# North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC

# **Key Information Document**

### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Name: North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC ("the Company") ISIN: GB0006439003

PRIIP Manufacturer: North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC

**Competent authority:** The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

This key information document is accurate as at 31 December 2018.

## What is this product?

Туре	The Company is a closed-ended investment company within the meaning of Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006 whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. It is an alternative investment fund under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive. The Company's ordinary shares are therefore available to the general public.	
Objectives	The Company's objective is to provide capital appreciation through investment in a portfolio of smaller companies principally based in countries bordering the North Atlantic Ocean. The Company will pursue its investment objective by investing in both listed and unquoted companies. The Company also owns and controls an investment dealing and holding company, Consolidated Venture Finance Limited.	
Intended retail investor	The intended investor in the Company is a retail investor who is seeking long term (at least 5 years) real growth in capital value from investing in a portfolio of companies, predominantly based in countries bordering the North Atlantic Ocean. An investment in the shares of the company is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the potential benefits of investment and have sufficient resources to bear any loss suffered by the investment.	
Gearing	The Company has the ability to borrow in the form of long term loan facilities, however has no borrowing at present. Gearing is limited to a maximum of 30% of net assets. Any future borrowing would magnify any gains or losses made by the Company.	
Bid / Offer spread	Shares of the Company are bought and sold via markets. Typically, at any given time on any given day, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price at which you could sell it.	
Life of the product	The Company does not have a fixed life. The Manager cannot unilaterally terminate this product and there are no circumstances under which it can be automatically terminated.	

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

### **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. If you sell your product earlier you may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts how much you get back.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class. This suggests the risk from market movements is medium. However, the

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summary risk indicator only reflects historic share price volatility of the company shares based on historic price. It excludes other risks inherent in the product and, therefore, does not show the full risk to the investor. This product does not include any protection from future market performance, so you could lose some or all of your investment.

The company invests in unlisted equities which have valuation and performance uncertainties and liquidity risk. The 'Other relevant information' section gives more detail on the risks investors should consider. The cost, performance and risk calculations included in this KID follow the methodology prescribed by EU rules.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

This table shows the money you could get back over the next 5 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest £10,000. The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past on how the value of this investment varies and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you. The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

Investment: £10,000			3 years	5 years
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs (£)	3,783	5,339	4,358
	Average return each year (%)	-62.17%	-18.87%	-15.31%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs (£)	9,297	9,925	11,006
	Average return each year (%)	-7.03%	-0.25%	1.94%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs (£)	11,005	13,270	16,002
	Average return each year (%)	10.05%	9.89%	9.86%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs (£)	12,933	17,615	23,096
	Average return each year (%)	29.33%	20.77%	18.22%

## What happens if North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC is unable to pay out?

As a shareholder of North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme about North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC in the event that the Company is unable to pay out.

## What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest £10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

#### **Costs over time**

The person selling or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Investment: £10,000 If you cash in after	1 year	3 years	5 years	
Total Costs (£)	143	525	1,069	
Impact on return (RIY) per year (%)	1.43%	1.43%	1.43%	

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#### **Composition of costs**

The table below shows:

- the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period;
- the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year					
One – off costs	Entry costs	0.00%	This product does not have any entry costs.		
	Exit costs	0.00%	This product does not have any exit costs.		
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.04%	The impact of the costs of the fund buying and selling underlying investments for the product.		
	Other ongoing costs	1.03%	The impact of the costs taken by the fund each year for managing your investments.		
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.36%	The impact of performance fees. We take these from your investment if the product outperforms the Sterling adjusted Standard & Poors' 500 Composite Index and is calculated as 10% of the outperformance on an annual basis, paid as a % of Shareholders funds. The maximum performance fee in any one year is 0.5% of Shareholders' Funds.		
	Carried interests	0.00%	This product does not charge any carried interest.		

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

#### Recommended required minimum holding period: 5 years

The product has no required minimum holding period but is designed for medium to long-term investment. The recommended minimum holding period of 5 years has been selected as the Company's ordinary shares are designed to be held over the long term and may not be suitable as short-term investments.

There is no guarantee that any appreciation in the value of the Company's investments will occur and investors may not get back the full value of their investments. The value of the ordinary shares and the income derived from them (if any) may go down as well as up. Although the ordinary shares are traded on the Main Market, it is possible that there may not be a liquid market in the shares and investors may have difficulty selling them. Accordingly, investors may be unable to realise their shares at the quoted market price (or at the prevailing net asset value per share), or at all.

There are no additional fees or penalties incurred on exit however the price you receive on the open market may not reflect the underlying Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the shares.

### How can I complain?

As a shareholder of the Company you do not have the right to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) about the management of The Company. Complaints about the company or the key information document should be directed to The Chief Operating Officer, Christopher Hart of Harwood Capital LLP. More information can be found by telephoning 020 7640 3200.

You can submit your complaint via post to Christopher Hart, Chief Operating Officer, Harwood Capital LLP, 6 Stratton Street, London, W1J 8LD or via email to <a href="mailto:chart@harwoodcapital.co.uk">chart@harwoodcapital.co.uk</a>

### Other relevant information

The latest annual report and accounts for the Company can be found at <a href="http://www.harwoodcapital.co.uk/literature/nascit">http://www.harwoodcapital.co.uk/literature/nascit</a>. The cost, performance and risk calculations included in this KID follow the methodology prescribed by EU rules. Depending on how you buy these shares you may incur other costs, including broker commission, platform fees and Stamp Duty. The distributor will provide you with additional documents where necessary. Further information on the Company's investment policies, the types of assets in which the Company may invest, borrowing limits as well as details of its management, administration and depositary arrangements can be found at <a href="http://www.harwoodcapital.co.uk/literature/nascit">http://www.harwoodcapital.co.uk/literature/nascit</a>. If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, you should seek independent financial advice.