

# abrdn SICAV I - North American Smaller Companies Fund

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## Objective

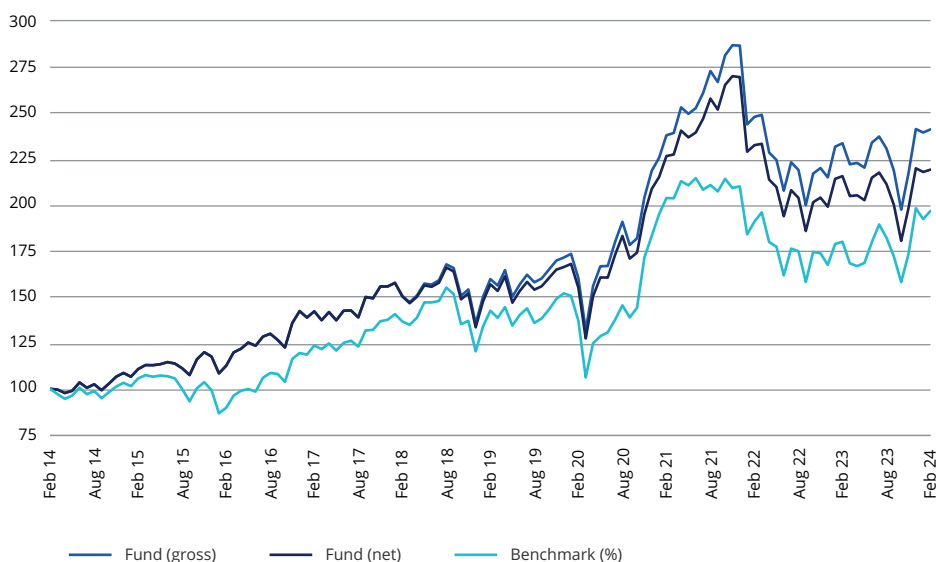
The Fund aims to achieve a combination of growth and income by investing in smaller companies in the United States of America (USA) and Canada, which adhere to the abrdn North American Smaller Companies Promoting ESG Equity Investment Approach (the "Investment Approach").

The Fund aims to outperform the Russell 2000 Index (USD) benchmark before charges.

## Portfolio securities

- The Fund invests at least 70% in smaller capitalisation equities and equity related securities of smaller companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in USA or Canada, or having significant operations and/or exposure to USA or Canada.
- Investment in companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Canada is not expected to exceed 20%.
- Small capitalisation companies are defined as any stock having a market capitalisation less than the 10th percentile stock of the overall US market..
- All equity and equity-related securities will follow the Investment Approach.
- This approach utilises abrdn's equity investment process, which enables portfolio managers to qualitatively identify and avoid ESG laggards. To complement this research, the abrdn ESG House Score is used to quantitatively identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks. Additionally, abrdn apply a set of company exclusions which are related to the UN Global Compact, Controversial Weapons, Tobacco Manufacturing and Thermal Coal. More detail on this overall process is captured within the Investment Approach, which is published at [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) under "Fund Centre".
- Financial derivative instruments, money-market instruments and cash may not adhere to this approach.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	0.71	4.54	-0.08	3.07	0.39	8.55	n/a
Fund (net) (%)	0.59	3.74	-0.34	1.48	-1.15	6.89	8.14
Benchmark (%)	2.32	8.01	-0.72	9.31	-1.16	6.67	7.00

## Discrete annual returns - year to 29/2

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund (gross) (%)	3.07	-5.80	4.21	48.57	0.29	6.02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fund (net) (%)	1.48	-7.24	2.61	46.30	-1.24	4.40	5.70	26.24	1.65	10.79
Benchmark (%)	9.31	-5.73	-6.30	48.79	-3.88	4.29	10.56	37.77	-15.10	5.68

Performance Data: Share Class A Acc USD

Benchmark history: Benchmark – Russell 2000 (-1D) Index (USD)

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, gross Income reinvested, (USD).

Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. This may impact what you might get back. "Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the Benchmark / Benchmark / portfolio constraining benchmark. All return data includes investment management fees, operational charges and expenses, and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. The returns provided do not reflect the initial sales charge and, if included, the performance shown would be lower. Fund's performance is based on the price at the valuation point (13:00) whilst the Benchmark is based on the previous business day's market close price. The Fund's performance is based on the price at the valuation point (13:00) whilst the Benchmark is based on the previous business day's market close price.

