

# U.S. Smaller Companies Fund

## December 2017: Fund Factsheet

### Performance (% net of fees)

As of 31 December 2017

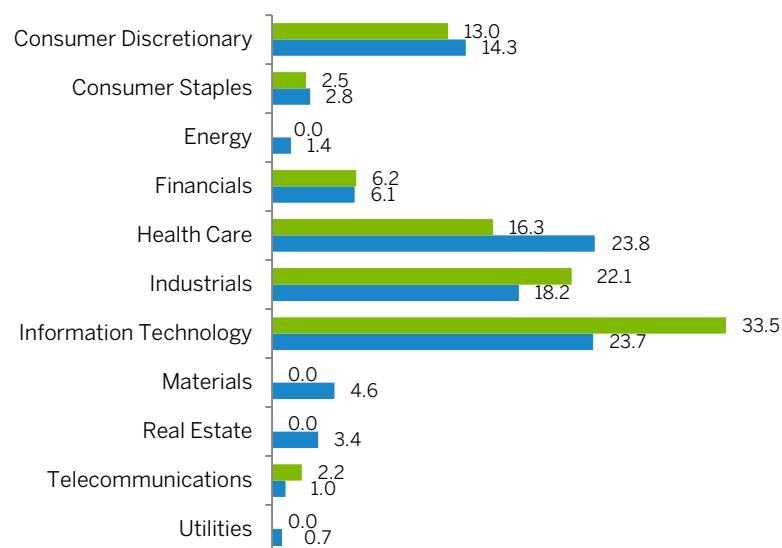
| ANNUALISED RETURNS:          | 1 MO | 3 MO | 1 YR | 3 YR | 5 YR | ITD |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| U.S. Smaller Companies B USD | -0.1 | 1.6  | 17.8 | 11.9 | 14.4 | 8.4 |
| Russell 2000 Growth USD      | 0.1  | 4.6  | 22.2 | 10.3 | 15.2 | 9.1 |

| ROLLING 12 MONTH RETURNS:    | 12.16 | 12.15 | 12.14 | 12.13 | 12.12 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                              | 12.17 | 12.16 | 12.15 | 12.14 | 12.13 |
| U.S. Smaller Companies B USD | 17.8  | 10.4  | 7.6   | 0.6   | 39.5  |
| Russell 2000 Growth USD      | 22.2  | 11.3  | -1.4  | 5.6   | 43.3  |

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman and Morningstar. Performance over 1 year is annualised.

### Sector Weights (inc. cash)



■ U.S. Smaller Companies Fund ■ Russell 2000 Growth Index

### Characteristics

Source: Factset

|                  | U.S. SMALLER COMPANIES | RUSSELL 2000 GROWTH |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| FY2 P/E Ratio    | 25.1x                  | 20.8x               |
| P/E-Growth Ratio | 1.7x                   | 1.3x                |
| Gross Yield*     | 0.49%                  | 0.67%               |
| Cash             | 4.1%                   | -                   |
| Market Cap       |                        |                     |
| Weighted Average | \$5.7 bn               | \$2.6 bn            |
| <\$1 billion     | 6.3%                   | 13.9%               |
| \$1-2 billion    | 13.3%                  | 24.8%               |
| \$2-5 billion    | 34.3%                  | 55.0%               |
| >\$5 billion     | 41.9%                  | 6.3%                |

\* Dividend yield for each share class is lower. Dividend rates are available upon request.

### Fund Facts

The Fund aims to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a concentrated portfolio of small-cap U.S. equities of above average growth, sound management and favourable competitive positioning. Through our disciplined, bottom-up investment process, we strive to exploit market inefficiencies in the small-cap universe.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Portfolio Manager           | Christopher Berrier    |
| Associate Portfolio Manager | George Sakellaris, CFA |
| Structure                   | UCITS (Ireland)        |
| Base Currency               | USD                    |
| Launch Date                 | 9 November 2007        |
| Fund Size                   | USD 313 million        |
| Holdings                    | 73                     |
| Dealing                     | Daily                  |

