

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.

The Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust Plc

Product

Product: The Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust Plc
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What is this product?

Type: Investment Trust - a public limited company whose shares are listed on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange main market.

Objective: To achieve long-term capital growth by investing mainly in smaller Asian quoted companies with market capitalisations under US\$3,000m, or the equivalent thereof, at the time of investment. Asia is deemed to include the Indian subcontinent but excludes Japan and Australasia.

Intended retail investor: This product is compatible with retail investors who are seeking long-term capital growth and have a basic level of knowledge and/or experience. The investor should be prepared to bear losses. Shares in the company are bought and sold via markets. Typically at any given time on any given day, the price you pay for a share may be higher than the price at which you could sell it. The price of the shares is determined by supply and demand and may be at a discount or premium to the underlying net asset value.

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

Risk indicator



Lower risk **Higher risk**

In accordance with the regulations, we have classified this product as class 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

The Summary Risk Indicator (SRI), is a 1 to 7 scale of portfolio volatility, and thus a means of measuring your investment risk. This product has an SRI rating of 4.

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years.

The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

Please note that even investments in the lowest risk class can lose money and that in extremely adverse market conditions investors should be willing to accept severe losses.

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.

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This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

Performance scenarios

Investment £ 10,000		1 year	3 years (recommended holding period)	5 years
Stress scenario	What might you get back after costs	£ 5 028	£ 5 101	£ 4 088
	Average return each year	-50 %	-20 %	-16 %
Unfavourable scenario	What might you get back after costs	£ 8 673	£ 8 562	£ 8 877
	Average return each year	-13 %	-5 %	-2 %
Moderate scenario	What might you get back after costs	£ 10 747	£ 12 417	£ 14 346
	Average return each year	7 %	7 %	7 %
Favourable scenario	What might you get back after costs	£ 13 325	£ 18 019	£ 23 200
	Average return each year	33 %	22 %	18 %

This table shows the money you could get back over the recommended holding period, 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 (a combination of the company's historical performance and that of the MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index),

and are not an exact indicator. What you get back will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your adviser or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What happens if The Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust Plc is unable to pay out?

In the event of the failure of the company, the amount you receive will depend on the value of any liquidation proceeds being greater than the outstanding liabilities of the company. As a shareholder of the company which is a listed company you would not be able to make a

claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme 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 in the moderate scenario. 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. The figures assume you invest £10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

In addition, Stamp Duty is levied by HMRC at 0.5% on all share purchases; this will be deducted by the person selling you the shares. The person selling you 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	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in after 5 years
Total costs	£ 143	£ 502	£ 979
Impact on return (RIY) per year	1.43 %	1.43 %	1.43 %

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 and the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-Off costs	Entry costs	0 %	There are no direct entry costs for this product
	Exit costs	0 %	There are no direct exit costs for this product
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.31 %	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product
	Other ongoing costs	1.01 %	The impact of costs that we take each year for managing your investments
Incidental costs	Performance Fee	0 %	The impact of the performance fee. We take this from your investment if the product outperforms the benchmark over 3 years by 10%. The objective of the performance fee is to give the manager 10% of the additional value generated for shareholders by any outperformance.

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

Recommended minimum holding period:

5 years

The above mentioned period has been defined in accordance with the product characteristics. The recommended holding period of 5 years has been selected for illustrative purpose only. Equity investments should be seen as long term investments. However, there is no minimum (or maximum) holding period for the shares. The shares can

be sold when the markets on which they trade are open, in this instance the London Stock Exchange. Investors who sell may be subject to dealing costs which their bank, stockbroker or similar adviser may charge.

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 product or the Key Information Document can be made via:

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Website: www.scottishoriental.com

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Other relevant information

The performance scenarios shown in the section "What are the risks and what could I get in return?" above are based on how the value of this investment has changed over the past 5 years. This 5 year period might not be representative of how markets will perform in the future. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance and future returns could be worse than shown in the performance scenarios.

The Annual Report, the Interim Report and the Investor Disclosure Document are currently available on the website www.scottishoriental.com along with other information about the company. These calculations may differ from calculations used in the company's reports, factsheets and website. The cost, performance and risk calculations included in this KID follow the methodology prescribed by the EU rules. This KID is produced by First State (UK) Investments Limited.

If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, you should seek independent financial advice.