# VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Fact Sheet - April 2019



# Key Facts

Launch Date: 29.08.17		Fund Size: £62m
Price at 30.04.19 (12:00)	Accumulation 124.0917p	<b>Income</b> 120.7397p
Sedol ISIN	BF6X212 GB00BF6X2124	BF6X223 GB00BF6X2231
Annual Management Fee Ongoing Charges		0.75% 0.89%
Minimum Investment		£1,000
<b>Dilution Levy:</b> (effective 1 May 2019)	R	Purchases: 1.54% edemptions: 1.22%
Dilution levy is updated monthly. For more information visit www.teviotpartners.com		

# **Monthly Manager Commentary**

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the NSCI (XIC) fell by 14.6% as Markets confronted rising interest rates, slowing growth and elevated political risk. During this period, growth investors were particularly exposed by stretched valuations in their portfolios. The rebound in 2019 implies that those fears have abated and yet, from our perspective, the risks remain largely the same. The Brexit cliff-edge has been averted, but only for a short period, and the UK economy is proving remarkably resilient. Value investing remains a non-consensual strategy which is a source of great encouragement. In April, the Market rally filtered down to the smaller constituents and it was the first month this year when smaller companies outperformed the larger constituents of our universe. This was a positive driver of performance but it was predominantly stock selection that led the Fund to rise 6.5% over the month, which compares to the benchmark rise of 4.1%.

The biggest contributor to returns over the month was Carpetright which rose 128%. The company went through a CVA restructuring last year and the benefits of this are now beginning to be seen with a return to profitability in prospect. Anglo Pacific recorded strong results which show good growth in royalty income, cash generation and some astute acquisitions.

Mothercare gave back some of it's gains from the previous month. It is somewhat ironic because Mothercare's restructuring took place shortly after Carpetright and we have confidence that it's rehabilitation is making similar progress. Lookers was weaker over the month. In a difficult market its execution demonstrates it will be a long term winner. However, the share price was impacted by the issues experienced by some of its peers.

Cash was 3.1% at month end.

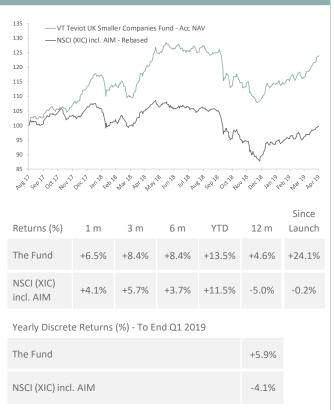
### Summary Investment Objective

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 11 companies of the available universe
- Active Share 91%
- 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. 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 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 as at 30/04/19				
Holding		Sector	% of Portfolio	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.	Mothercare Future Findel Anglo Pacific Group Eurocell Countryside Properties Ricardo IG Design Group TT Electronics Lookers	Global Retail Franchise Digital Media Online Retail Mining Royalties Building Materials Housebuilding Business Consultancy Giftware Manufacturer & Distributor Electronics Motor Retail	3.3 3.0 2.6 2.5 2.5 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.2 2.1 2.1	
Total 24.9			24.9	

# Market Cap Breakdown

	% of Portfolio	No. of Stocks
Above £1bn	10.3	6
£500m- £1bn	13.8	9
£250m - £500m	28.3	16
£100m - £250m	19.8	17
Below £100m	24.7	22
Cash	3.1	
Total	100.0	70

Listing	
Main	64.4
Aim	32.5
Cash	3.1

#### **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.