WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund

July 2026

Gresham House
Specialist investment

Fund objective

To achieve capital growth over any five-year period, after all costs and charges have been taken. The fund targets to invest, up to 70% of the portfolio, in the shares of UK companies. **Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over any time period**.

Fund rank

Financial Express (FE) Rank 8/37 over 10 years to 31 July 2026.

Fund performance

Source: FE Analytics based on the returns of the A share class, net of charges, ten-year return to 31 July 2026

- A - WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap A Acc in GB (112.6%)
- B - IA UK Smaller Companies TR in GB (83.0%)

Cumulative performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 July 2026

Cumulative returns month ending 31 July 2026	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since launch (19 May 2009)
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	1.1%	5.2%	6.4%	25.9%	-5.0%	112.6%	500.8%
IA UK Smaller Companies	3.7%	6.9%	6.6%	22.6%	-10.1%	83.0%	409.1%
Quartile	4	3	3	2	2	1	2

Discrete performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 July 2026

Discrete annual returns	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	5.2%	8.0%	8.7%	5.0%	-30.1%	25.4%
IA UK Smaller Companies	6.9%	4.2%	6.7%	0.5%	-25.2%	22.9%

Performance

In July 2026, the WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund increased by 1.1%, underperforming the IA UK Smaller Companies sector which increased by 3.7%.

Positive contributions came from: **SysGroup (+1.7% Contribution to Total Return ("CTR"))**, following full-year results which reported accelerating second-half revenue growth, a return to organic growth in managed IT services and continued expansion in cybersecurity, reinforcing confidence in the group's operational turnaround and positioning in AI-enabled digital transformation; **Mpac (+0.5% CTR)**, following the sale of its loss-making Lambert division for up to £20mn, materially reducing leverage and sharpening the group's focus on its core packaging and automation operations; and **PCI PAL (+0.4% CTR)**, following a strong trading update projecting adjusted EBITDA to exceed market consensus and the retention of their contract with HMRC for a further 8 year term.

The largest detractors were: **ActiveOps (-1.5% CTR)**, despite strong full-year results reporting solid revenue and adjusted EBITDA; **Vulcan Two (-0.4% CTR)** and **Angling Direct (-0.3% CTR)** both despite no company specific news flow during the period.

Fund managers

Co-Manager
Ken Wotton

25 years' experience

Co-Manager
Brendan Gulston

14 years' experience

Fund information

Launch date 19 May 2009

Fund size £131.7mn

Fund sector IA UK Smaller Companies

Number of holdings 38

Portfolio turnover rate 25.0%
(12-month period to 31 July 2026)

Fund price 232.63p C Acc (as at 31 July 2026)

Pricing 12:00 noon (GMT)

ISA eligible Yes

Ratings FE fundinfo Crown Fund Rating

Platforms hosting the Fund[1]

- Aegon
- AJ Bell
- Allfunds
- Aviva
- BNY Mellon
- Embark
- FNZ
- FundsNetwork
- Hubwise
- James Hay
- Pershing Nexus
- Nucleus
- M&G
- Platform Securities
- Parmenion
- Raymond James
- 7IM
- Aberdeen Wrap
- Transact
- Wealthtime
- Zurich

1. Selection only

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FUND MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2026
WINNER
UK Smaller Companies
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund
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Fund statistics[1]

Source: FE Analytics, based on three years to 31 July 2026 . Volatility, Alpha, Beta, Sharpe and Info Ratio are benchmarked against the Fund's own sector average

Risk ratios month ending 31 July 2026	Volatility	Alpha	Beta	Sharpe	Information Ratio
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	14.83	1.3	0.94	0.30	0.12
IA UK Smaller Companies	13.90	0.00	1.00	0.25	0.00

Top 10 holdings

Holding	Description	NAV
Angling Direct	Specialist fishing tackle retailer	5.8%
Strategic Equity Capital	UK small cap investment trust	5.3%
ActiveOps	Workforce management SaaS provider	5.0%
Tribal	Education software and services provider	5.0%
TruFin	Payments technology business	5.0%
Netcall	Low-code, automation and customer engagement SaaS	4.7%
Vulcan Two	Regulated online pharmacy buy-and-build platform	4.1%
SysGroup	Cloud hosting, managed services and IT consultancy provider	4.0%
Ten Lifestyle	Tech-enabled lifestyle and concierge platform	3.7%
Diaceutics	Pharmaceutical data analytics and services	3.6%