### Top 10 Equity Holdings

| SECURITY                                       | %    |
|--|------|
| Waste Connections, Inc.                        | 4.9  |
| BroadSoft, Inc.                                | 3.4  |
| Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc.         | 3.4  |
| Catalent Inc.                                  | 2.9  |
| Cavium, Inc.                                   | 2.9  |
| Genpact Limited                                | 2.7  |
| Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.           | 2.7  |
| Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. | 2.5  |
| Cogent Communications Holdings Inc.            | 2.2  |
| Hexcel Corporation                             | 2.2  |
| Total  | 29.8 |

### Performance Contributors

| TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS                             | %     |
|--|-------|
| Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc.         | +5.7  |
| BeiGene Ltd. Sponsored ADR                     | +22.2 |
| BankUnited, Inc.                               | +9.4  |
| Waste Connections, Inc.                        | +3.1  |
| Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. | +5.0  |
| BOTTOM 5 CONTRIBUTORS                          | %     |
| ESCO Technologies Inc.                         | -7.8  |
| Casey's General Stores, Inc.                   | -7.3  |
| Mimecast Limited                               | -5.7  |
| Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.                 | -8.3  |
| Blackbaud, Inc.                                | -4.0  |

Total return (%) of equity security is the sum of the return from price movement and the return due to dividend payments or other sources of income.

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### Additional Performance (% net of fees)

Source: Brown Brothers Harriman. Performance over 1 year is annualised.

| SHARE CLASSES (INCEPTION DATE)             | 1 MO | 3 MO | 1 YR | 3 YR | 5 YR | ITD  | NAV   |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| U.S. Smaller Companies A USD (14-Dec-2007) | -0.2 | 1.4  | 16.9 | 11.0 | 13.6 | 8.1  | 21.84 |
| U.S. Smaller Companies B USD (09-Nov-2007) | -0.1 | 1.6  | 17.8 | 11.9 | 14.4 | 8.4  | 22.71 |
| U.S. Smaller Companies C USD (27-Mar-2013) | -0.1 | 1.6  | 18.1 | 12.1 | -    | 13.1 | 17.94 |
| U.S. Smaller Companies B GBP (19-Jun-2015) | -0.1 | 0.7  | 7.6  | -    | -    | 16.6 | 14.75 |
| Russell 2000 Growth USD (09-Nov-2007)      | 0.1  | 4.6  | 22.2 | 10.3 | 15.2 | 9.1  | -     |
| Russell 2000 USD (09-Nov-2007)             | -0.4 | 3.3  | 14.7 | 10.0 | 14.1 | 8.5  | -     |

### Fund Facts

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Administrator                                | Brown Brothers Harriman (Ireland)  |
| Administrator contact                        | Tel: +353 1603 6490  |
| Settlement                                   | T+2  |
| Minimum Investment<br>(in relevant currency) | A: 5,000<br>B: 10,000,000<br>C: 5,000,000  |
| Registered for sale <sup>1</sup>             | AUT, CHE, DEU, DNK, ESP, FIN, FRA,<br>GBR, IRL, ITA, NOR, SGP <sup>2</sup> , SWE |
| Eligibility (UK)                             | ISA and SIPP   |

### Share Classes

|                         | ISIN         | TICKER     | AMC   |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Dollar A Class          | IE00B0PVDG43 | BAUSSCG    | 1.50% |
| Dollar B Class          | IE00B0PVDJ73 | BAUSSCB    | 0.75% |
| Dollar C Class*         | IE00B5510F71 | BRUSPUS    | seed  |
| Sterling A Class        | IE00B0PVDG36 | Not active | 1.50% |
| Sterling B Class        | IE00B0PVDH59 | BRUSBGB    | 0.75% |
| Sterling B Class Hedged | IE00BYQFS912 | BRUSBAH    | 0.75% |
| Hedged Euro A Class     | IE00B2NN6902 | Not active | 1.50% |
| Euro B Class            | IE00B2NN6B28 | Not active | 0.75% |

\*Dollar C Share Class is closed to new investors. Additional share classes may be available.

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- Founded in 1993 as investment management arm of Alex. Brown & Sons
- Independent since 1998, employee-owned
- Over USD 60 billion in client assets<sup>3</sup>

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