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# **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# Schroder European Smaller Companies **Fund**

# an Authorised Unit Trust of Schroder Unit Trusts Limited Class Z Income GBP (GB00B76V5P50)

This fund is managed by Schroder Unit Trusts Limited, which is a member of the Schroders Group.

# Objectives and Investment Policy

#### **Objectives**

The fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Euromoney Smaller Europe ex UK (Gross Total Return) index (after fees have been deducted) over a 3 to 5 year period by investing in equities of small-sized European companies, excluding the UK.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% of its assets in equities of small-sized European companies, excluding the UK. These are companies that, at the time of purchase, are similar in size to those comprising the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the European equity market, excluding the UK. The fund may invest in European companies headquartered or quoted outside Europe which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Europe.

The small cap universe is an extensive, diverse and constantly changing area of the European market. Smaller companies offer investors exposure to some niche growth areas that, often, cannot be accessed through large companies. They also tend to grow more rapidly than larger firms.

The fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds), warrants and money market instruments, and hold cash.

The fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk and managing the fund more efficiently.

#### **Benchmark**

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the Euromoney Smaller Europe ex UK (Gross Total Return) index, and compared against the Investment Association European Smaller Companies sector average return. The investment manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the benchmark.

#### Dealing Frequency

You may redeem your investment upon demand. This fund deals daily.

#### **Distribution Policy**

This unit class pays income received from the fund's investments to you annually.

## Risk and Reward Profile



#### The risk and reward indicator

The risk category was calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the fund's future risk profile.

The fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time.

A fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free

The fund is in this category because it can take higher risks in search of higher rewards and its price may rise and fall accordingly.

#### **Risk factors**

The following risks may affect fund performance.

Counterparty risk: The counterparty to a derivative or other contractual agreement or synthetic financial product could

become unable to honour its commitments to the fund, potentially creating a partial or total loss for the fund.

Currency risk: The fund can be exposed to different currencies. Changes in foreign exchange rates could create losses.

Derivatives risk: A derivative may not perform as expected, and may create losses greater than the cost of the derivative.

Equity risk: Equity prices fluctuate daily, based on many factors including general, economic, industry or company

Liquidity risk: In difficult market conditions, the fund may not be able to sell a security for full value or at all. This could affect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.

Operational risk: Failures at service providers could lead to disruptions of fund operations or losses.

Performance risk: Investment objectives express an intended result but there is no guarantee that such a result will be achieved. Depending on market conditions and the macro economic environment, investment objectives may become more difficult to achieve.

## Charges

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing Charge	0.94%

Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

Performance fee: None

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases you might pay less. You can find out the actual entry and exit charges from your financial advisor.

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last year's expenses for the year ending August 2018 and may vary from year to year.

Please see the prospectus for more details about the charges.

### Past Performance



% ■ Euromoney Smaller Europe ex UK TR GBP ■ InvAssoc European Smaller Companies



1 Performance shown during this period predates the launch of this unit class and has been simulated using the history of a similar unit class within the fund.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. The value of investments may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount you originally invested. The chart shows performance in British pound after the ongoing charges and the portfolio transaction costs have been paid.

The fund was launched on 22 August 1989.

### **Practical Information**

Trustee: J. P. Morgan Europe Ltd.

**Further Information:** You can get further information about this fund, including the prospectus, latest annual report, any subsequent half-yearly reports and the latest price of units from **www.schroders.com/ukinvestor** and from Schroders, PO Box 1102, Chelmsford, Essex, CM99 2XX, England, telephone 0800 718 777. They are in English, free of charge.

**Tax Legislation:** The fund is subject to UK tax legislation which may have an impact on your personal tax position.

**Liability:** Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the fund's prospectus.

**Switches:** Subject to conditions, you may apply to switch your investment into another unit class within this fund or in another Schroder fund. Please see the prospectus for more details.

**Remuneration Policy:** A summary of Schroders' remuneration policy and related disclosures is at

www.schroders.com/remuneration-disclosures. A paper copy is available free of charge upon request.

**Benchmark:** The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmark has been selected because the investment manager believes that this benchmark is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the fund's investment objective.

**Glossary:** You can find an explanation of some of the terms used in this document at

www.schroders.com/ukinvestor/glossary.