

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 %	3 months %	YTD %	Since inception %
NAV	-1.9	-13.8	-17.9	151.2
Share Price	-2.3	-14.4	-17.9	118.4
Benchmark	-1.6	-5.8	-11.8	71.5

TOP 10 CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN

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

	Relative contribution to return
Science In Sport	0.5%
Renold	0.4%
The City Pub Group	0.3%
Keystone Law	0.2%
Shanta Gold	0.2%
DF Capital	-0.3%
Instem	-0.4%
Ten Lifestyle	-0.4%
Allergy Therapeutics	-0.4%
Supreme	-0.5%

Source: River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

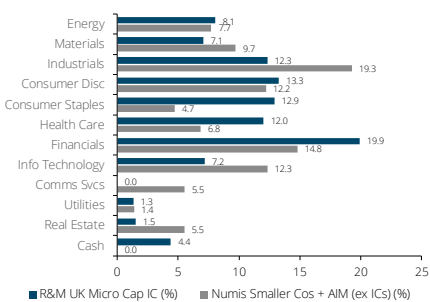
The ten largest positions by weight held in the portfolio.

	Weight
Science In Sport	5.5%
Instem	5.1%
Capital Limited	4.7%
Allergy Therapeutics	4.1%
Litigation Capital Mgmt	3.7%
Keystone Law	3.6%
Lendinvest	3.5%
Mind Gym	3.4%
Sigmaroc	3.2%
Supreme	3.0%

Source: River and Mercantile Asset Management LLP

SECTOR WEIGHTS

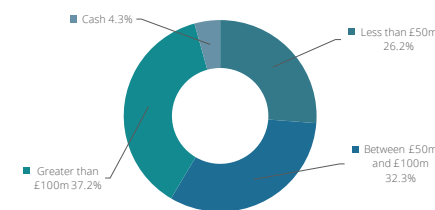
Portfolio weightings within specific industrial sectors.



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	£83.5m
Number of holdings	42
Domicile	UK
SEDOL	BNDMJ1
ISIN	GG00BNDMJ11
Ticker	RMMC LN

FEES & CHARGES

AMC	0.75%
Performance fee	15% of outperformance

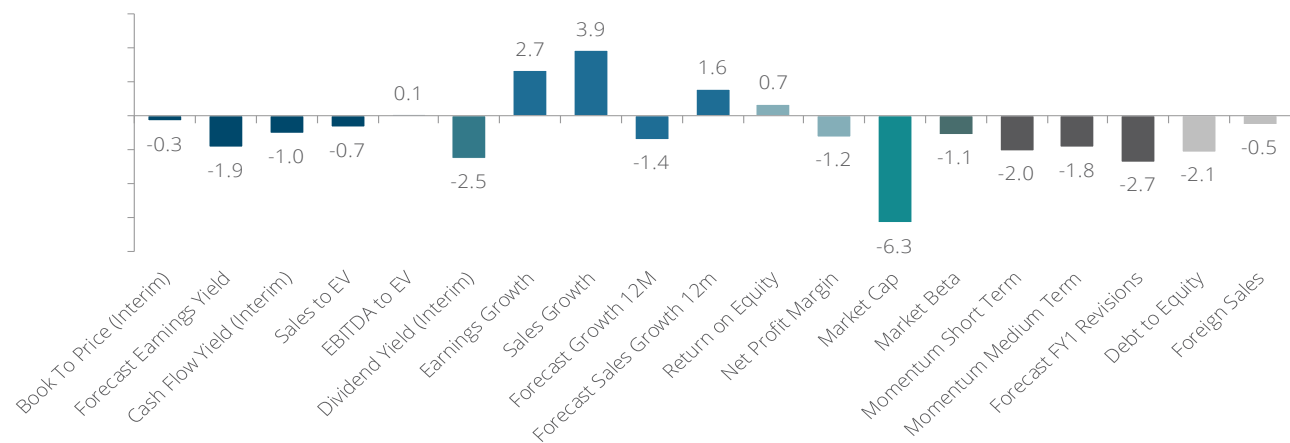
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PORTFOLIO STYLE SKYLINE

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 246.2p at the end of April, a decline of 1.9% over the month, underperforming the benchmark performance, a decline of 1.6%, by 0.3%. On a rolling twelve-month basis, the NAV performance is 10.3% behind the benchmark performance. Smaller Companies continued their recent trend of underperformance versus the wider market which, as measured by the MSCI United Kingdom IMI index, finished the month up 0.5%. On a rolling twelve-month basis, smaller companies have underperformed by 19.3%.

The closing share price of 214p at the end of the month was a discount of 13.1%.

One month relative winners included **Science in Sport**, **Renold** and **The City Pub Group**. Renold (0.4ppt relative contribution to performance), a Recovery thesis that we added to the portfolio in the fourth quarter of 2021, provided a positive update on trading that included a record order book and upgrades to expectations for both profits and cash. The company also flagged a pipeline of value accretive acquisitions. City Pubs (0.25ppt impact) bounced as the company provided an updated valuation for the estate with their annual results which illustrated the asset backed opportunity. Science in Sport (0.5ppt impact), our largest position, benefitted from institutional buying following their results in late March.

DF Capital, a specialist lender, guided that full year profits will be realised later than expected as, to the detriment of loan book growth, loans are being paid back too quickly. The shares fell 12%, impacting performance by 0.3ppts. **Instem**, a consolidator of software businesses that enable large

pharmaceutical companies to improve R&D efficiency, fell 9% (0.4ppt impact) as they guided to limited year-on-year margin progression given a six-month delay in price increases to offset wage inflation. We believe medium-term margin expectations look conservative when compared to management guidance which should drive shareholder value creation. **Supreme** shares dropped 15% and now trade at the same price as their January 2021 IPO price following downgrades to consensus earnings (impacting their sports nutrition business) and higher distribution costs. Finally, **Allergy Therapeutics** (down 11% / 0.4ppt impact) and **Ten Lifestyle** (down 23% / 0.4 ppt impact) were both weak although neither company provided updates to the market.

There were no new positions or positions exited in the month. Following the positive update, we continued to build our position in Renold. We added to our position in **GetBusy**, a lowly rated software business delivering attractive growth in recurring revenue, ahead of a positive trading update in May. We also added to our position in **Cake Box** ahead of their full year trading update which reported strong new store openings, LFL (like-for-like) growth and excellent demand for further store openings. On consensus numbers, the shares have de-rated by over 50% over the last six-months from c.26x to just over 12x.

Given the many headwinds to consumer real income, it is hardly a surprise to see consumer confidence continue to deteriorate. GfK's (Growth from Knowledge - a provider of data and analytics to the consumer goods industry) long running UK consumer confidence index decreased to -38, the second lowest reading in its 40-year

history, one point higher than the all-time low of -39 which was recorded in July 2008, suggesting we might be close to a low for sentiment.

We remain dedicated 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
May 2022

ABOUT THE COMPANY

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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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