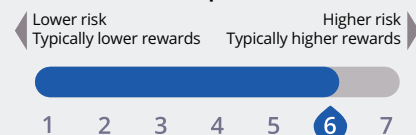
**Past performance does not predict future returns.**



## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	DM Smaller Companies Equity Team
Fund launch date	January 17, 2011
Share class launch date	October 01, 2013
Management company	abrdn Investments Luxembourg S.A.
Fund size	USD 377.4m
Number of holdings	49
Benchmark	Russell 2000 (-1D) Index (USD)
Entry charge (up to) <sup>1</sup>	5.00%
Annual management charge	1.50%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>2</sup>	1.65%
Minimum initial investment	USD 1,000 or currency equivalent
Fund type	SICAV
Valuation point	13:00 (LUX time)
Base currency	USD
Share class currency	USD
Sedol	B68SVT3
ISIN	LU0566484027
Bloomberg	ABASCA2 LX
Citicode	FBYP
Reuters	LP68228683
Valoren	14737480
WKN	A1W572
Domicile	Luxembourg

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIP Key Information Document for details.

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

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Management process

- The Fund is actively managed.
- Through the application of the Investment Approach, the Fund does not apply a minimum threshold in Sustainable Investments. However, the Fund targets an ESG rating that is equal to or better, and a meaningfully lower carbon intensity, than the benchmark.
- Engagement with external company management teams is used to evaluate the ownership structures, governance and management quality of those companies in order to inform portfolio construction.
- The benchmark is also used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints, but does not incorporate any sustainable criteria.
- In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will take positions whose weightings diverge from the benchmark and may invest in securities which are not included in the benchmark. The investments of the Fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.
- Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the benchmark.

Top Ten Holdings

Parsons Corp	3.3
Integer Holdings Corp	3.3
Onto Innovation Inc	3.0
Atkore Inc	2.8
Donnelley Financial Solutions Inc	2.8
Wintrust Financial Corp	2.7
Merit Medical Systems Inc	2.6
AZEK Co Inc/The	2.6
Workiva Inc	2.5
Materion Corp	2.5
Assets in top ten holdings	28.1

Source : abrdn 29/02/2024

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Fund holdings and allocations are subject to change. Holdings provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities shown.

Sector (%)

Industrials	21.9	<div></div>
Financials	16.3	<div></div>
Information Technology	14.6	<div></div>
Health Care	14.5	<div></div>
Consumer Discretionary	9.8	<div></div>
Energy	6.4	<div></div>
Materials	4.8	<div></div>
Consumer Staples	3.1	<div></div>
Other	5.4	<div></div>
Cash	3.2	<div></div>

- (e) Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's benchmark or universe of potential investments. The interpretation of ESG and sustainability criteria is subjective meaning that the fund may invest in companies which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which do not align with the personal views of any individual investor.
- (f) The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

Risk stats

Alpha^	3.42
Benchmark Volatility (SD)^	21.06
Beta^	0.90
Fund Volatility (SD)^	20.37
Information Ratio^	0.44
R-Squared^	0.87
Sharpe Ratio^	0.15
Tracking Error^	7.54

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Ratings

Morningstar	★★
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Derivative usage

- The Fund may utilise financial derivative instruments for hedging and/or investment purposes, or to manage foreign exchange risks. The use of derivatives for hedging and/or investment purposes is expected to be very limited, mainly in those cases where there are significant inflows into the Fund so that cash can be invested while the Fund's investments in equity and equity related securities is maintained.

<sup>1</sup>These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, the charges may be less and you should speak to your financial advisor about this.

<sup>2</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 1.50% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds. There are other applicable costs. The other operating charges figure (OOC) is the total expenses paid by each share class, against its average net asset value. This includes the annual management charge, the other operating expenses and any synthetic element to incorporate the ongoing charges of any underlying qualifying investments. The OOC can fluctuate as underlying costs change. Where underlying costs have changed, the OOC disclosed in the Fund offering Documents will be updated to reflect current changes.

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