

# Miton UK MicroCap Trust plc

## Objective

To provide its shareholders with capital growth over the long term.

## Key facts

Net assets	£39.8m
Shares in issue	76,923,603
Gearing	0.00%
Share price	44.40p
NAV	51.79p
Premium/(Discount)	(14.27)%
No. of holdings	139
Domicile	United Kingdom
Launch date	30 Apr 2015
Reporting dates	Final - 30 Apr Interim - 31 Oct
ISA eligible	Yes
AIC sector	IT UK Smaller Companies

**Performance comparators**  
 Deutsche Numis 1000 index  
 IT UK Smaller Companies sector (share price return)

## Trust managers



**Gervais Williams**  
 Joined Premier Miton  
**Mar 2011**  
 Manager since  
**Apr 2015**



**Martin Turner**  
 Joined Premier Miton  
**May 2011**  
 Manager since  
**Apr 2015**

## Directors

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## Fund codes

ISIN	GB00BWFGQ085
SEDOL	BWFGQ08
Bloomberg	MINI LN

## Manager commentary

After such a long period of elevated interest rates, investors are now becoming concerned that governments will have to increase expenditure to offset an economic slowdown. In the UK for example, whilst the Budget did raise significant extra tax, the government is also planning expenditure increases at an even faster rate.

During October, the valuation of government debt fell back considerably. Alongside, major stock market indices, such as the FTSE 100 Index, returns have also moderated over the summer. These are kinds of conditions when investors seek to pick out businesses that can buck the general trend, and hence global smaller company share prices have started to outperform recently.

Unfortunately, UK smaller companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM listed stocks) have missed out on this improved trend to date. AIM-listed stocks have been inheritance tax free for many years, and it was feared that the UK Budget would bring this to an end. The uncertainty over the summer has led to AIM-listed share prices continuing to weaken.

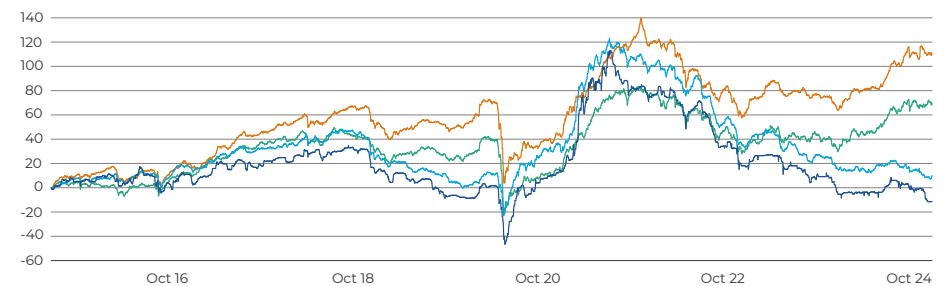
Pension savings are also inheritance tax free, and the Budget during October has indeed proposed that pension savings will be liable to 40% inheritance tax in future. But in the case of AIM stocks, the inheritance tax liability will be at a reduced rate of 20%.

Currently, little additional pension savings are being invested in AIM listed stocks. With the Budget changes however, we believe pension investments in AIM listed stocks may now greatly increase. This is due to two reasons, one that we believe AIM stocks are overdue a period of better share price performance. Secondly, over the longer term, smaller companies typically outperform. Hence, in the coming years, we believe the pension saving flows into AIM stocks will increase due the lower inheritance tax liability.

As the AIM investment universe is comparatively tiny in comparison to the major stock market indices, even modest increases will, in our view, lead to AIM outperformance. We remain very upbeat about the prospects for the Trust.

