

BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust plc

March 2015 Factsheet

Performance (as at 31.03.2015)

Sterling:	1 M %	3 M %	1 Y %	3 Y %	5 Y %
Net Asset Value*	-1.1	4.0	-2.7	51.6	125.3
Share Price*	0.4	6.0	-5.9	56.1	149.6
Numis ex Inv Companies + AIM*	-1.3	2.9	-7.3	25.6	46.8

*performance calculations based on a capital only NAV with debt at par[^], without income reinvested. Share price performance calculations exclude income reinvestment. The debenture stock issued by the Company is valued at par which represents the value due to be paid to holders of the debt at maturity.

[^]Debt at Par Value - The par value of a debt security represents the price that will be paid to the holders of that debt at maturity.

Annual Performance to the Last Quarter End

	31/03/14	31/03/13	31/03/12	31/03/11	31/03/10
	31/03/15	31/03/14	31/03/13	31/03/12	31/03/11
	%	%	%	%	%
NAV Performance ¹	-1.2	34.1	19.7	3.1	48.0
Share Price Performance ²	-4.5	40.6	22.2	-0.8	66.4

Performance statistics sources: BlackRock and Datastream.

¹ NAV performance figures are calculated on a cum income basis with income reinvested.

² Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested.

- Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.
- The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited website at: www.blackrock.co.uk/brsc.

The performance of the Company's portfolio, or Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

Ten Largest Investments (as at 31.03.2015)

Company	% of Portfolio
4imprint	1.9
Workspace Group	1.8
Avon Rubber	1.7
Senior Engineering Group	1.7
CVS Group	1.7
Savills	1.7
Bodycote	1.6
Lookers	1.6
Tyman	1.6
Rathbone Brothers	1.5

A full disclosure of portfolio investments for the BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust plc as at 31 December 2014 has been made available on the Company's website at the link given below:

<http://www.blackrock.co.uk/intermediaries/literature/fund-update/brsct-portfolio-disclosure.pdf>

Company Objective

To achieve long term capital growth for shareholders through investment mainly in smaller UK quoted companies.

Important Information

All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed.

The Company's investments may be subject to liquidity constraints, which means that shares may trade less frequently and in small volumes, for instance smaller companies. As a result, changes in the value of investments may be more unpredictable. In certain cases, it may not be possible to sell the security at the last market price quoted or at a value considered to be fairest.

Overseas investments will be affected by currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The Company may from time to time utilise gearing. Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

NMPI Status

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by IFAs to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

Comments from the Fund Manager

- During March the Company's NAV per share fell by 1.1% on a capital only basis whilst the benchmark index fell by 1.3%; the FTSE 100 Index fell by 2.5%.
- The major positive contributors to stock selection during the month were our holdings in 4imprint, CVS Group and Belfair. These contributions were all based on strong trading results in recent weeks. We had an excellent meeting with CVS Group management who continue to grow their veterinary business both organically and through small, bolt-on acquisitions.
- The Company's core holdings of high quality companies, such as Workspace Group and Ted Baker, are performing well supported by strong operational delivery. Shares in Fevertree Drinks continued to be in demand as the company delivered on the high growth expectations set at IPO. Our meetings with management over results season left us confident that these portfolio companies and others are in excellent shape to capitalise on their respective growth opportunities.
- Encouragingly, there were no significant stock detractors from relative outperformance during the month.
- From a sector allocation perspective our underweight position in oil & gas companies and our overweight position in the chemicals sector both contributed positively during March.
- We added holdings in Eurocell and Shawbrook, both on IPO. Eurocell is a leading vertically integrated manufacturer and merchant of PVC profiles for doors, windows and roofline products in the UK. Shawbrook is a niche banking business which is growing well. We were impressed by management in both companies.

Sources: BlackRock, Datastream, Bloomberg and BNY Mellon

Gearing

- Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favourable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments.
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Fund Information (as at 31.03.2015)

Net Asset Value Capital only (debt at par value†)	932.63p
Net Asset Value Capital only (debt at fair value‡)	925.21p
Net Asset Value incl. Income (debt at par value)*	946.92p
Net Asset Value incl. Income (debt at fair value)*	939.49p
*Includes net revenue of	14.29p
Share Price	815.00p
Discount to Cum Income NAV (debt at par value)	13.9%
Discount to Cum Income NAV (debt at fair value)	13.3%
Net gearing incl. Income (debt at par value)	9.2%
Gearing range as a % of net assets	0-15%
Net yield^^	1.6%
Total Assets (including current year revenue)	£493.3m
2014 Ongoing charges ratio^^	0.7%
2014 Ongoing charges ratio (including performance fees)	1.0%
Issued capital – Ordinary Shares^	47,879,792
^excluding shares in treasury	2,113,731

†Debt at Par Value - The par value of a debt security represents the price that will be paid to the holders of that debt at maturity.

‡Debt at Fair Value – The fair value of a debt security for the purpose of calculating this NAV has been based on last available quoted offer prices on the London Stock Exchange.

^^As reported in the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 28 February 2014, the ongoing charges ratio is calculated as a percentage of net assets and using operating expenses, excluding performance fees, finance costs and taxation.

^^Yield calculations are based on dividends announced in the last 12 months as at the date of release of this announcement, and comprise the final dividend of 7.40 pence per share (announced on 25 April 2014 and gone ex-dividend on 14 May 2014) and the interim dividend of 5.50 pence per share, (announced on 24 October 2014, gone ex-dividend on 6 November 2014).

Sector Weightings (as at 31.03.2015)

	% of Portfolio
Industrials	27.3
Consumer Services	18.1
Financials	17.9
Consumer Goods	9.3
Basic Materials	8.8
Health Care	7.4
Technology	7.3
Oil & Gas	3.1
Telecommunications	0.8
TOTAL	100.0

Reference to the names of each company mentioned in this communication are merely for explaining the investment strategy, and should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

Key Company Details

Fund Characteristics:

Fund Manager	Mike Prentis
Launch Date	May 1906
Dealing Currencies	Sterling
AIC Sector	UK Smaller Companies
Benchmark	Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (ex Investment Companies)
Traded	London Stock Exchange
Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014):	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited

Fund Codes

ISIN	GB0006436108
Sedol	0643610
Bloomberg	BRSC:LN
Reuters	BRSC.L
Ticker	BRSC/LON

Financial Calendar

Year end:	28 February
Results announced:	October (half yearly) April (final)
AGM:	June
Dividends paid:	December (interim)/June (final)
Investment Manager:	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
Savings plan and stocks and shares ISA:	Available via BlackRock. Please see the Investment Trust brochure and Key Features document for more information.

► BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust plc will not invest more than 15% of its gross assets in other listed investment trusts.

► BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust plc is traded on the London Stock Exchange and dealing may only be through a member of the Exchange.

BlackRock has not considered the suitability of this investment against your individual needs and risk tolerance. To ensure you understand whether this product is suitable, please read the Key Features document and the current Annual and Half Yearly Financial Reports which provide more information about the risk profile of the investment.

If after reading this factsheet you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact your financial adviser or speak to our Investor Services Team.

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