

# River and Mercantile UK MICRO CAP INVESTMENT COMPANY

RIVER AND MERCANTILE

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The chart and table below show the performance of the Company since its launch on 2 December 2014.

Source: River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP, BNP Paribas, Bloomberg.

Note: NAV data is based on daily unaudited estimations.

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future results.

## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

|             | 1 month<br>% | 3 months<br>% | YTD<br>% | Since inception<br>% |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
| NAV         | -2.5         | -1.5          | 31.1     | 226.7                |
| Share Price | -2.5         | -7.1          | 28.4     | 181.6                |
| Benchmark   | -0.6         | 1.3           | 19.1     | 93.2                 |

## TOP 10 CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN

The greatest contributors to the portfolio's performance relative to the benchmark

|                         | Relative contribution<br>to return |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Venture Life            | 0.3%                               |
| Capital Limited         | 0.2%                               |
| MaxCyte                 | -0.3%                              |
| Sigmaroc                | -0.3%                              |
| Allergy Therapeutics    | -0.3%                              |
| Ince Group              | -0.3%                              |
| Playtech                | -0.3%                              |
| Instem                  | -0.3%                              |
| Brand Architekt's Group | -0.4%                              |
| Science In Sport        | -0.4%                              |

Source: River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

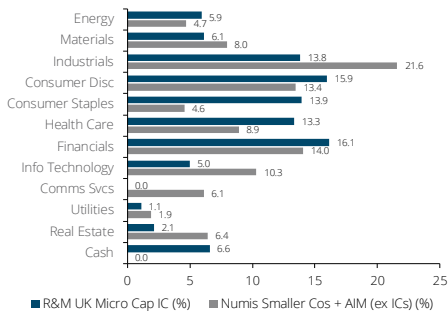
The ten largest positions by weight held in the portfolio.

|                         | Weight |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Science In Sport        | 5.1%   |
| Allergy Therapeutics    | 4.8%   |
| Instem                  | 4.8%   |
| Litigation Capital Mgmt | 4.2%   |
| Keystone Law            | 4.0%   |
| Mind Gym                | 3.7%   |
| Joules                  | 3.3%   |
| Capital Limited         | 3.1%   |
| Supreme                 | 2.9%   |
| Aquis Exchange          | 2.8%   |

Source: River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP

## SECTOR WEIGHTS

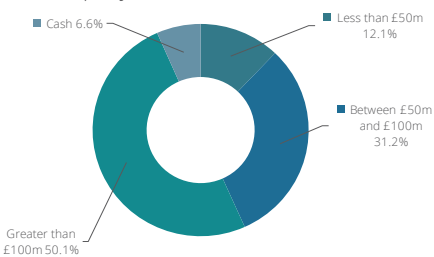
Portfolio weightings within specific industrial sectors.



Source: River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP

## ALLOCATION BY FREE FLOAT MARKET CAPITALISATION

Comparison of portfolio and benchmark weightings across a range of sizes based on company value



Source: Bloomberg

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Company will aim to achieve long-term capital growth from investment in a diversified portfolio of UK micro cap companies, typically comprising companies with a free float market capitalisation of less than £100 million at the time of purchase.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

George Ensor

## KEY FACTS

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Company launch date | 02/12/2014                                   |
| Benchmark           | Numis Smaller Companies + AIM (ex ICs) Index |
| Estimated NAV       | £108.5m                                      |
| Number of holdings  | 40   |
| Domicile            | UK   |
| SEDOL               | BNDMJ1                                       |
| ISIN                | GG00BNDMJ11                                  |
| Ticker              | RMMC LN                                      |

## FEES & CHARGES

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| AMC             | 0.75%                 |
| Performance fee | 15% of outperformance |

