



# Invesco European Smaller Companies Fund (UK)

November 2019

Covering the month of October 2019

On 7 August 2019, we updated the Prospectus to make the investment objective and policy clearer and more specific. We have also added a description of the fund's strategy and the benchmark(s) it uses. These changes are also reflected on the Key Investor Information Document and this Factsheet. Further details of the changes can be found on our website at: [www.invesco.co.uk](http://www.invesco.co.uk).

## Fund investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term (5 years plus) capital growth. The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in shares of smaller companies incorporated, domiciled, listed or carrying out the main part of their economic activity in Europe, excluding the UK. The Fund may use derivatives (complex instruments) to manage the Fund more efficiently, with the aim of reducing risk, reducing costs and/or generating additional capital or income.

## Fund strategy

The fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing primarily in smaller European companies excluding the UK. The portfolio strategy rests primarily on fundamental analysis and company valuations, seeking the most attractive investment opportunities within Continental Europe's smaller companies' universe, according to the fund managers. The focus is on stocks with robust financial positions, sound management and capable of delivering higher returns on capital. The fund typically holds 70 to 90 stocks.



**Fund manager:** Adrian Bignell

## Key facts<sup>1</sup>

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Adrian Bignell</b>              |                       |
| Managed fund since                 | January 2004          |
| Industry experience                | 25 years              |
| Based in                           | Henley -on- Thames    |
| Fund launch date                   | 31 December 1984      |
| Fund size                          | £128.55m              |
| Legal status                       | UK authorised ICVC    |
| Yield (Z Accumulation share class) |                       |
| Historic yield <sup>2</sup>        | 1.05%                 |
| Income distribution date(s)        | n/a                   |
| Accounting period ends             | 31 January<br>31 July |
| Available with an ISA?             | Yes                   |

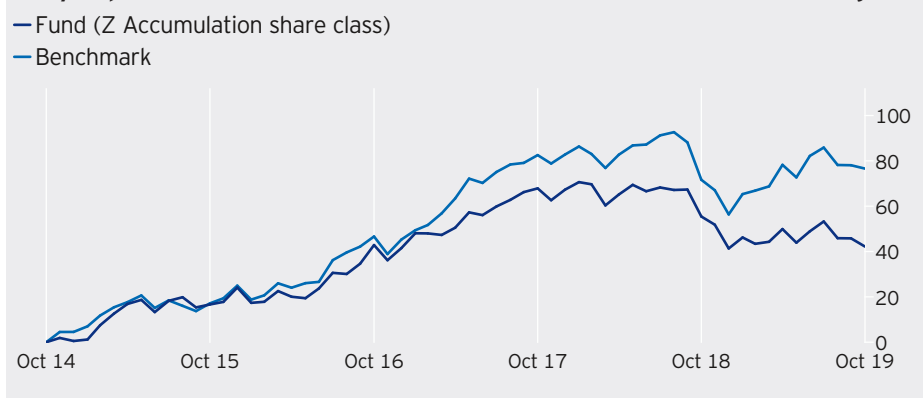
## Benchmark

Benchmark: Investment Association European Smaller Companies Sector\*

This is a Comparator Benchmark. Given its geographic focus the Fund's performance can be compared against the Benchmark. However, the Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by any benchmark.

\* Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to facilitate comparison between funds with broadly similar characteristics.

## Five year performance



## Performance

|                                   | % growth |         |         |              |          |               |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------|----------|---------------|
|                                   | 1 year   | 3 years | 5 years | 5 years ACR* | 10 years | 10 years ACR* |
| Fund (Z Accumulation share class) | -8.53    | -0.47   | 42.18   | 7.29         | 128.08   | 8.59          |
| Benchmark                         | 2.87     | 20.42   | 76.57   | 12.04        | 190.80   | 11.26         |

\*ACR - Annual Compound Return

## Standardised rolling 12-month performance

|                                   | % growth |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                   | 30.09.14 | 30.09.15 | 30.09.16 | 30.09.17 | 30.09.18 | 30.09.19 |
| Fund (Z Accumulation share class) | 12.82    | 16.72    | 23.46    | 0.68     | -12.87   |          |
| Benchmark                         | 12.93    | 25.02    | 25.97    | 5.04     | -5.35    |          |

