

# VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Fact Sheet – October 2023



Key Facts		
<b>Launch Date:</b> 29.08.17	<b>Fund Size:</b> £79m	
Price at 31.10.23 (12:00)	<b>Accumulation</b> 157.5562p	<b>Income</b> 140.5623p
Sedol	BF6X212	BF6X223
ISIN	GB00BF6X2124	GB00BF6X2231
<b>Annual Management Fee</b>	0.75%	
<b>Ongoing Charges</b>	0.86%	
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	£1,000	
<b>Dilution Levy:</b> (effective 1 November 2023)	Purchases: 1.55%	Redemptions: 1.22%
Dilution levy is updated monthly. For more information visit <a href="http://www.teviotpartners.com">www.teviotpartners.com</a>		

**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 85%
  - ❖ Bottom up driven with an asset allocation overview

## Objectives and Investment Policy

The investment objective of the VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund is to achieve a total return (of growth and income, after fees) greater than the Benchmark Index over the long term. The Benchmark Index is the Numis Smaller Companies Index (including AIM but excluding investment companies).

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of companies which shall primarily consist of small UK quoted companies. Small companies are those having a market capitalisation, at the time of purchase, equal to or lower than the largest company in the Numis Smaller Companies Index (including AIM but excluding investment companies).

The Manager actively manages the portfolio in order to achieve the objective and will not be restricted in respect of investments by industrial sectors.

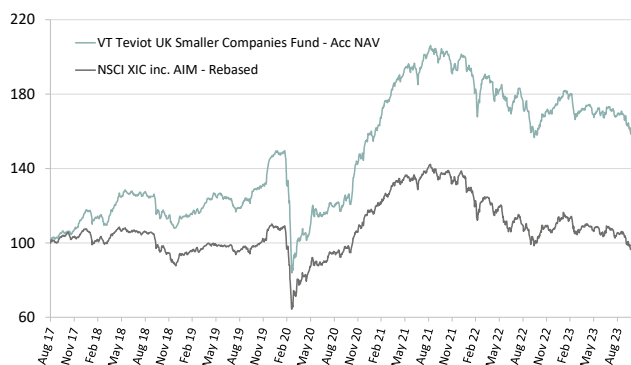
In addition to equities, the asset classes in which the Fund may invest includes transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes, money-market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits

The Fund will not invest in any immovable property or tangible movable property. The Fund may hold derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes. It is not intended that the use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes will increase the risk profile of the Sub-Fund. The Fund's base currency is Pounds Sterling.

If you hold income shares any income from the Fund may be paid out to you. If you hold accumulation shares, any income from the Fund will be re-invested to grow the value of your investment. You can buy and sell shares on any business day.

As indicated above, the Fund aims to achieve a total return over the longer term. Nevertheless capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a total return will be achieved over that specific, or any, time period. For full investment objectives and policy details, please refer to the Prospectus.

## Performance



Returns (%)	1 m	3 m	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
The Fund	-6.3%	-9.0%	-2.3%	+30.5%	+37.6%	+57.6%
NSCI (XIC) incl. AIM	-7.0%	-10.7%	-5.9%	+1.4%	+0.4%	-3.4%

12 months Discrete Returns (%) – To End Q3					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
The Fund	+5.6%	-21.5%	+70.3%	-3.5%	-1.3%
NSCI (XIC) incl. AIM	+3.3%	-26.9%	+45.7%	-2.8%	-7.3%

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](http://www.teviotpartners.com)

Application forms and other supporting documents are also available at [www.valu-trac.com/teviot](http://www.valu-trac.com/teviot)  
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## The Fund is available on most major Platforms including

Aegon	AJ Bell
Allfunds	Aviva
Fidelity	Hargreaves Lansdown
Interactive Investor	Quilter
Pershing	Transact
7IM	

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## VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

### Top 10 Holdings as at 31/10/23

Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
1. Wilmington	Information, Training & Education Solutions	2.5
2. Mears Group	Property Management & Maintenance	2.4
3. Renewi	Waste Services	2.2
4. Premier Foods	Branded Foods Producer	2.2
5. Keller Group	Construction Services	2.1
6. Kitwave Group	Independent Wholesaler	2.1
7. Drax Group	Electricity Provider	2.0
8. SThree	Recruitment	1.9
9. XPS Pensions Group	Pension Consulting & Administration	1.8
10. Sabre Insurance Group	Motor Insurance	1.7
<b>Total</b>		<b>20.9</b>

### Market Cap Breakdown

	% of Portfolio	No. of Stocks
Above £1bn	20.6	17
£500m - £1bn	11.2	11
£250m - £500m	25.6	21
£100m - £250m	26.7	28
Below £100m	11.0	18
Cash *	4.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95</b>

Listing	%
Main	64.9
Aim	30.2
Cash *	4.9

\* Excludes unrealised disposal proceeds from takeover holdings (1.6%)

## Fund Managers



**Barney Randle,**  
Partner

Barney has a strong performance record managing the VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund since launch in August 2017. UK Smaller Companies has been his area of focus for over 25 years, initially advising investors and corporates on the sell side where he specialised in original and rigorous investment analysis, and where he developed a deep understanding of the implications of liquidity in an illiquid asset class.



**Dan Vaughan,**  
Partner

After graduating from Oxford University, Dan specialised in UK Smaller Companies in the mid-1990s at Aviva. He then spent 13 years managing UK Smaller Companies pension and life funds at Colombia Threadneedle, of which the final 7 years were as Head of Team. Dan joined Teviot in May 2021 and acceded to Partner in January 2022.

## 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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