

### BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund

Class D Accumulating GBP

ISIN: GB00B4LHDZ30

Manager: BlackRock Fund Managers Limited

## Objectives and Investment Policy

- ▶ The Fund aims to provide a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund) over the long term (5 or more consecutive years beginning at the point of investment).
- ▶ The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities (e.g. shares) of smaller companies incorporated, or listed on a stock exchange, in the United Kingdom which the investment adviser (IA) considers to have above average growth prospects. Smaller companies are those whose market capitalisations are similar to that of companies in the Numis Smaller Companies plus AiM ex-Investment Trusts Index at the time of the Fund's investment. The market capitalisation of a company is the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued.
- ▶ The Fund has the flexibility to invest outside of the asset class set out above.
- ▶ The IA may use derivatives (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets) to reduce risk within the Fund's portfolio, reduce investment costs and generate additional income.
- ▶ The Fund is actively managed and the IA has discretion to select the Fund's investments. In doing so, the IA will refer to the Numis Smaller Companies plus AiM ex-Investment Trusts Index (the "Index") when constructing the Fund's portfolio, and also for risk management purposes to ensure that the active risk (i.e. degree of deviation from the index) taken by the Fund remains appropriate given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The IA is not bound by the components or weighting of the Index when selecting investments. The IA may also use its discretion to invest in securities not included in the Index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. However, the geographical scope of the investment objective and policy may have the effect of limiting the extent to which the portfolio holdings will deviate from the Index. The Index should be used by unitholders to compare the performance of the Fund.
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your units will be accumulating units (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your units will be denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency.
- ▶ You can buy and sell your units daily. The minimum initial investment for this unit class is £100,000.

For more information on the Fund, share/unit classes, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com)

## Risk and Reward Profile



- ▶ This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
  - ▶ The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
  - ▶ The lowest category does not mean risk free.
  - ▶ The Fund is rated six due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
- Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.
  - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.
  - The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.

- ▶ Particular risks not adequately captured by the risk indicator include:
  - Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
  - Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

## Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less. Please refer to your financial advisor or the distributor for the actual entry and exit charges.

\*Subject to a charge of up to 2% paid into the Fund where the Manager suspects excessive trading by an investor.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the twelve month period ending 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the custodian and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

\*\* To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund will receive 62.5% of the associated revenue generated and the remaining 37.5% will be received by BlackRock as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the ongoing charges.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge	None
Exit Charge	None*
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before proceeds of your investments are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over each year	
Ongoing Charges	0.91%**
Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

## Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in GBP for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 1987. The unit class was launched in 2011.

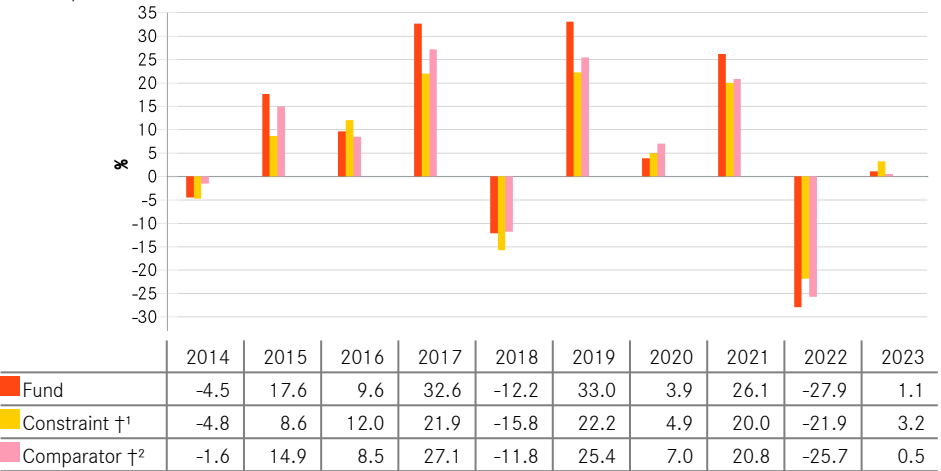
Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

†<sup>1</sup>Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index (GBP)

†<sup>2</sup>IA UK Smaller Companies Sector Ave (GBP)

It is not intended that the performance of the Fund will track the index.

Historic performance to 31 December 2023



## Practical Information

- The trustee and depositary of the Fund is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited, which also acts as custodian.
- Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of the Fund. These documents are available free of charge in English. These can be found, along with other information, such as unit prices, on the BlackRock website at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com) or by calling Investor Services on 0800 44 55 22.
- Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment in the Fund.
- BlackRock Fund Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Fund's prospectus.
- The Remuneration Policy of the Management Company, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at [www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy](http://www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy) or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.