EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

A Acc ISIN GB0007476087

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).

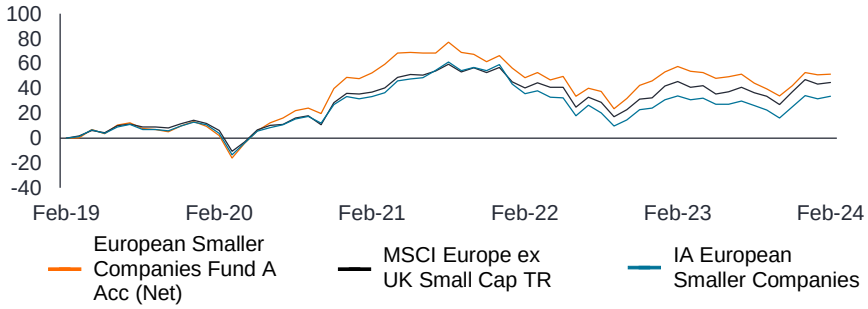
For the fund's investment policy, refer to the Additional fund information on page 3.
Past performance does not predict future returns.

Performance (%)

	Cumulative				Annualised			
Returns	**1 Month**	**3 Month**	**YTD**	**1 Year**	**3 Year**	**5 Year**	**10 Year**	**Since inception (31/01/85)**
A Acc (Net)	0.40	6.46	-0.92	-3.98	-0.23	8.66	9.77	11.26
Index	1.02	5.46	-1.61	-0.44	1.88	7.69	8.11	—
Peer Group	1.44	6.62	-0.47	-0.32	0.03	5.97	6.96	10.52

Cumulative growth - GBP

28 Feb 2019 — 29 Feb 2024



12 month rolling	**Dec 2022-Dec 2023**	**Dec 2021-Dec 2022**	**Dec 2020-Dec 2021**	**Dec 2019-Dec 2020**	**Dec 2018-Dec 2019**
A Acc (Net)	4.62	-12.12	11.72	31.42	21.35
Index	11.07	-15.51	15.39	18.89	20.62
Peer Group	8.01	-21.88	19.32	18.04	20.57

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Fund details

Inception date	28 January 1985
Total net assets	279.35m
Asset class	Equities
Domicile	United Kingdom
Structure	OEIC
Base currency	GBP
Index	MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index
Peer group	IA European Smaller Companies Equity

For benchmark/usage description, refer to Additional fund information on page 3.

Share class information

Inception date	31 January 1985
Distribution type	Accumulation Net
Distribution frequency	Annual
Historic yield	1.10%
Currency	GBP
Minimum initial investment	1,000

The Historic Yield does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

Portfolio management

Rory Stokes, CFA	Manager since 2015
Ollie Beckett	Manager since 2012
Julia Scheufler, CFA	Manager since 2024

Ratings

Overall Morningstar Rating™ ★★★★
As of 29/02/2024

For more information, refer to page 3.

Characteristics

Number of holdings: Equity issues	94
Active share	92.93%
Weighted average market cap	891.82m
Price-to-book ratio	1.35
Price-to-earnings ratio	12.22

Risk statistics (3 years)

	Fund	Index
Beta	0.95	—
Standard deviation	16.16	16.20
Sharpe ratio	-0.16	-0.03

Top holdings (%)

	Fund
IPSOS	2.92
Fugro	2.22
BFF Bank	1.95
SUESS MicroTec	1.93
CTP	1.79
Recticel	1.79
TKH Group	1.77
Assystem	1.76
Van Lanschot Kempen	1.74
Criteo	1.69

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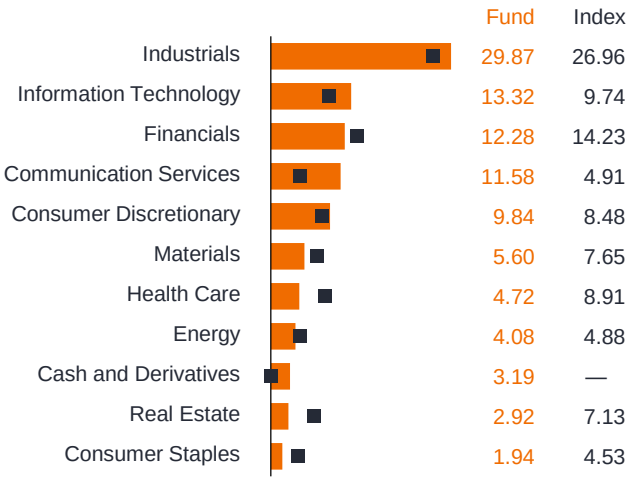
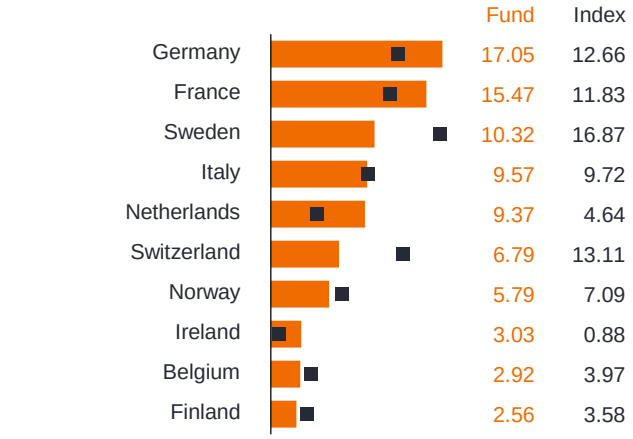
Market capitalisation of equity holdings (%)

	Fund	Index
£5bn-20bn	4.21	9.47
£2bn-5bn	14.39	53.22
£500m-2bn	56.37	33.78
<£500m	21.83	3.46

Top sectors (%)



Top countries (%)



Codes

ISIN	GB0007476087
Bloomberg	HEOSESI
SEDOL	0747608
WKN	797017
Valoren	1127194

Fees & charges (%)

Annual management charge (AMC)	1.50
Ongoing charge (OCF)	1.74

All ongoing charges stated are as per latest published report and accounts.

