

LIONTRUST

UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

KEY INVESTOR
INFORMATION
DOCUMENT

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust and categorised as a UCITS scheme. This document is based upon Institutional class units (I Inc Class) (ISIN: GB00B57TMD12). This Fund is managed by Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, a subsidiary of Liontrust Asset Management PLC.

Objective

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

Policy

- The Fund will invest at least 90% of its assets in companies which are incorporated, domiciled or conduct significant business in the United Kingdom (UK).
- At least 75% of the companies held by the Fund will have a market capitalisation of less than £1bn.
- The Fund will typically invest 90% (minimum 80%) of its assets in equities or equity related derivatives but may also invest in collective investment schemes (up to 10% of Fund assets), corporate debt securities, other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and deposits.
- The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes. Please refer to the Derivatives sections in the prospectus for further details.

Recommendation

- This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

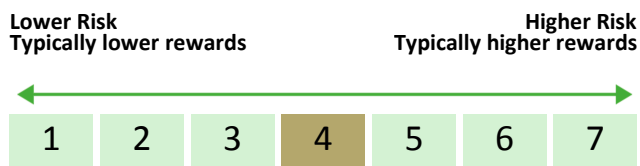
How to buy

- You may buy or sell units on a daily basis (but not weekends or Bank Holidays). Orders must be received by 11:59am for execution at 12:00 midday valuation point on the same day. Further details can be found at www.liontrust.co.uk.

Investment process

- A fundamental principle of competitive markets is that profits regress to the mean. The fund managers believe the secret to successful investing is to identify those few companies that have a durable Economic Advantage which allows them to defy this principle and sustain a higher than average level of profitability for longer than expected.
- Economic Advantage is the collection of distinctive characteristics of a company that competitors struggle to reproduce even if those competitors have understood the benefits arising from those characteristics. In the fund managers' experience, the hardest to replicate characteristics fall into the following three categories of intangible assets:
 - Intellectual property
 - Strong distribution channels
 - Significant recurring business
- Other less powerful but nonetheless important intangible strengths include: franchises and licenses; good customer databases and relationships; effective procedures and formats; strong brands and company culture. These intangible assets produce barriers to competition, protect margins and are capable, in the opinion of the fund managers, of reaping a financial advantage in the form of cash flow returns in excess of the cost of capital. The market rewards excess profitability, particularly when it is higher than consensus expectations.
- To be included in portfolios, companies must possess at least one of the main advantages: intellectual property, strong distribution or recurring business (at least 70% of annual turnover).
- Every smaller company held in the Economic Advantage funds has at least 3% of its equity held by senior management. Companies are also assessed for employee ownership below the board and changes in equity ownership are monitored.

Risk and reward profile



- This Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is based on historical data and may not be relied upon to gauge the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The SRRI shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.
- The lowest category (1) does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund's risk and reward category has been calculated using the methodology set by the European Commission. It is based upon the rate by which the Fund or a representative fund or index's value has moved up and down in the past.
- The Fund is categorised 4 primarily for its exposure to small UK companies
- The SRRI may not fully take into account the following risks:
 - that a company may fail thus reducing its value within the Fund;
 - any company which has high overseas earnings may carry a higher currency 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 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.
- Counterparty risk: any derivative contract, including FX hedging, may be at risk if the counterparty fails.
- 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.
- The Fund may, under certain circumstances, make use of derivative instruments but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility.

- For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the prospectus which may be obtained from Liontrust (address overleaf) or online at www.liontrust.co.uk.

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Charges for this fund

- The charges you pay 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.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest

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| Entry charge | None |
| Exit charge | None |

- This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

Charges taken from the Fund over the year

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| Ongoing charges | 1.37% |
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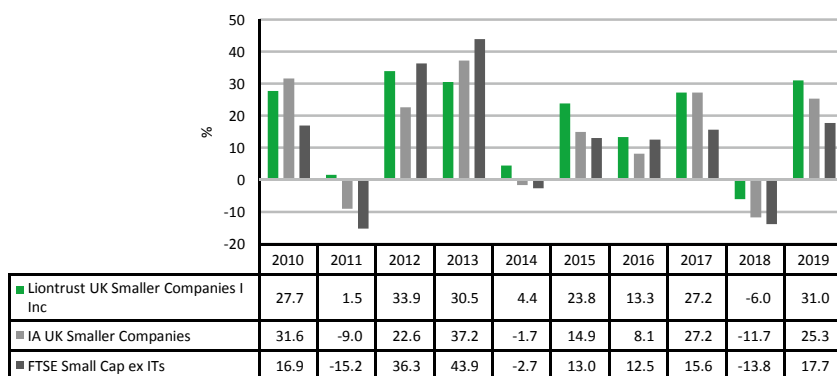
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific circumstances

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| Performance fee | None |
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- The entry and exit charges** shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser or fund platform if you are not using a financial adviser.
- The ongoing charges** figure is based on expenses as at 31 December 2019. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:
 - portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the UCITS when buying or selling units/shares in another collective investment undertaking.
- For more information about charges, please see the Charges and Expenses section of the Fund's prospectus, which is available electronically at www.liontrust.co.uk.

Past performance

- Past performance is not a guide to future performance. It has been calculated on the basis that any distributable income of the Fund has been reinvested. The past performance shown in the chart takes into account all charges except entry and exit charges.
- The Fund launched on 07 August 1995.
- The I Inc share class was launched on 28 January 2013. Performance shown before this date relates to the R Inc share class.
- The base currency of the Fund is pounds sterling.
- The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the benchmark(s) in the performance table by virtue of the fact that it uses the benchmark(s) for performance comparison purposes. The benchmark(s) are not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the benchmark.



Practical information

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| Authorisation | This Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. |
| Trustee | Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd. |
| Investment Adviser | Liontrust Investment Partners LLP. |
| Further information | Copies of the prospectus and the latest annual and half-yearly reports, which are the primary source of additional information, are available, without charge, from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R, 0EZ. They are also available electronically at www.liontrust.co.uk . |
| Taxation | UK tax legislation may have an impact upon your own personal tax position. |
| Fund prices and other information | The Fund's last published price is available from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at www.liontrust.co.uk or by writing to us at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ or by telephoning 0344 892 0349 during business hours (9.00am – 5.00pm). |
| Remuneration | Information on the current remuneration policy of the Fund, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, is available at www.liontrust.co.uk . A paper copy of this information is available free of charge upon request from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ. |