

# Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Factsheet as at 31 December 2025

## Key Facts

Fund Size	£13.4m
Fund Yield	1.5%
7 Day Fund Liquidity <sup>^</sup>	100%
Number of Holdings	52
Average Market Cap	\$8.4bn
Median Market Cap	\$7.4bn
Active Share*	98%

All data as at 31/12/2025.

Sources: Waystone Management (UK) Limited, Bloomberg, MSCI.

<sup>^</sup>Basis: 25% of trailing 20 day average daily volume

\*compared to the MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index

## FE fundinfo Crown Rating



## General Information

<b>Investment Manager</b>	Dundas Global Investors
	Gavin Harvie Co-Manager
	Andrew Brown Co-Manager
<b>Portfolio Managers</b>	Alan McFarlane
	David Keir
	James Curry
<b>Fund Type</b>	UK OEIC
<b>Launch Date</b>	27 September 2021
<b>Base Currency</b>	GBP
<b>Accumulation Shares</b>	Dividends Reinvested
<b>Income Shares</b>	Dividends Paid Out
<b>Initial Charge</b>	n/a
<b>Annual Management Charge (AMC)</b>	0.85%
<b>Ongoing Charge (OCF)</b>	0.95%
<b>Authorised Corporate Director</b>	Waystone Management (UK) Limited
<b>Depository</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited
<b>Auditor</b>	KPMG LLP
<b>Dealing (Pricing)</b>	Daily (8am)
<b>IA Sector</b>	Global
<b>Dividend Ex Dates</b>	End May & November
<b>Dividend Payment</b>	End January & July

## Investor Profile

- Wants total return through capital and dividend growth
- Accepts the risk associated with the volatile nature of equity investments
- Plans to hold their investment for at least five years
- Favours a portfolio with defensive characteristics

## Fund Objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital appreciation over the long term (5 years or more).

The Fund is not constrained by a benchmark and will invest in shares of companies in any country and in any sector. These will typically, at the time of initial purchase, have a market capitalisation that is no larger (by market capitalisation) than the largest company in the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index. The Investment Manager will monitor the market capitalisation of companies held and will, using its discretion, seek, at the timing of its choice, to dispose of those holdings where the company's market capitalisation has consistently outgrown that of the largest company in the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index.

## Portfolio Comment

This month there were no new investments, and the UK listed financial service company **RS Group** was sold. The top five contributors were **Comet**, **MonotaRO**, **Marketaxess**, **Vat Group** and **Hamilton Lane**. The bottom five detractors were **AJ Bell**, **Ryan Specialty**, **Bio-Techne**, **Car Group** and **nVent**.

The monthly average dividend increase was 9.5% and the announcements consisted of :- **AJ Bell** 14.0% and **nVent** 5.0%.

## Performance



Source: Morningstar Direct

	Cumulative	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since launch **
Heriot Smaller Companies Fund A Acc		-1.2%	-2.1%	-6.2%	-4.1%	-4.1%	7.5%	-12.9%
MSCI ACWI Small Cap		-0.6%	2.8%	13.0%	11.5%	11.5%	34.7%	23.8%
IA Global		-0.2%	2.8%	10.2%	10.9%	10.9%	41.0%	29.5%
Quartile		4	4	4	4	4	4	4

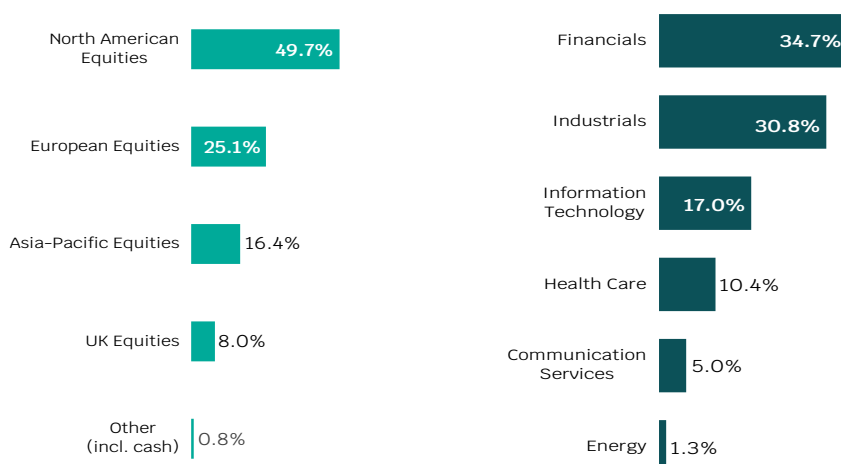
Source: Morningstar Direct as at 31/12/2025. Total Return in GBP, Bid to Bid. Tax UK Net. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of your investment and the income derived from it can go down as well as up and you may not get back the money you invested. \*\*Since Fund launch on 27 September 2021.

