

Ruffer UK Mid and Smaller Companies

Positive results from UK mid and smaller companies

From 2019 we will be producing this report on a quarterly rather than monthly basis. The fund was up marginally over the month with the price moving from £228.85 to £228.95 The FTSE 250 Total Return index dropped 2.1% and the FTSE Small Cap Total Return index was down 0.7%.

Fear remained prevalent in the UK markets as we continue to navigate the growing number of speed-bumps on the path to Brexit. As a result UK exposed names suffered and the focus of the pain here was felt in our Tesco and Dixons Carphone positions which combined to cost 0.9%.

We are a little surprised how weak the Tesco share price has been. The company has, to date, executed its turn around plan admirably, especially in the face of an inflationary and competitive backdrop. Additionally, the recent oil price fall represents a few more pounds into the shoppers hands and we still see food spend as a defensive category. As such we have added to our holding in recent times.

This domestic uncertainty combined with global trade tensions escalating between the US and China as well as new unsettling scenes on the international relations front between the Ukraine and Russia have led to some increased volatility in markets and in particular recently on commodity prices.

Our exposure to these sectors remains limited with BP our only pure play oil and gas name and with no mining exposure. With the move in Brent from its October high of over \$85 a barrel to \$60 however the stock did pull back and cost the fund 0.2%.

The portfolio remains driven by stock picking and conviction in specific plans and journeys our companies are undertaking. Two of our positions, Elektron Technology and Volex, issued positive trading statements and results respectively which were rewarded with significant share price appreciation and made the fund 1.6%.

Whilst the S&P index see-sawed throughout the month, our options decayed as the passing of time eroded their value without the occurrence of the bigger move down they are there to protect against. We continue to use these tactically whilst retaining our more structural short FTSE 250 position.

Having been bid for earlier in the quarter we received the cash for Produce Investments and this has allowed us to build a small cash position of circa 2.5%.

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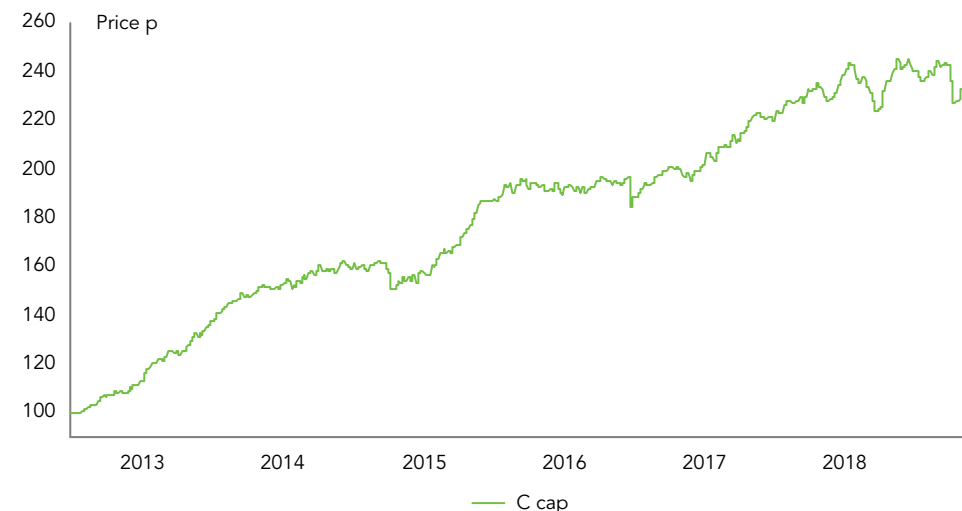


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Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to achieve positive returns from an actively managed portfolio mainly of equities and equity-related securities of companies admitted to or dealt on a Regulated Market or Other Regulated Market in the United Kingdom and with market capitalisations below the level which would warrant inclusion in the FTSE 100 Index.

Performance since launch on 26 June 2012 – C class shares GBP



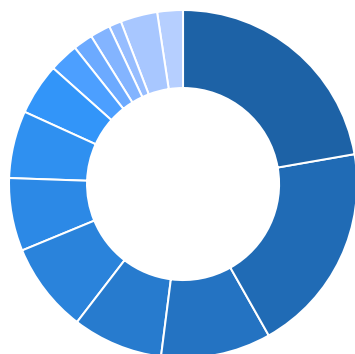
Performance %	November 2018	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years
C capitalisation shares	0.0	-4.3	-0.1	19.1	50.5
Percentage growth (C GBP cap)	%	Share price as at 30 November 2018		p	
30 Sep 2017 – 30 Sep 2018	4.2	O capitalisation	223.94		
30 Sep 2016 – 30 Sep 2017	16.5	C capitalisation	228.95		
30 Sep 2015 – 30 Sep 2016	3.5	C distribution	193.63		
30 Sep 2014 – 30 Sep 2015	21.4	Z capitalisation	246.49		
30 Sep 2013 – 30 Sep 2014	7.5	Z distribution	200.66		

Source: Ruffer LLP

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Ruffer UK Mid and Smaller Companies as at 30 Nov 2018

Portfolio structure



Asset allocation	%		%
• Industrial engineering	22.2	• Media	4.7
• Retail	19.6	• Oil and gas	2.9
• Options	10.2	• Real estate	1.8
• Food and beverage	8.5	• Industrial services	1.8
• Building	8.3	• Financial	1.2
• Support services	6.8	• Other	3.5
• Technology	6.2	• Cash	2.3

10 largest of 66 holdings

Stock	% of fund	Stock	% of fund
FTSE 250 Short ETP	9.7	ITV	4.5
Tesco	8.7	Dixons Carphone	4.4
Volex	8.3	Games Workshop	4.3
Finsbury Food	7.1	Headlam	3.6
Castings	4.7	Epwin	3.2

Source: Ruffer LLP.

Pie chart totals may not equal 100 due to rounding.

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Fund size £305m

Fund information

Ongoing Charges Figure* %	Cap	Dis	
O class GBP	1.65	na	
C class GBP	1.31	1.31	
Z class GBP	0.16	0.16	
%	O class	C class	Z class
Max annual management charge	1.5	1.2	0.0
Maximum initial charge	5.0	5.0	7.5
Minimum investment £	£1,000	£10m	£30m

Record date Third Monday of November

Ex dividend dates Next NAV following the record date

Payment Within five business days after ex dividend date

Dealing Weekly, every Monday (if not a business day, on the following business day) Plus on the last calendar day of each month

Cut off 4pm Luxembourg time on the day before valuation day (so typically Friday and the penultimate business day of the month)

ISIN O class C class Z class

Cap LU0788206679 LU0788036498 LU0788036654

Dis LU0788036571 LU0788036738

Structure Sub-fund of Ruffer SICAV, a Luxembourg domiciled UCITS SICAV

Investment manager Ruffer LLP

Management company, administrative agent, registrar and transfer agent, paying and domiciliary agent FundPartner Solutions (Europe) S.A.

Custodian Pictet & Cie (Europe) S.A.

Auditors Ernst & Young S.A.

* As at 22 January 2018

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