Fund charges will impact the value of your investment. In particular, the ongoing charges applicable to each fund will dilute investment performance, particularly over time. For further explanation of charges please visit our Fund Charges page at www.janushenderson.com.

Under some circumstances initial charges may apply. Please refer to the Prospectus for more details.

Ratings & Awards

For the source and information on ratings and awards shown above, refer to Source for fund ratings/awards.

Additional fund information

Tax assumptions and reliefs depend upon an investor's particular circumstances and may be subject to change. From 25 February 2022 the benchmark changed from the EMIX Smaller European Companies Ex UK Index to the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index. The Fund's investment policy also changed. The past performance shown before this change was therefore achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. From 31 January 2024, Rory Stokes, CFA and Julia Scheufler, CFA, also manage this fund. Fund size at 12pm on last business day of month. Please note: due to rounding the figures in the holdings breakdowns may not add up to 100%. Performance for the share class is calculated at 12pm and performance of the index is calculated as at close of business. Note that any differences among portfolio securities currencies, share class currencies and costs to be paid or represented in currencies other than your home currency will expose you to currency risk. Costs and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. Investment into the fund will acquire units/shares of the fund itself and not the underlying assets owned by the fund. Cash balances and exposures are based on settled and unsettled trades as at the reporting date.
The MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index is a measure of the combined performance of small and medium sized companies from developed European stock markets. It provides a useful comparison against which the Fund's performance can be assessed over time.
The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The Fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in shares (also known as equities) of smaller companies, in any industry, in Europe (excluding UK). Companies will be incorporated, headquartered, listed on an exchange in, or deriving significant revenue from, this region. The Fund may also invest in other assets including cash. The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently. The Fund is actively managed. The MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index is broadly representative of the companies in which the Fund may invest and can provide a useful comparator for assessing the Fund's performance. The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the Fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index. As an additional means of assessing the performance of the Fund, the IA European Smaller Companies sector average, which is based on a peer group of broadly similar funds, may also provide a useful comparator.

Investment strategy

The Investment Manager focuses on meetings and calls with company management, along with the use of quantitative filters, to identify potential companies for investment. Emphasis is placed on the robustness of a company's business model, an analysis of what drives the business, its competitive advantages and the sustainability of returns. The Fund maintains a well-diversified portfolio of companies which generally fall within the bottom 25% of their relevant market by way of size. The liquidity of any stock (the degree to which shares can be quickly bought or sold in the market at a price reflecting its intrinsic value) is important in determining whether to invest and the size of the holding for the Fund.

Fund specific risks

The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the Fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider. Shares/Units can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result. Shares of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than shares of larger companies, and at times it may be difficult to value or to sell shares at desired times and prices, increasing the risk of losses. If a Fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a Fund which is more broadly diversified. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations. If the Fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, or you invest in a share/unit class of a different currency to the Fund (unless hedged, i.e. mitigated by taking an offsetting position in a related security), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates. Securities within the Fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

Source for fund ratings/awards

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Glossary

Active share
This measures how much a portfolio's holdings differ from its benchmark index. For example, a portfolio with an active share of 60% indicates that 60% of its holdings differ from its benchmark, while the remaining 40% mirror the benchmark.

Beta
Beta measures how a fund or security moves in relationship to the overall market. A market has a beta of 1. If the fund/security's beta is more than 1, it moves more than the market, while a beta lower than 1 means it moves to a lesser extent than the market. A negative beta could mean the fund/security moves in the opposite direction to the market.

Historic Yield
The Historic Yield reflects distributions declared over the past 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown.

Price-to-book (P/B) ratio
A financial ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing a company's market value (share price) by the book value of its equity (value of the company's assets on its balance sheet). A P/B value <1 can indicate a potentially undervalued company or a declining business. The higher the P/B ratio, the higher the premium the market is willing to pay for the company above the book (balance sheet) value of its assets.

Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio
A popular ratio used to value a company's shares, compared to other stocks, or a benchmark index. It is calculated by dividing the current share price by its earnings per share.

Sharpe ratio
This measures a portfolio's risk-adjusted performance. A high Sharpe ratio indicates a better risk-adjusted return. The ratio is designed to measure how far a portfolio's return can be attributed to fund manager skill as opposed to excessive risk taking.

Standard deviation
A statistic that measures the variation or dispersion of a set of values/data. A low standard deviation shows the values tend to be close to the mean while a high standard deviation indicates the values are more spread out. In terms of valuing investments, standard deviation can provide a gauge of the historical volatility of an investment.

Weighted average market cap
The average market capitalisation of a holding, weighted by the size of that position in a portfolio or index.

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