# VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Fact Sheet - December 2020



Key Facts		
Launch Date: 29.08.17		Fund Size: £92m
Price at 31.12.20 (10:00)	Accumulation 154.4885p	<b>Income</b> 145.9027p
Sedol ISIN	BF6X212 GB00BF6X2124	BF6X223 GB00BF6X2231
Annual Management Fee Ongoing Charges		0.75% 0.88%
Minimum Investment		£1,000
Dilution Levy: (effective 1 January 2021)	Re	Purchases: 1.70% edemptions: 1.39%

Dilution levy is updated monthly. For more information visit www.teviotpartners.com

## **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 circa 1 in 8 companies of the available universe
- Active Share 88%
- Bottom up driven with an asset allocation overview

## **Monthly Manager Commentary**

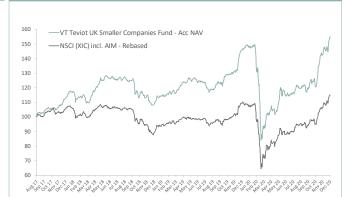
Following significant positive momentum in November, the Market continued its rally into the year end. There was notable outperformance from AIM constituents over the month, mirroring the pattern over the year. The prospect of a vaccine rollout outweighed the concerns raised by mutations of the virus and the re-introduction of lockdown restrictions. The last minute agreement to avert a "no deal" Brexit removed another risk that could have disrupted the mood of the Market. It remains to be seen how the transition will evolve, particularly in relation to the services sector. The Fund closed out 2020 in positive territory in both absolute and relative terms. Given the tumultous events during the year, it implies a Market willing to look forward towards recovery in 2021.

Countrywide was the largest contributor to relative returns. The company received an improved offer from its privately owned peer, Connells. This deal provided further evidence of corporate activity picking up across the Market. Inspecs performed strongly following a transformative deal that improves its reach in the highly profitable global eyeware market.

Randall & Quilter lagged over the month but there was no further news of note since October's interim results. The next largest detractor to relative returns was Ceres Power which is a non-holding. This alternative energy play has seen its valuation rise fourfold over the year encapsulating the Market's enthusiasm for next generation technology.

Cash at the month end was 4.3%

## Performance



Returns (%)	1 m	3 m	6 m	1 Year	3 Years	Since Launch
The Fund	+8.0%	+29.8%	+34.7%	+5.8%	+36.1%	+54.5%
NSCI (XIC) incl. AIM	+8.4%	+21.5%	+30.8%	+4.9%	+7.9%	+14.8%
Yearly Discrete Returns (%) - To End Q4 2020 2019 2018						

Yearly Discrete Returns (%) - To End Q4	2020	2019	2018
The Fund	+5.8%	+33.6%	-3.6%
NSCI (XIC) incl. AIM	+4.9%	+22.2%	-15.8%

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 VTTeviot UK Smaller Companies Fund are available from our website: <u>www.teviotpartners.com</u>

Application forms and other supporting documents are also available at www.valu-trac.com/teviot +44 (0)1343 880344

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#### VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Top 10 Holdings as at 31/12/20

Holding		Sector	% of portfolio
<ol> <li>Dray</li> <li>Ran</li> <li>Insp</li> <li>Stud</li> <li>Cou</li> <li>IG D</li> <li>Ren</li> <li>Mea</li> </ol>	La Rue  x Group  dall & Quilter  lecs Group  dito Retail Group  ntrywide  lesign  ewi  ars Group  dlam Group	Banknote & Authentication Solutions Electricity Provider Non-Life Insurance Eyewear Manufacturer & Distributor Online Retail Property Services Giftware Manufacturer & Designer Waste Services Property Management & Maintenance Carpet Distributor	3.7 2.9 2.2 2.1 1.9 1.8 1.8 1.7
Total			21.5
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Market Cap Breakdown			
	% of Portfolio	No. of Stocks	
Above £1bn	11.3	8	
£500m - £1bn	12.9	12	
£250m - £500m	31.7	28	
£100m - £250m	29.5	27	
Below £100m	10.3	17	
Cash	4.3		
Total	100.0	92	

Listing	%
Main	62.4
Aim	33.3
Cash	4.3

#### Fund Managers



#### **Andy Bamford**

Andy has a 27-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.



#### **Barney Randle**

Barney has a 25-year career working for a variety of investment banks including Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan.

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.

## **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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