VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Fact Sheet – August 2018



Key Facts

Launch Date: 29.08.17		Fund Size: £52m
	Accumulation	Income
Price at 31.08.18 (12 noon)	127.4170p	125.2455p
Sedol	BF6X212	BF6X223
ISIN	GB00BF6X2124	GB00BF6X2231
Annual Management Fee		0.75%
Ongoing Charges		1.00%
Minimum Investment		£1,000
Dilution Levy:		Purchases: 1.49%
(effective 1 September 2018)		Redemptions: 1.19%
Dilution levy is updated monthly. For more information visit www.teviotpartners.com		

Monthly Manager Commentary

The Fund passed it's first anniversary during August and we have met, or surpassed, the objectives we set for the year. The summer months have been challenging for all investors as thin liquidity has often led to some exaggerated movements in stocks both up and down. Amidst the prevailing uncertainties, it is clear many investors continue to tread cautiously.

Mothercare was the largest contributor as it recovered following the fundraising in the previous month. Against a challenging UK retail back drop, it will take time to assimilate all the recent changes within the company but we believe the strategic direction is positive. Anglo Pacific announced strong results and earlier in the month acquired a stream of royalties from a Canadian iron ore company which significantly enhances earnings. Nostrum Oil & Gas provided some hope that it's fortunes were beginning to improve after several years of self-inflicted underperformance.

Detracting from performance was Morses Club, which gave back recent gains on thin volumes. Its trading update was as expected. Findel also retreated after recent strong performance and we expect recent positive trading momentum to be maintained.

We are waiting for news from Ocean Wilsons Holdings on the future of it's Brazilian port assets although the shares weakened on a soft trading update and Emerging Market concerns. The holding in Carclo was sold prior to Consort Medical's acquisitive interest being withdrawn.

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 less than 1 in 13 companies of the available universe
- Active Share 92%
- Bottom up driven with an asset allocation overview

Performance



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.

Cash at the month end was 2.4%.

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: <u>www.valu-trac.com/teviot</u> +44 (0)1343 880344

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Fund Managers



Andy Bamford

Andy has a 26-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			
Holding		Sector	% of Portfolio
1. Mothercare		Global Retail Franchise	3.9
2. Anglo Pacific	Group	Mining Royalties	3.2
3. Ricardo		Business Consultancy	2.8
4. Future		Digital Media	2.6
5. Lookers		Motor Retail	2.6
6. Findel		Online Retail	2.5
7. TI Fluid Syste	ms	Automotive Supplier	2.4
8. TT Electronic	5	Electronics	2.4
9. WYG		Business Services	2.2
10. Morses Club		Home Collected Credit	2.1
Total			26.7

Market Cap Breakdown

	% of Portfolio	No. of Stocks
Above £1bn	8.2	4
£500m- £1bn	13.3	8
£250m - £500m	24.3	13
£100m - £250m	21.7	15
Below £100m	30.1	27
Cash	2.4	
Total	100.0	67

Listing	%
Main	59.4
Aim	38.2
Cash	2.4

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.