VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Fact Sheet – December 2019



Key Facts

Launch Date: 29.08.17		Fund Size: £79m
	Accumulation	Income
Price at 31.12.19 (12:00)	146.0709p	138.8073P
Sedol	BF6X212	BF6X223
ISIN	GB00BF6X2124	GB00BF6X2231
Annual Management Fee Ongoing Charges		0.75% 0.89%
Minimum Investment		£1,000
Dilution Levy:		Purchases: 1.51%
(effective 2 January 2020)	F	Redemptions: 1.20%
Dilution levy is updated monthly. For more information visit www.teviotpartners.com		

Monthly Manager Commentary

For all the political and economic challenges that have featured in our commentary during 2019, it has certainly proved a rewarding period for equity investors. A decisive UK election result provided the catalyst for a re-appraisal of UK assets, particularly those linked to the domestic economy. There is plenty to consider as we move into 2020. We will find out whether increased optimism translates into improving economic activity, how the next stage of Brexit evolves, the repercussions of events in the Middle East and the implications of further scrutiny on illiquid assets.

The performance of the Fund over the month undoubtedly reflects the re-rating of our domestically focussed investments and encouragingly there were sharp upward movements in some of our smaller market capitalisation holdings. However, the three biggest contributors to performance were a function of positive announcements from deeper value investments. Studio Retail announced resilient results and the disposal of its education distribution business for an attractive price. Mothercare signed a UK franchise agreement with Boots, adding credence to its transformation into an international franchise business. Renewi received permission from the Dutch government to re-start its hazardous waste plant which has historically provided a material contribution to group profits.

The only significant detractor from performance was Costain. It lost an arbitration case concerning a road contract which puts a large dent in profit and cash in 2019. In theory the company is well placed to benefit from the promised infrastructure boom but will only do so if it executes better.

Summary Investment Objective

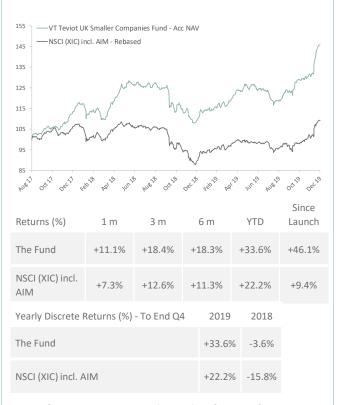
The objective of the fund is to achieve a total return (of growth and income, after fees) greater than the Numis Smaller Companies Index (including AIM but excluding Investment Companies).

Fund Attributes

- A value investment style
- Small unit size of investment confers a significant advantage in an illiquid asset class
- Broad and diverse investment universe
- Invest in circa 1 in 10 companies of the available universe
- Active Share 89%
- Bottom up driven with an asset allocation overview

Performance

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Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Fund launched on 29 August 2017.

Fund performance is illustrated by the Accumulation Share Class NAV. Discrete performance is updated on a calendar quarter basis and reflects all available discrete periods since launch.

How to Invest

Details of how to invest in the VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund are available from our website: www.teviotpartners.com

Application forms and other supporting documents are also available at: www.valu-trac.com/teviot +44 (0)1343 880344

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Fund Managers



Andy Bamford

Andy has a 27-year track record of investing in UK smaller companies, running large and prestigious mandates.

He is a trained accountant who worked

with General Accident and Edinburgh Fund Managers before joining Aberforth Partners in 2001 where he became a partner. Aberforth is a respected value investor and Andy had a successful 15-year career with the firm. Passionate about investing in small companies, Andy set up Teviot Partners in November 2016.

Important Information / Risk Warnings

This fund invests in smaller companies and carries a higher degree of risk than funds investing in larger companies. The shares of smaller companies may be less liquid and their performance more volatile over shorter time periods. The fund can also invest in smaller companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) which also carry the risk described above.

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Top 10 Holdings as at 31/12/19				
Holding		Sector	% of Portfolio	
1.	Renewi	Waste Services	3.1	
2.	Studio Retail Group	Online Retail	2.7	
3.	Mothercare	Global Retail Franchise	2.6	
4.	CareTech Holdings	Specialist Care Services	2.6	
5.	Future	Digital Media	2.4	
6.	Drax Group	Electricity Provider	2.3	
7.	Eurocell	Building Materials	2.2	
8.	Augean	Waste Services	2.1	
9.	Ricardo	Business Consultancy	2.1	
10.	Spire Healthcare Group	Private Hospitals	2.0	
Total		24.1		

Market Cap Breakdown

	% of Portfolio	No. of Stocks
Above £1bn	11.6	7
£500m- £1bn	16.4	13
£250m - £500m	24.6	19
£100m - £250m	30.5	22
Below £100m	12.5	17
Cash	4.4	
Total	100.0	78

Listing	
Main	63.6
Aim	32.0
Cash	4.4

Barney Randle

Barney has a 24-year career working for a variety of investment banks including Merrill Lynch, JP Morgan and latterly Arden Partners.

He has always specialised in UK smaller companies and enjoys a strong reputation for original and rigorous investment analysis. His non-consensual and value orientated approach was well received by some of the largest and most successful investors in the asset class.