

# abrdn European Smaller Companies Fund

K Acc GBP



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## Objective

To generate growth over the longer term (5 years or more) by investing in European smaller capitalisation equities (company shares).

**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the FTSE Developed Europe Small Cap Index, plus 3% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of smaller capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries include the emerging markets of Europe and the UK.
- Smaller capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the FTSE Developed Europe Small Cap Index or, if not included within the index any stock having a market capitalisation smaller than that of the stock with the largest market capitalisation in such index.
- The fund may also invest in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), money-market instruments and cash.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (net) (%)	-3.93	-7.35	-0.60	14.99	1.84	4.39
Performance target (%)	-1.90	-2.99	2.48	15.14	6.46	5.45

## Discrete annual returns - year to 30/9

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund (net) (%)	14.99	-29.76	30.77	16.50	0.74
Performance target (%)	15.14	-23.02	36.12	6.77	1.22

Performance Data: Share Class K Acc.

Benchmark history: Performance target – FTSE Small Cap Developed Europe +3.00% from 31/07/2023. EMIX Smaller European Companies Index +3.00% from 30/10/2009 to 30/07/2023

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net Income Reinvested.

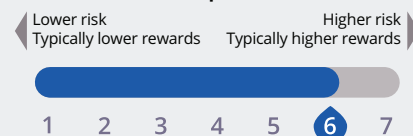
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.**

## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Andrew Paisley
Fund managers start date	23 July 2018
Fund launch date	19 October 1990
Share class launch date	23 March 2016
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£71.1m
Number of holdings	50
Performance target	FTSE Small Cap Developed Europe +3.00%
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	1.27%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.68%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0.78%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 150,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	BDD9P43
ISIN	GB00BDD9P434
Bloomberg	ABESCKA LN
Citicode	N00G
Reuters	LP68358442
Domicile	United Kingdom

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIPs Key Information Document (KID) 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.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.

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Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that exhibit a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the FTSE Developed Europe Small Cap Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ('tracking error') between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.
- Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Top Ten Holdings

Brunello Cucinelli SpA	4.6
AddTech AB	4.5
Interparfums SA	4.3
Lagercrantz Group AB	4.3
Diploma PLC	4.0
Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC	3.8
Gaztransport Et Technigaz SA	3.8
DO & CO AG	3.7
Tecan Group AG	3.2
CTS Eventim AG & Co KGaA	3.1
Assets in top ten holdings	39.3

Country (%)

United Kingdom	25.5
Italy	17.8
Germany	12.7
Switzerland	12.6
Sweden	11.2
France	8.1
Austria	3.7
Spain	3.6
Other	4.3
Cash	0.5

Source : abrdn 30/09/2023  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Sector (%)

Industrials	30.8
Health Care	13.7
Consumer Discretionary	11.7
Information Technology	11.1
Financials	10.9
Materials	6.0
Consumer Staples	5.7
Communication Services	4.2
Other	5.2
Cash	0.5

(e) 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^	1.26
Benchmark Volatility (SD)^	21.06
Beta^	0.78
Fund Volatility (SD)^	19.24
Information Ratio^	0.03
R-Squared^	0.74
Sharpe Ratio^	0.14
Tracking Error^	10.86

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Derivative usage

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as 'Efficient Portfolio Management').
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

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To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 31/08/2023 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

<sup>2</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>3</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 0.68% 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.

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