

# WS Whitman UK Small Cap Growth Fund

Jan 2024

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth by investing at least 80% of the Fund in equities of growing UK smaller companies. The Fund seeks to outperform the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies Index plus AIM ex Investment Companies over rolling 5-year periods (after charges). Stocks are selected on the basis that they fit our investment criteria.

## Investment Policy

Our investment philosophy holds that over the long term the compounding of earnings growth drives the most attractive returns. The investment process focuses on proprietary research to identify companies that can consistently grow cash flows and earnings above the market average, with a high degree of predictability. The manager aims to invest in companies whose growth prospects are underestimated by the market over rolling three-to-five-year periods, hence offering upside to share prices if growth exceeds market expectations. The focus on a diversified customer base and recurring earnings leads the managers to exclude certain 'unpredictable' sectors entirely – these include commodities, banks, and binary life sciences.

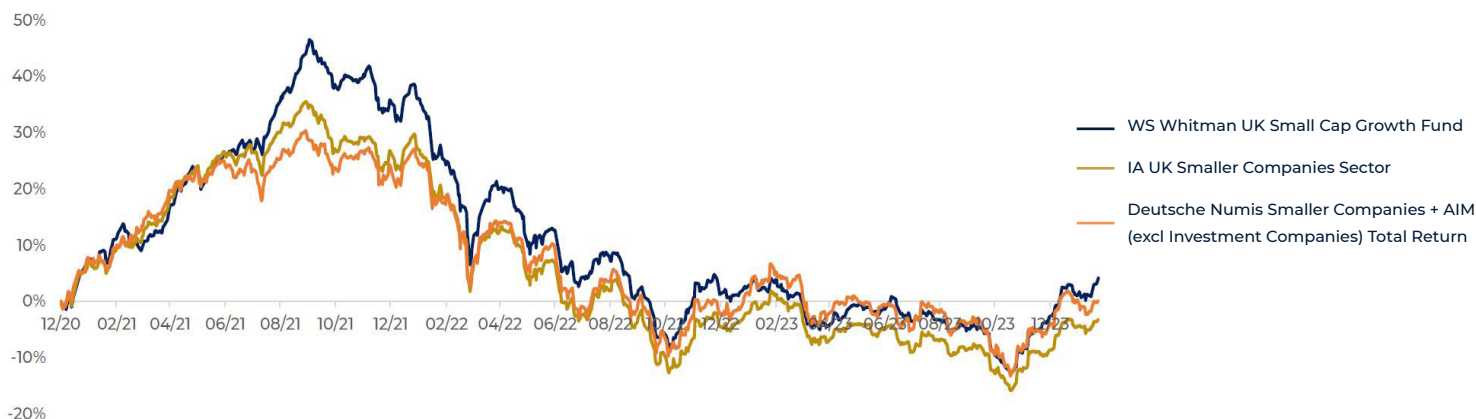
## Investment Manager

Whitman Asset Management Limited is an independent investment firm based in London. The fund management team focus solely on listed smaller company investing. Our goal is to produce compelling compound returns for our investors over the long-term.

## Key Facts

Launch date	9 December 2020
Fund Managers	Joshua Northrop, CFA Sean O'Flanagan
Fund size	£18.1m
C Class NAV	104.12p
Number of holdings	45
IA Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Fund structure	UK OEIC
ACD	Waystone
Depository	NatWest Trustee
Dealing	Daily at noon
Initial charge	0.00%
Performance fee	0.00%
Platform access	Aegon/CoFunds, AJ Bell, AllFunds, Aviva, Calastone, Charles Stanley, Embark, FNZ, Hargreaves Lansdown, Interactive Investor, James Hay, M&G, Novia, Nucleus, Pershing, Quilter, Standard Life, Transact

## Cumulative Performance - Since Inception



## Performance Table

	YTD	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	2023	2022	2021	Inception*
WS Whitman UK Small Cap Growth Fund	1.1%	1.1%	17.8%	6.5%	1.4%	-26.6%	31.8%	4.1%
IA UK Smaller Companies Sector <sup>2</sup>	-0.1%	-0.1%	13.4%	3.1%	0.5%	-25.2%	22.9%	-3.2%
Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies + AIM (excl Investment Companies) Total Return Index <sup>3</sup>	-1.6%	-1.6%	13.1%	1.0%	3.2%	-21.9%	20.0%	0.1%

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of your investment and the income derived from it can go down as well as up and you may not get back the money you invested.

<sup>1</sup>Inception date (9 December 2020), YTD, 6 month, 3 month and 1 month data is calculated to month end, at 31 January 2024.

<sup>2</sup>The IA UK Smaller Companies Sector gives investors an indication of how the Fund is performing compared with others investing in a similar investment universe.

<sup>3</sup>The stocks comprising the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies + AIM (excluding Investment Companies) Total Return index are aligned with the Fund's objectives and on that basis, the index is considered an appropriate performance comparator for the fund. Please note the Fund is not constrained by or managed to the index.

Sources: Deutsche Numis Indices; Trustnet.



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TOP 5 HOLDINGS

Holding	Description	Weighting
Johnson Service Group	Provides textile rentals and related laundry services	5.0%
JTC	Provider of fund, corporate and private wealth services to institutions	4.9%
Renew Holdings	Engineering services group	4.7%
Mortgage Advice Bureau	UK's leading mortgage intermediary brand	4.7%
Bloomsbury Publishing	Independent publisher	4.0%
Total		23.4%

Sector Exposure	
Technology	23.5%
Financials	20.6%
Industrials	19.1%
Business Services	11.7%
Media	9.2%
Health Care	6.1%
Real Estate	3.3%
Telecommunications	3.0%
Consumer Goods	1.5%
Cash	1.9%

Market-Cap Breakdown	
>£1000m	17.5%
£750m-£1000m	1.5%
£500m-£750m	19.7%
£250m-£500m	43.4%
<£250m	16.0%
Cash	1.9%

Fund Metrics	
Average Market Cap	£575m
Average Manager Equity Ownership	13.7%
Average EBITDA Margin	25.4%

Listing Distribution	
FTSE Main Market	28.9%
FTSE AIM Market	69.2%
Cash	1.9%

Share Class	NAV	Sedol	ISIN	Minimum	AMC	Ongoing charge
B	103.26	BMTM505	GB00BMTM5059	£1,000	1.00%	1.25%
C	104.12	BMTM516	GB00BMTM5166	£1,000,000	0.75%	1.0%

Further details for these share classes are available from: <https://whitman.co.uk/fund-management/literature>  
All information accurate as at 31 January 2024.

Source for all tables: Whitman Asset Management

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