

# U.S. Small Cap Equity Fund

**Class I5 USD Acc**

## The Fund

### Investment objective

The US Small Cap Equity Fund aims to make diversified investments. Additionally, the fund manager aims to achieve capital growth.

### Policy

The Fund invests at least 70% of its net assets in equity securities of small-capitalization companies in the U.S. The investment team considers small-capitalization companies to be those that, at the time of investment, are in the capitalization range of the Russell 2000 Index. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks, rights, warrants, and depositary receipts.

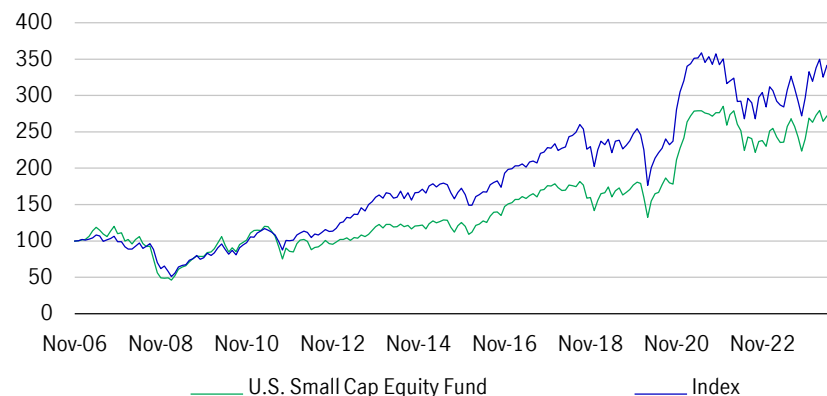
### Philosophy

The team believes that fundamentals matter over a market cycle and that high-quality companies will provide superior risk-adjusted returns over the long term. To that end, they invest primarily in the stocks of small-cap companies with durable, niche business models that they believe are undervalued and offer the potential for high returns on capital.

## Share class performance since inception

### Cumulative performance (%)

Total return in USD net of fees, as of 31 July 2024 (rebased to 100)



### Average annual total returns (%)

	1 mth	3 mths	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs p.a.	5 yrs p.a.	10 yrs p.a.	SI p.a.
<b>Fund</b>	7.17	8.63	6.97	7.48	1.05	10.50	9.07	6.10
<b>Index</b>	10.16	14.62	12.07	14.25	1.85	8.91	8.72	7.61

### Calendar year returns (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Fund</b>	16.87	-20.13	25.32	25.91	27.63	-19.33	16.41	25.43	-1.27	-0.76
<b>Index</b>	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52	-11.01	14.65	21.31	-4.41	4.89

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Fund</b>	24.74	16.00	-23.49	31.81	72.69	-56.15	10.99	0.06	-	-
<b>Index</b>	38.82	16.35	-4.18	26.85	27.17	-33.79	-1.57	0.33	-	-

**Note:** The cumulative chart and tables above show the simulated past performance of the Fund based on the launched AA USD class from share class inception date, 30 November 2006 to 17 July 2022. This simulation reflects the current ongoing charges of the I5 USD Acc class rather than the charges actually incurred by the AA USD class. Thereafter from 18 July 2022 the Fund performance is the class I5 USD Acc. Performance in the first year is partial.

**Past performance is not indicative of future results.** The Fund's investment return and principal value will change with market conditions and you may have a gain or loss when you sell your shares. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect. Performance data source: Manulife Investment Management, based upon Class AA shares in USD and Class I5 Acc, includes fees and charges. Returns greater than one year are annualised. Current performance may differ from figures shown.

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## Key facts

Investment team*	Began career
Bill Talbot, CFA	1986
Joseph Nowinski	1992
Ryan Davies, CFA	1996

\*Managing the Fund since April 2013.

## Investment strategy

Strategy inception	April 2004
Strategy AUM (Jun.30, 2024) (USDbn)	2.2

## Fund information

Inception date	30 November 2006
Benchmark index	Russell 2000 Index
Fund size (USDm)	24.4
Base currency	USD
Domicile	Luxembourg
Umbrella	Manulife Global Fund
Dealing deadline	1pm Luxembourg time (daily)

## Share class information

Inception date	18 July 2022
ISIN	LU2449933204
Currency	USD
Bloomberg ticker	MLUSI5A LX
Minimum investment	USD 1 Million
Management fee (%)	0.80
Ongoing charges figure (%) (total expenses p.a.)	1.17

**Note:** The ongoing charges figure is based on an estimate of the charges of the Fund's operations and may vary over time. It includes charges such as the Fund's annual management charge, registration fee and custody fees. More information about charges can be found in the Fund's prospectus and KIIDS/KIDS. These charges will have an impact on any investment.

