

LIONTRUST UK MICRO CAP FUND (“the Fund”)

Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Product Report
Covering 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Purpose of this report

Under the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Liontrust is required to publish information annually on product level (fund) TCFD disclosures so that investors may have a better understanding of the climate-related risks and opportunities associated with this fund and its underlying holdings. This report is published in line with the requirements of the FCA and TCFD. To understand the governance, strategy and risk management that Liontrust has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the Liontrust Entity TCFD report found at: www.liontrust.co.uk/TCFD/entity-report Where there are any material deviations in this report from the TCFD recommendations, they shall be clearly explained in the entity report.

The following report has been prepared using data from MSCI. In order to ensure that the data provided is representative of the Fund, Liontrust has only reported on data points where there is a minimum data coverage of 60%. Liontrust will review this minimum threshold and will look to increase its disclosures as MSCI data coverage levels improve.

Key Information

Fund Name	Fund Management Team	ISIN	Fund Size*	Fund Base Currency	Benchmark
Liontrust UK Micro Cap Fund	Economic Advantage ("the Team")	GB00BDFYHP14	148,592,067	GBP	FTSE Small Cap ex ITs & FTSE AIM

*as at 31 December 2023

Objective & Policy

- The Fund aims to deliver capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).
- The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the benchmark(s) detailed above. 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.
- 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 £175m at the time of purchase. Companies within the Fund that grow above a market capitalisation of £275m will be held until suitable replacement investments are found or until such time as the Manager deems it to be in Unitholders' interest to dispose of them.
- 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. The Fund is also permitted to use derivatives and for investment purposes, although the Fund will only do so on providing investors with 60 days' notice. Please refer to the Derivatives sections in the prospectus for further details.

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 and 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 and main board directors. Companies are also assessed for employee ownership below the senior management and board and changes in equity ownership are monitored.

Fund Information

Climate-related commitments

The Fund has not made any climate-related commitments.

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Governance of climate-related risks and opportunities

- Liontrust has a strong governance structure in place around its Responsible Capitalism (“RC”) platform and approach to ESG integration. For details on this, please see the dedicated TCFD section on Liontrust’s website (www.liontrust.co.uk/TCFD)
- The Team is one of Liontrust’s seven investment teams. Each of Liontrust’s investment teams follows its own, well-documented investment process; each is overseen by the Group’s Portfolio Risk Committee (PRC) and is required to demonstrate how it is adhering to its processes. The PRC is responsible for monitoring portfolio risk for each of Liontrust’s funds.
- Liontrust’s RC team leads the Group’s strategy, policies, and activities for the Group’s overall RC approach as well as supports, as needed, the Group’s investment teams in their ESG integration and engagement with holdings, particularly on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) related topics. The RC team assists this fund with any governance related engagements with holdings as required by the Team. The RC team may also engage with holdings on behalf of the Team where MSCI ESG ratings are at or below BBB.

Strategy for managing climate-related risks and opportunities

The Team’s strategy as outlined above is to seek out intangible assets. It does not have a climate specific strategy (outside of the ESG risk score) and as such differs from Liontrust at an entity level.

Management of climate-related risks and opportunities

The Team uses an ESG risk score which is based on MSCI ESG ratings at the holding level. The Team retains discretion to override a risk score where it is inconsistent with its knowledge of the company. Where the MSCI ESG rating takes into account climate-related risks and opportunities, this will be reflected in the Team’s ESG risk score. For companies that do not fall within the MSCI universe the Team will determine whether the company should have a risk score for ESG. The Team also engages with its largest emitting companies on a regular basis. This includes discussion of their net zero commitments and the progress in the renewables part of the businesses.

Climate Metrics

Data coverage from MSCI for the required data points is below Liontrust’s 60% minimum threshold. Climate metrics data has therefore not been disclosed for this fund.

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Climate Metrics (continued)

Exposure to carbon intensive sectors

The Fund is not determined to have high exposure to carbon intensive sectors.

Liontrust defines having ‘high exposures to carbon intensive sectors’ as those funds which have greater than 60% of investments, by portfolio weight, in the following sectors*: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying; Manufacturing; Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply; Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities; Construction; Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles; Transportation and Storage; and Real Estate Activities.

Climate Scenarios

Data coverage from MSCI for the required data points is below Liontrust’s 60% minimum threshold. Climate scenario data has therefore not been disclosed for this fund.

Implied Temperature Rise (“ITR”)

Data coverage from MSCI for ITR is below Liontrust’s 60% minimum threshold. ITR data has therefore not been disclosed for this fund.

*NACE codes are one of the commonly used classification systems to categorise the economic activities of firms and have been used to determine whether a holding within the portfolio falls within one of the 'carbon intensive' sectors noted above.

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