

MI Downing UK Micro-Cap Growth Fund

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About the Fund

MI Downing UK Micro-Cap Growth Fund ("the Fund") invests in a concentrated portfolio of between 25-30 UK companies within the Numis Smaller Companies Indices - typically those with market capitalisations between £20 million and £150 million.

The Fund seeks to generate capital growth, whilst retaining a strong focus on capital preservation. The Fund aims to outperform returns from other UK small-cap equity funds by selecting investments that the Manager believes are undervalued by the market.

Why Downing micro cap?

- ▶ Experienced & qualified team headed by Judith MacKenzie - Citywire +¹ and F.E. Three Crown² rated.
- ▶ Private equity approach to micro cap companies, drawing on Downing's private equity and venture capital heritage.
- ▶ Investment Committee oversight provides access to 100+ years of investment experience.
- ▶ Value strategy with rigorous bottom up approach.
- ▶ Exhaustive diligence process that can take up to 18 months.
- ▶ Concentrated portfolio of 25 to 30 investments which we believe provides diversification.
- ▶ Access to strategic investments.
- ▶ Only invests in profitable businesses with strong management teams and a sustainable competitive advantage.

¹Source: Citywire (for the three year risk adjusted performance 30/09/2014 - 30/09/2017)

²Source: Trustnet/F.E (for the three year period to 31/07/2017)

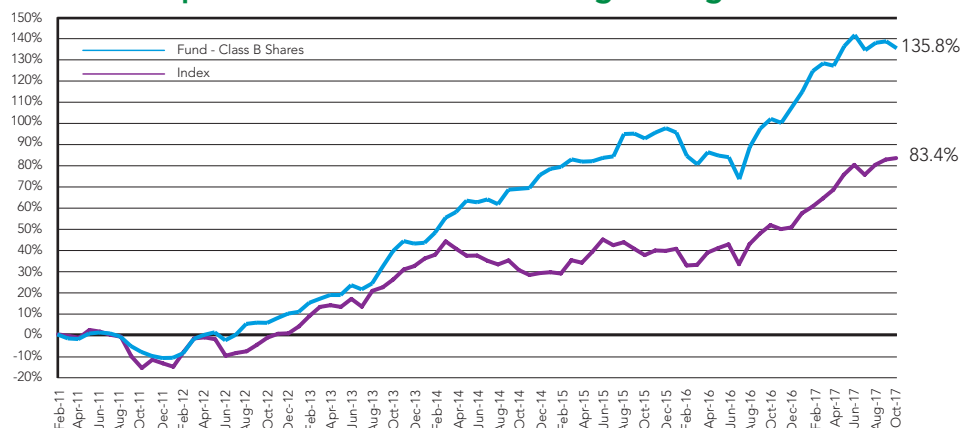
Market commentary

In the month, the Fund fell 1.4%, underperforming the benchmark by 1.8%. Positive contributors to performance included Anpario plc (up 12.9%) and Produce Investments plc (up 9.0%). Detractors included Universe Group plc (down 12.0%) and Science in Sport plc (down 13.7%).

Anpario announced a positive set of interim results with revenues up 39% and adjusted earnings per share up 22% in the six months to 30 June 2017. We believe the company's aim to sell directly to customers in some countries should benefit sales and margins going forwards. Produce Investments reported a strong second half in its final results for the year ended 1 July 2017. The company highlighted that revenues were up 8% and profit before tax up almost 90% on the previous year. However, their net debt increased by £9.9 million, reflecting the purchase of a packing facility in Jersey for £6.1 million, as well as higher stock valuations and increased trade receivables.

Universe Group released interim results for the six months to 30 June 2017, announcing a fall in revenues and profits due to delayed customer deployments. Management has stated that the company will perform below expectations if further delays take place in the second half. However, we have confidence in the management team at Universe Group. Science in Sport announced another strong set of interim results with revenues up 28% for the six months to 30 June 2017. However, they have experienced a larger operating loss year on year due to continued international expansion, requiring upfront investment.

