	2.8%	4.2%
Utilities	1.1%	2.4%
Infrastructure	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%

ESG Data

	Fund	Benchmark
ESG Score	19.8	19.8
Carbon Footprint	129.3	104.3

Source: The portfolio-level ESG Risk Rating is the weighted average of the Sustainalytics' Risk Rating for securities in the portfolio. The Sustainalytics Risk Rating details are available at <https://www.sustainalytics.com/esg-data>. Carbon footprint is the weighted average carbon intensity of the Scope 1 and 2 carbon emission intensity of companies in the portfolio. It is measured in tonnes of CO₂e divided by revenue (USD \$M).

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Fund structure

Manager/Strategy	Strategy	Target	Actual
AllianceBernstein L.P.	Value	32.0%	28.2%
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG	Growth	25.0%	24.7%
Liontrust Investment Partners LLP	Market-Oriented	20.0%	22.9%
Russell Investments	Positioning Strategies	23.0%	24.2%

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