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns.** Performance figures are based on the Z Accumulation share class. As this was launched on 12 November 2012, for the periods prior to this launch date, performance figures are based on the accumulation share class, without any adjustment for fees. Performance figures for all share classes can be found in the relevant Key Investor Information Document. Fund performance figures are shown in sterling, inclusive of reinvested income and net of the ongoing charge and portfolio transaction costs to 31 October 2019 unless otherwise stated. Sector average performance is calculated on an equivalent basis. The standardised past performance information is updated on a quarterly basis. Source: Lipper.

| <b>Top 10 holdings<sup>1</sup></b>      | <b>%</b>     | <b>Country of investment breakdown<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>%</b>   |
|---|--------------|--|------------|
| Eurazeo                                 | 3.68         | France   | 18.45      |
| NOS                                     | 3.22         | Netherlands  | 10.99      |
| Vopak                                   | 3.07         | Germany  | 9.18       |
| Saab                                    | 2.88         | United Kingdom                                     | 8.11       |
| Soitec                                  | 2.84         | Sweden   | 6.82       |
| Ocean Yield                             | 2.81         | Spain  | 6.61       |
| Tullow Oil                              | 2.67         | Italy  | 5.99       |
| Volitalia                               | 2.61         | Norway   | 4.54       |
| Africa Oil                              | 2.58         | Portugal   | 4.35       |
| Energiean Oil & Gas                     | 2.56         | Luxembourg   | 3.91       |
| <b>Total Top 10 holdings (%)</b>        | <b>28.93</b> | Canada   | 3.82       |
| <b>Total number of holdings</b>         | <b>67</b>    | Belgium  | 3.47       |
| <b>Industry breakdown<sup>1,3</sup></b> | <b>%</b>     | Bermuda  | 2.07       |
| Business Providers                      | 24.52        | Switzerland  | 1.59       |
| Industrial Goods                        | 13.25        | Ireland  | 1.41       |
| Financials                              | 13.12        | Austria  | 1.03       |
| Natural Resources                       | 12.40        | United States                                      | 0.57       |
| Basic Materials                         | 9.41         | Cayman Islands                                     | 0.40       |
| Technology                              | 9.00         | Cash   | 6.69       |
| Consumer Goods                          | 6.80         | <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>100</b> |
| Retail Providers                        | 4.77         |  |            |
| Unit/Investment Trust/Other             | 0.04         |  |            |
| Cash                                    | 6.69         |  |            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>100</b>   |  |            |

### Investment risks

- The value of investments and any income will fluctuate (this may partly be the result of exchange rate fluctuations) and investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The fund may use derivatives (complex instruments) in an attempt to reduce the overall risk of its investments, reduce the costs of investing and/or generate additional capital or income, although this may not be achieved. The use of such complex instruments may result in greater fluctuations of the value of the fund. The Manager, however, will ensure that the use of derivatives within the fund does not materially alter the overall risk profile of the fund.
- The Fund invests in smaller companies which may result in a higher level of risk than a fund that invests in larger companies. Securities of smaller companies may be subject to abrupt price movements and may be less liquid, which may mean they are not easy to buy or sell.

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### Important information

- <sup>1</sup> All fund portfolio figures within this leaflet are as at 31 October 2019 (source: Invesco).
- <sup>2</sup> The Historic Yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market price of the fund, as at the date shown. It does not include any entry charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.
- <sup>3</sup> Industry Classification Benchmark is a joint product of FTSE International Limited and Dow Jones & Company, Inc. and has been licensed for use in our industry breakdown.

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For the most up to date information on our funds, please refer to the relevant fund and share class specific Key Investor Information Documents, the Supplementary Information Document, the ICVC ISA Terms and Conditions, the Annual or Interim Reports and the Prospectus, which are available using the contact details shown.

Telephone calls may be recorded.

### Who is this fund for?

#### The fund might be right for you if you:

- Are a private or professional investor looking for growth over the long term.
- Are able to make an informed investment decision based on this document and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID).
- Are willing to accept that your capital is at risk and you may not get back the amount invested.

#### The fund will not be right for you if you:

- Require capital protection or have no appetite for risk.