Cumulative performance under Downing management



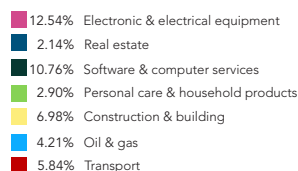
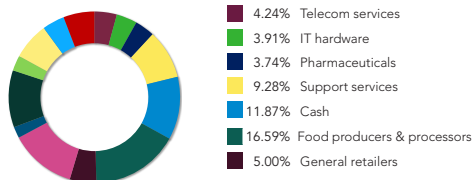
The graph shows the cumulative performance under Downing management (since Feb 2011)

Cumulative performance - Class B Shares (%)							
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	1y	3y	5y
Fund	-1.37	0.38	3.65	9.57	16.60	39.47	123.64
Index	0.42	4.51	8.95	16.59	21.26	40.62	86.14

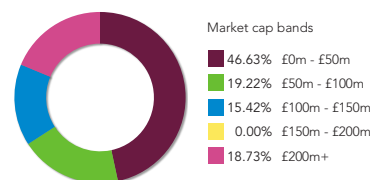
Discrete performance - Class B Shares (%)					
	30/09/2016 30/09/2017	30/09/2015 30/09/2016	30/09/2014 30/09/2015	30/09/2013 30/09/2014	30/09/2012 30/09/2013
Fund	16.60	4.79	14.14	21.12	32.38
Index	21.26	10.02	5.40	3.49	27.90

Index: Numis Smaller Companies Index Plus AIM Excluding Investment Trusts. Source of all Fund data is Maitland Institutional Services, source of all index data is Thomson Reuters. The Index does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. **Downing is responsible for Fund performance from 4 Feb 2011, the effective date of the investment management mandate. Please note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**

Portfolio by sector*



Portfolio by company size*



Top 5 portfolio holdings*

	% of Fund
Real Good Food PLC	8.56**
Redhall Group PLC	6.98
Pennant International Group PLC	4.91
Gama Aviation PLC	4.68
Braemar Shipping PLC	4.64

*Source: Maitland Institutional Services

As at 30 September 2017

**Holding includes an 1.58% equity and 6.98% debt split

Lead Fund Manager: Judith MacKenzie

Judith is a Partner at Downing, having joined in 2009. Previously, she was a Partner at Acuity Capital, managing AIM-quoted VCT & IHT investments and the CF Acuity RAM Fund.

Prior to this, Judith spent seven years as a senior investment manager with Aberdeen Asset Management Growth Capital, as co-Manager of the five Aberdeen VCTs, investing in both public and private companies.

She has held various non-executive and advisory roles in Scottish Government and private companies, and is a Fellow of the Securities Institute.

Key facts as at 30 September 2017

Structure

London listed Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC), established as a "UCITS scheme".

Incorporation date & date of transfer to Downing and change of ACD

September 2008 / February 2011

Fund size

(B and C Share Class combined)
£32.9m

Share price

Class B 216.17p
Class C 137.50p

Number of holdings

29*

Dividends

Accumulation only

Liquidity

Daily pricing and daily dealing

ISIN codes:

B Accumulation GB00B2403R79
C Accumulation GB00B7SB5C00

*This does not include the two holdings which have been written down to zero.

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Minimum initial investment

B Accumulation - £1,000
C Accumulation - £1,000

B Share and C Share class monthly savings plan available. Monthly contributions of £100 can be made via standing order on the first business day of each month.

Fund charges

Initial charges

B & C Accumulation: 5.00%

Ongoing charges

B Accumulation: 1.33%
C Accumulation: 1.08%

Ongoing charges are based on expenses, including the annual management charge, for the year ending 31 January 2017. These figures may vary. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

Management charge

B Accumulation = 1.00% per annum
C Accumulation = 0.75% per annum

Performance charge

There are performance fees on the C Share class only. Full details can be found in the Key Investor Information Document.

How to apply

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Platforms hosting the Fund

A J Bell	James Hay
Aegon	Novia Global
Ascentric	Novia Financial
Aviva	Nucleus Financial
Cofunds Institutional	SEI Investments
Cofunds Retail	Standard Life
Hargreaves Lansdown	Transact

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