**Gervais Williams & Martin Turner**  
 31.10.2024

## Performance since trust launch (%)



Cumulative performance (%)	1m	3m	1y	3y	5y	Trust launch
Share price	-8.45	-14.05	-6.36	-49.83	-3.05	-11.45
NAV	-0.27	-6.32	-4.10	-46.09	6.72	8.39
Deutsche Numis 1000 index	-0.20	-2.76	27.55	-4.31	32.40	68.02
IT UK Smaller Companies sector	-2.13	-7.04	22.18	-8.75	31.36	101.09

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Share price	-0.90	33.32	28.61	-28.67	-24.91	-6.75
NAV	-8.17	50.04	20.03	-29.13	-20.22	-4.23
Deutsche Numis 1000 index	15.28	-1.53	24.99	-20.06	6.63	13.36
IT UK Smaller Companies sector	22.22	1.29	26.02	-20.37	3.73	10.71

	31.10.19 30.10.20	30.10.20 29.10.21	29.10.21 31.10.22	31.10.22 31.10.23	31.10.23 31.10.24
Share price	23.60	56.33	-33.63	-19.27	-6.36
NAV	27.59	55.13	-33.09	-15.97	-4.10
Deutsche Numis 1000 index	-10.27	54.21	-25.21	0.31	27.55
IT UK Smaller Companies sector	-7.31	55.33	-26.65	1.82	22.18

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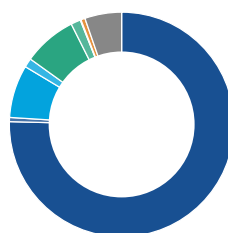


## Portfolio breakdown

### Top 20 holdings (%)

Yu Group	8.0
MTI Wireless Edge	3.5
CyanConnode Holdings	3.2
Beeks Financial Cloud Group	2.5
Trufin	2.3
Concurrent Technologies	2.3
Ondo Insurtech	2.2
STM Group	1.9
Zoo Digital Group	1.8
Amaroq Minerals	1.7
Savannah Resources	1.7
Van Elle	1.6
Mercia Asset Management	1.5
Marwyn Value Investors	1.4
Frontier IP Group	1.4
Ultimate Products	1.4
Record	1.4
Zephyr Energy	1.4
Invinity Energy Systems	1.3
Elemental Altus Royalties	1.3

### Index weighting (%)



■ FTSE AIM	75.4
■ FTSE Fledgling	0.6
■ FTSE Small Cap	7.6
■ Overseas	1.3
■ UK-listed non-indexed shares	7.7
■ Other	1.4
■ Nex Exchange	0.1
■ FTSE 100 Put Options	0.6
■ Cash	5.3

## Charges

<b>Ongoing charges figure (OCF)</b> as at 30.04.2024	1.99%
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The ongoing charges figure (OCF) is not the same as the ongoing costs figure set out in the Company's Key Information Document. The key differences are that gearing costs and portfolio transaction costs are not included in the OCF. In addition costs are calculated on slightly different bases. The OCF figure set out above mirrors that in the Report and Accounts and is based on costs incurred in the year which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future. The ongoing costs figures in the Key Information Document provide investors with the impact costs have had on returns averaged over the five year recommended holding period.

<b>Management fee on market cap</b>	0.90%
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## General risks

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Typically, there is less risk of losing money over the long-term (which we define as over 5 years) from an investment that is considered low risk, although potential returns may also be lower. Investments considered higher risk typically offer greater

opportunities for better long-term returns, though the risk of losing money is also likely to be higher. Premier Miton is unable to provide investment, tax or financial planning advice. We recommend that you discuss any investment decisions with a financial adviser.

## Other risks

Some of the main specific risks of investing in this trust are summarised here.

### Derivatives

Derivatives may be used within funds for different reasons, usually to reduce risk, which can be called "hedging". This can limit gains in certain circumstances as well. Derivatives can also be used to generate income or to increase the risk being taken, which can have positive or negative outcomes. The derivatives used can be options or futures which are types of contracts that are dealt on an exchange or negotiated with a third party. More complex derivatives may also be used. Derivatives can also introduce leverage to a fund, which is similar to borrowing money to invest.