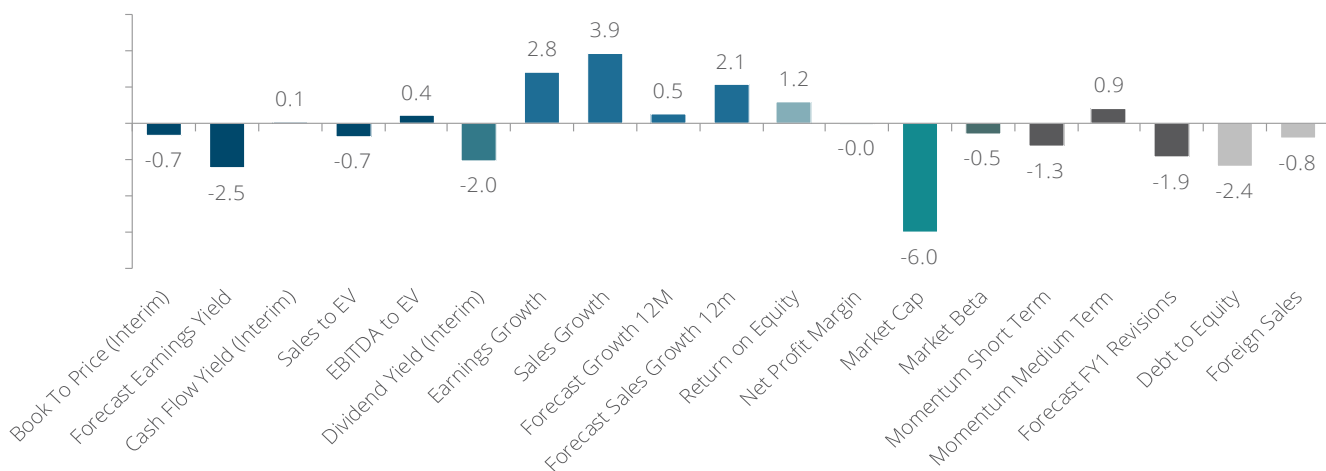
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## PORTFOLIO STYLE SKYLINE

This chart shows the Style Tilts of the portfolio against the benchmark as calculated by StyleAnalytics.



Source: StyleAnalytics

## MANAGER'S REVIEW

The Company's NAV per share was 320.2p at the end of October, down 2.5% from the end of September, underperforming the benchmark performance of -0.6% by 1.9%. The NAV has increased by 31.1% since the start of the year, outperforming the benchmark performance of 19.1% by 11.9%. Smaller companies underperformed the wider UK market in October which, as measured by the MSCI United Kingdom Investable Markets index (IMI), finished the month 1.8% higher.

The closing share price of 276p at the end of the month was a discount of 13.8%.

I usually comment on meaningful stock specific contributors to either positive or negative performance but there is little to write about this month. Our three largest positions, **Science in Sport**, **Instem** and **Allergy Therapeutics**, which represent c.15% of the portfolio, did all underperform (down 6-8% in the month) on no news flow. More broadly, we have a c.11% overweight position in Consumer stocks (discretionary and staples) which have struggled over the last few months given supply chain and consumer spending concerns.

I mentioned the elevated cash position (9%) at the end of the prior month, this has reduced to 6.6% on the back of one new position, **Renold**, re-building our position in **Venture Life** and adding conviction to some of the businesses we recently invested in through their IPOs, namely **Supreme**, **LendInvest** and **Virgin Wines**. Whilst

**Venture Life's** operating momentum has disappointed recently, the shares were aggressively sold down on the back of a large holder exiting. We believe there continues to be a strong investment case for holding the shares. **Renold** was purchased as a new Recovery investment case ahead of their upcoming interim results. We think there is potential for margins to improve given the actions taken by management over the last few years to reduce costs and will look to build conviction if further evidence of this comes through.

Having steepened for much of the third quarter, yield curves flattened through October, providing support for longer duration Growth stocks. Our long consumer exposure and lack of oil beta has, alongside a couple of disappointing company updates, proved a headwind to performance over the last few months. As previously mentioned, expectations look reasonable for UK small caps and UK equities remain deeply discounted versus other regional equities.

We remain committed to our strategy of building a high conviction portfolio exploiting investment opportunities in a part of the market that, in general, has greater scope for growth and is often overlooked by larger funds and the stockbroking community.

### George Ensor

Portfolio Manager  
November 2021

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The Company's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth from investment in a diversified portfolio of UK Micro Cap Companies, typically comprising companies with a free float market capitalisation of less than £100m at the time of purchase.

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