

The Fund has been managed by Anthony Cross since 1998, and he was joined by his co-managers Julian Fosh\* in 2008, Victoria Stevens and Matt Tonge in 2015, and Alex Wedge in 2020. The Fund aims to deliver capital growth over the long term (5 years or more) through using the Economic Advantage investment process to invest in UK equities. The process seeks to identify companies with a durable competitive advantage. All smaller companies in the Fund must have a minimum 3% equity ownership by senior management.











Anthony Cross Julian Fosh\* Victoria Stevens Matt Tonge

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

7.08.95
2.02.15
FTSE Small Cap ex ITs
IA UK Smaller Companies
£883.7m
58
1.25%
4.06%
95.78%
01 May
30 Jun
£5,000,000
\$100,000
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GB00B8HWPP49

Please refer to the glossary www.liontrust.co.uk/ learning/our-guide-to-financial-words-and-terms for an explanation of financial words and terms within this factsheet

KEY RISKS: Past performance does not predict future returns. You may get back less than you originally invested. Further Key Risks can be found on the last page.

#### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)**

	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund	-0.1%	-0.4%	-4.8%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-23.9%	9.4%	139.9%
FTSE Small Cap ex ITs	0.6%	-1.0%	5.2%	13.8%	13.8%	3.8%	38.6%	104.2%
IA UK Smaller Companies	-0.6%	-1.9%	-2.0%	6.7%	6.7%	-19.8%	5.0%	83.9%
Quartile ranking	2	1	4	4	4	3	2	1

#### DISCRETE YEARS' PERFORMANCE (%)

	Dec 24	Dec 23	Dec 22	Dec 21	Dec 20
Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund	-0.3%	-0.8%	-23.0%	24.7%	15.2%
FTSE Small Cap ex ITs	13.8%	10.4%	-17.3%	31.3%	1.7%
IA UK Smaller Companies	6.7%	0.5%	-25.2%	22.9%	6.5%
Quartile ranking	4	3	2	2	1

#### PERFORMANCE SINCE CLASS LAUNCH DATE (%)



Feb Jul Dec May Oct Mar Aug Jan Jun Nov Apr Sep Feb Jul Dec May Oct Mar Aug Jan Jun Nov Apr Sep 15 15 16 16 17 17 18 18 18 19 19 20 20 20 21 21 22 22 23 23 23 24 24

#### ^Fund AUM shown is in the base currency of the fund.

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund	-0.8%	-23.0%	24.7%	15.2%	31.0%	-6.0%	27.2%	13.3%	-	-
FTSE Small Cap ex Its	10.4%	-17.3%	31.3%	1.7%	17.7%	-13.8%	15.6%	12.5%	-	-
IA UK Smaller Companies	0.5%	-25.2%	22.9%	6.5%	25.3%	-11.7%	27.2%	8.1%	-	-
Quartile ranking	3	2	2	1	2	1	3	1	-	-

Source for all performance data stated above: Financial Express & Morningstar, as at 31.12.24, total return, bid,to,bid, net of fees, income reinvested

 $<sup>^*</sup>$ Julian Fosh is on a leave of absence. The Economic Advantage funds continue to be managed by the other members of the team in Julian's absence.

<sup>^^</sup>Historic Yield: This calculates the income distributions made by the fund over the past 12 months as a percentage of fund value or unit price

<sup>\*</sup>The fraction of a fund invested differently to its benchmark. A 100% active share is a fund with no holdings in the benchmark, a 0% active share is a fund identical to the benchmark.

# UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

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#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

25.2%	
25.1%	
21.1%	
15.5%	
20.8%	
2.5%	
9.9%	
20.7%	
9.4%	
3.1%	
5.6%	
3.6%	
1.9%	
19.1%	
0.2%	
5.4%	
5.8%	
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■ Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund ■ FTSE Small Cap ex Its

### TOP 5 OVERWEIGHTS (%)

Alpha Group International plc	3.1%
Cohort plc	2.9%
GlobalData Plc	2.9%
Tatton Asset Management plc	2.8%
Alfa Financial Software Holdings PLC	2.8%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)

United Kingdom	94.2% 100.0%
Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fun	d <b>T</b> FTSE Small Cap ex Its
MARKET CAPITALISATIONS (%)	
FTSE AIM	68.5%
FTSE 250	18.6%
FTSE Small Cap	7.1%
Cash & Derivatives	5.8%
FTSE Fledgling/Other	0.0%
TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
On The Beach Group Plc	3.2%
Alpha Group International plc	3.1%
Cohort plc	2.9%
GlobalData Plc	2.9%
Tatton Asset Management plc	2.8%
Alfa Financial Software Holdings PLC	2.8%
Learning Technologies Group plc	2.5%
Fintel plc	2.5%
FW Thorpe Plc	2.5%
Craneware plc	2.3%
TOP 5 UNDERWEIGHTS (%)	
Close Brothers Group	-1.7%
Wickes Group	-1.7%
Galliford Try Holdings	-1.8%
Chesnara	-1.9%
Avon Technologies	-2.1%

## UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND



#### **CHARGES**

Initial charge	0.00%
Ongoing Charges Figure	1.32%
Included within the OCF is the Annual Management Charge"	1.25%

\*The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers all aspects of operating a fund during the course of its financial year. These include the annual charge for managing the fund, administration and independent oversight functions, such as trustee, depository, custody, legal and audit fees and the ongoing costs of underlying investments including open and closed ended collective investment schemes. The OCF excludes portfolio transaction costs except for an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another fund. This will have an impact on the realisable value of the investment, particularly in the short term. \*\*These are the annual costs of running and managing the Fund.

#### **RISK RATIOS**

Annualised over three years	
Alpha	-9.56%
Beta	0.87
Information Ratio	-1.33
Annualised over five years	
Portfolio volatility	15.35%
Benchmark volatility	20.16%

Where the Fund has a short track record, the ratios shown may be based upon the historic data of the Fund as well as a representative fund or the ratio may be calculated over a shorter time period. Calculated monthly.

#### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

















Lower Risk Typically lower rewards

Higher Risk Typically higher rewards

- The Fund is categorised 6 primarily for its exposure to UK small cap equities.
- ne SRRI may not fully take into account the following risks: that a company may fail thus reducing its value within the Fund; overseas investments may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of the
- Credit Counterparty Risk: outside of normal conditions, the Fund may hold higher levels of cash which may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks). A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the
- Diversification Risk: the fund is expected to invest in companies predominantly in a single country which may be subject to greater political, social and economic risks which could result in greater volatility than investments in more broadly diversified funds.
- Smaller Companies Risk: as the fund is primarily exposed to smaller companies there may be liquidity constraints from time to time, i.e. in certain circumstances, the fund may not be able to sell a position for full value or at all in the short term. This may affect performance able to sell a position for full value or at all in the short term. This may aftect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares. In addition the spread between the price you buy and sell units will reflect the less liquid nature of the underlying holdings. The Fund may invest in companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) which is primarily for emerging or smaller companies. The rules are less demanding than those of the official List of the London Stock Exchange and therefore companies listed on AIM may carry a greater risk than a company with a full listing.
- ESG Risk: there may be limitations to the availability, completeness or accuracy of ESG information from third-party providers, or inconsistencies in the consideration of ESG factors across different third party data providers, given the evolving nature of ESG.

#### **KEY RISKS**

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