### Equities

Equities (company shares) can experience high levels of price fluctuation. Smaller company shares can be riskier than the largest companies, companies in less developed countries (emerging markets) can be riskier than those in developed countries and funds focused on a particular country or region can be riskier than funds that are more geographically diverse. These risks can result in bigger movements in the value of the fund. Equities can be affected by changes in central bank interest rates and by inflation.

### Other investment risks

Funds may have holdings in investments such as commodities (raw materials), infrastructure and property as well as other areas such as specialist lending and renewable energy. These investments will be indirect, which means accessing these

assets by investing in companies, other funds or similar investment vehicles. These investments can also increase risk and experience sharp price movements. Funds focused on specific sectors or industries, such as property or infrastructure, may carry a higher level of risk and can experience bigger movements in value. Certain investments can be impacted by decisions made by third parties, such as governments or regulators.

### Other risks

There are many other factors that can influence the value of a fund. These include currency movements, changes in the law, regulations or tax, operational systems or third-party failures, or financial market conditions that make it difficult to buy or sell investments for the fund.



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## Glossary

### Annual management charge (AMC)

The yearly fee paid to Premier Miton for managing a trust, expressed as a percentage of your investment. The AMC does not typically change from year to year.

### Assets

Different groups of investments such as company shares, bonds, commodities or property.

### Bonds (or fixed income)

Types of investments that allow investors to loan money to governments and companies, usually in return for a regular fixed level of interest until the bond's maturity date, plus the return of the original value of the bond at the maturity date. The price of bonds will vary and the investment terms of bonds will also vary.

### Capital

Describes financial assets, particularly cash, or other assets, such as shares, owned by a person or organisation.

### Capital growth

The increase in the value of an asset or investment over time, measured by its current value compared to its purchase cost.

### Discount

The shares of investment trusts can have a price below the value of their net assets, this difference is known as the discount. The shares can also be at a premium to their net assets.

### Dividends

The portion of its capital that a company chooses to return to its shareholders. For a

trust, this is the payment of trust's income to its shareholders.

### Equities

Another name for shares (or stock) in a company.

### FTSE 100 Put Option

A type of derivative contract in which the underlying value is based on the level of the FTSE 100 index which tracks the performance of the top 100 largest companies by market value listed on the London Stock Exchange. Such contracts can be used to protect the value of an underlying investment or group of investments against a fall in the value of those 100 largest companies and can be thought of as an insurance policy.

### Gearing

The level of a company's debt in relation to its capital. A company with significant debt compared to its capital is considered to be highly geared.

### Individual Savings Account (ISA)

A type of tax-free scheme, set up by the government, designed to help people make the most of their savings and investments. All income and gains from an ISA investment are exempt from UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. HM Revenue and Customs sets the maximum amounts that you are allowed to invest into an ISA each tax year.

### Micro-Cap

A company with a market capitalisation (the total value of all a company's shares) of below £250 million.

### Net Asset Value (NAV)

The total of a company's assets minus its liabilities. The net asset value per share is the total of a company's assets minus its liabilities divided by the number of shares in issue.

### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

As recommended by the Association of Investment Companies in its guidance, ongoing charges are the Company's annualised revenue and capital expenses (excluding finance costs and certain non-recurring items) expressed as a percentage of the average monthly net assets of the Company during the year. Please note this figure is different to what is stated in the PRIIPS KID.

### Share price yield

The dividend per share divided by the stock's or fund's price per share and expressed as a percentage. The historic yield is the dividend income distributed during the past year and expressed as a percentage of the share price on a particular day.

### Small-cap

On the London Stock Exchange, the term 'small cap' refers to companies with a market capitalisation between £50m and £230m.

### Total return

A way of showing how an investment has performed, and is made-up of the capital appreciation or depreciation and includes any income generated by the investment. Measured over a set period, it is expressed as a percentage of the value of the investment at the start of that period.

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