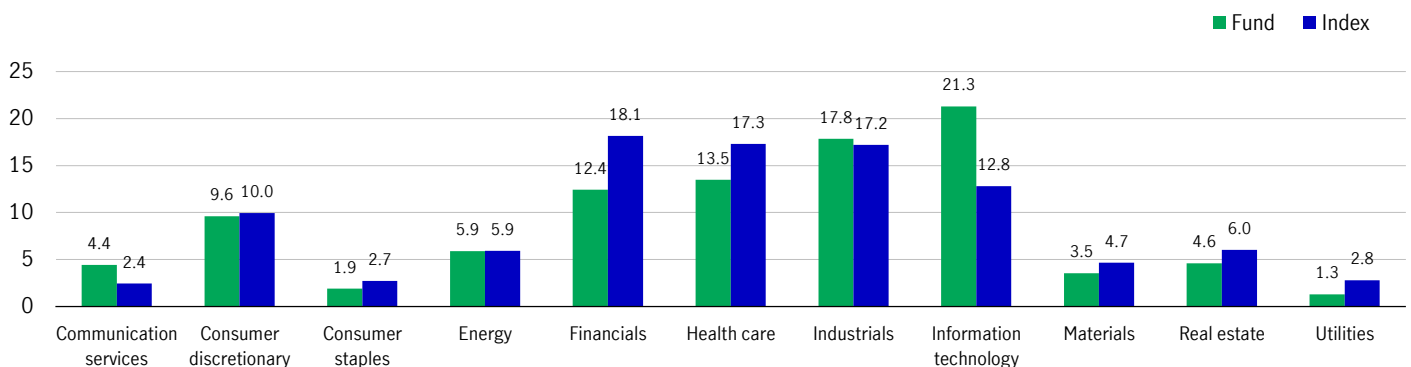
## Portfolio parameters

Number of holdings	Typically 60-80
Max stock weight	5%, 2% at purchase
Sector weight	+/- 10% relative to benchmark

## Portfolio

Portfolio characteristics	Fund	Index	Top ten holdings (%)	Fund	Index
Wtd. avg. market cap (M)	5,336	3,362	Arcosa, Inc.	2.1	0.2
Median market cap (M)	4,264	982	Summit Materials, Inc.	2.1	0.2
Number of holdings	80	1,970	Commvault Systems, Inc.	2.0	0.2
Active share (%)	94.9	–	Madison Square Garden Sports Corp.	2.0	–
Dividend yield (%)	0.9	1.3	SouthState Corporation	1.9	0.3
Price/Book ratio (x)	2.3	2.0	Atlantic Union Bankshares Corporation	1.9	0.1
P/E ratio (1yr forward) (x)	17.6	15.6	Lithia Motors, Inc.	1.8	–
Debt/Capital (%)	36.8	50.6	Varonis Systems, Inc.	1.8	0.2
ROE (%)	10.8	12.0	Magnolia Oil & Gas Corporation	1.8	0.2
			EastGroup Properties, Inc.	1.8	–

## Sector allocation (%)



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Portfolio characteristics including holdings, sector weightings and market capitalization are subject to change at any time. Current and future holdings are subject to risk. Ongoing market volatility can dramatically impact short term returns. All material is compiled from sources believed to be reliable and correct, but accuracy cannot be guaranteed

## Risks

**All investments involve risk, including the possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee investment objectives will be met. Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

**Small Cap Risk:** Investments in securities of small and medium sized companies may involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investment in larger and more established companies.

**Natural Resources Sector Risk:** by focusing on the natural resources sector, some Funds carry much greater risks of adverse developments than a Fund that invests in a wider variety of industries.

**Geographical Concentration Risk:** the concentration of the Fund's investments in US related companies may result in greater volatility than portfolios which comprise broad based global investments. The value of the Fund may be more susceptible to adverse events in the region.

**Liquidity and Volatility Risks:** the Fund may invest in companies which are less well established in their early stages of development. These companies may often experience significant price volatility and low liquidity due to the low trading volume of their securities. During certain times, the Fund's investments may become difficult to sell for full value or at all, which could affect performance and could result in delays when you sell your shares.

**Use of Financial Derivatives Instruments (FDIs):** the Fund intends to use financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") for investment, efficient portfolio management and/or hedging purposes.

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "General Risk Factors" section and "Appendix I" of the Prospectus.