## Top 10 Holdings

	% of Portfolio
SBI Holdings	4.0
Jack Henry & Associates	3.6
Ryan Specialty	3.6
nVent	3.5
TMX Group Ltd Npv	3.4
Bio-Techne Corp	3.2
RB Global	3.1
AJ Bell	3.0
Applied Industrial	3.0
Stifel Financial	2.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33.07</b>

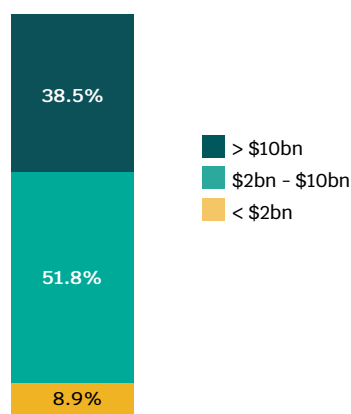
Source: Waystone Management (UK) Limited & Bloomberg as at 31/12/2025.

## Regional and Sector Exposure



Source: Waystone Management (UK) Limited & Bloomberg as at 31/12/2025. Note: Numbers may not sum precisely due to rounding.

## USD Market Cap Exposure



Source: Waystone Management (UK) Limited & Bloomberg as at 31/12/2025. Note: Numbers may not sum precisely due to rounding.

## About Dundas Global Investors

- Single strategy focus
- Experienced team, independent, co-investors
- Over £1.9 billion assets under management
- High conviction, long-term approach
- All research conducted in-house
- Signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment since 2012

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## Fund Attributes

- Portfolio aligned with the biggest factor driving long-term equity return; dividend growth
- Invests in global listed companies with high returns on equity and strong free cash flows
- Low portfolio turnover with long-term holding periods
- Sector, region and market cap diversification built bottom-up, stock by stock
- Fund average MSCI ESG rating AA (as at 30 September 2025, reviewed quarterly)\*

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## Shareclass Information

GBP	Minimum Investment	Ongoing Charge (OCF)*	ISIN	SEDOL
A Acc	£10,000	0.95%	GB00BNHRF767	BNHRF76
A Inc	£10,000	0.95%	GB00BNHRF874	BNHRF87

Source: Waystone Management (UK) Limited as at 17/12/2025.

\*The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers all aspects of operating a fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and other charges. It does not include the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The OCF is currently on a capped rate.

## How to Invest

You can buy shares in the fund by visiting:

<https://www.fundsolutions.net/uk/heriot-global/>

By telephoning Waystone Management (UK) Limited:  
+44 (0) 345 922 0044

Or via the following platforms:

7IM abrdn Elevate abrdn Wrap Aegon  
Aegon ARC AJ Bell Allfunds Aviva Fidelity  
Fundment FNZ Hargreaves Lansdown Hubwise  
Interactive Investor James Hay M&G Nucleus  
Pershing Nexus Quilter Transact  
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Dundas makes investment decisions in large part based upon audited annual reports which in recent years have expanded to address wider sustainability matters. Disclosure on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and sustainability has improved but remains incomplete, inconsistent, and heavily reliant on estimation. In response new IFRS Sustainability accounting standards were issued in 2023 (now out for adoption across the world outside the USA, where GAAP standards are moving in the same direction) effective 1 January 2024. Dundas welcomes the new standards. They are thorough, stringent and, when fully adopted, will raise and level the playing field for corporate sustainability reporting.

Dundas is already engaged with the companies in which it invests about the new standards. We will reevaluate the appropriateness of adopting a label once our analysis of improved sustainability reporting is complete.

**Sustainability Goal:** to invest in companies with long-term growth potential that are simultaneously becoming more environmentally and socially sustainable. Progress will be measured largely via reporting under the new IFRS Sustainability standards. Dundas believes that companies which shoulder these responsibilities and communicate effectively will gain competitive advantage which is why we advocate for sustainable practices by those we invest in.

**Investment Policy and Strategy:** Dundas invests in global equities for dividend and capital growth with an investment horizon of five years or more. Where dividend growth leads, share prices follow. Sustained dividend growth is produced by well managed companies that respect all their stakeholders' interests. The case for responsible investment in sustainable businesses is readily made by its opposite. A portfolio of irresponsible companies with unsustainable businesses will not meet clients' long-term investment needs. The actions of the companies Dundas invests in (i.e. the enterprise contribution) are the main driver of sustainability metrics.

**Stocks we decline to own on principle because their principal activity is one of the following:**

- Manufacture, production or distribution of tobacco products;
- Manufacture of controversial and indiscriminate weapons (including cluster bombs or similar anti-personnel weapons);
- Corporate structures that deny investors title to the underlying operating business assets, such as Variable Interest Entities;
- State-owned or controlled companies where minority shareholders' interests are not respected.
- Thermal coal mining or its use in power generation.

**Relevant Metrics:** Dundas monitors the progress of the businesses it invests in on behalf of clients against metrics such as: carbon footprint, carbon intensity, weighted average carbon intensity (all for Scope 1 and 2 emission), MSCI ESG ratings, board independence, workforce pay & conditions, employee turnover, productivity. We rely upon MSCI and Bloomberg reports whose accuracy will improve as IFRS Sustainability standards are applied.

- Progress on these metrics will be covered in our annual Stewardship Report and TCFD document along with discussion on quality and availability of data from audited sources.

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Further information can be found in the Consumer Facing Disclosures for the [Heriot Global](#) and [Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund](#).