Portfolio activity

The Fund made two new investments during the period, into: **Avingtrans**, a specialist engineering group supplying mission-critical components and services to the energy, medical and industrial sectors, which we believe is well positioned to benefit from structural growth in clean energy, defence and healthcare markets, with recent trading updates highlighting record order intake, continued margin improvement and the successful integration of recent acquisitions; and **Dotdigital**, which provides AI-powered software that helps businesses automate their marketing and engage with customers. Its subscription model is highly scalable and delivers recurring revenues. Recent progress - including strong interim results and the acquisition of Social Snowball - demonstrates continued product innovation and customer growth. The shares trade at around 6x EV/EBITDA, a valuation we believe is attractive for a business of this quality.

The team also made follow-on investments, including into: **Eagle Eye Solutions**, a marketing and loyalty software platform provider, which we believe is well positioned to benefit as global retailers increasingly adopt digital promotions and personalised customer engagement. Its scalable, high-margin recurring revenue model and growing international client base underpin long-term earnings growth and operating leverage.

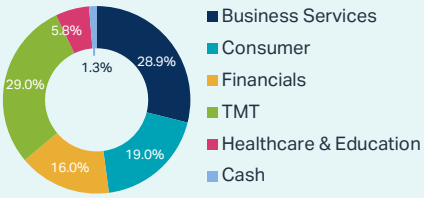
The Fund made one full exit during the period, from: **Staffline**, following full-year results and a trading update which demonstrated continued operational momentum and a strong start to 2026. With the turnaround strategy increasingly reflected in the valuation we took the decision to redeploy capital into higher-conviction opportunities with greater return potential.

Primary share class information

C Sterling

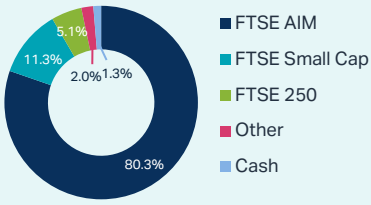
	C Institutional Class	
Type	Acc	Inc
Minimum investment	£10,000	£10,000
Minimum top up	£1,000	£1,000
Minimum regular savings plan	N/A	N/A
Initial charge (fully discounted)	Up to 2.5%	Up to 2.5%
Annual management charge	0.90%	0.90%
Ongoing Charges	0.99%	0.99%
ISIN code	GB00BV9FYS80	GB00BV9FYT97
SEDOL code	BV9FYS8	BV9FYT9
MEX ID	CGAAOU	CGAAOV

Sector allocation



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 July 2026)

Index weighting



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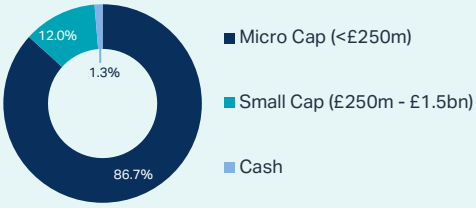
Market cap breakdown



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1. Fund statistics definitions

Volatility is a statistical measurement that, when applied to an investment fund, expresses its volatility, or risk. It shows how widely a range of returns varied from the fund's average return over a particular period.

Alpha is a measure of a fund's over-or-underperformance in comparison to the benchmark of the fund. Alpha represents the extra value the manager's activities have contributed, the greater the alpha, the greater the outperformance.

Beta is a statistical estimate of a fund's volatility in comparison to its benchmark. It depicts how sensitive the fund is to movements in the section of the market that comprises the benchmark.

Sharpe is the level of a fund's return over and above the return of a notional risk-free investment, such as cash or government bonds. The difference in returns is then divided by the fund's standard deviation (volatility). This is an indication of the amount of excess return generated per unit of risk. In general it is considered that the higher the Sharpe ratio, the better.

Information ratio is a risk-adjusted measure of actively managed fund performance. It assesses the degree to which a manager uses skill and knowledge to enhance the fund returns. The higher the information ratio, the better. It is generally considered that a figure of 0.5 reflects a good performance, 0.75 very good, and 1 outstanding.

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Source: Gresham House as at 31 December 2025.

Key risks

- The value of the Fund and the income from it is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. As your capital is at risk you may get back less than you originally invested
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance
- Funds investing in smaller companies may carry a higher degree of risk than funds investing in larger companies. The shares of smaller companies may be less liquid than securities in larger companies

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