

Miton UK MicroCap Trust plc

Objective

To provide its shareholders with capital growth over the long term.

Key facts

Net assets	£99.5m
Shares in issue	109,253,560
Gearing	0.00%
Share Price	86.50p
NAV	91.05p
Premium/(Discount)	(5.00%)
Domicile	United Kingdom
Launch date	30 Apr 2015
Reporting Dates	Final - 30 Apr Interim - 31 Oct
ISA eligible	Yes

AIC sector
UK Smaller Companies

Performance comparator
Numis 1000 Index
UK Smaller Companies

Trust managers



Gervais Williams
Joined Premier Miton
Mar 2011
Manager since
Apr 2015



Martin Turner
Joined Premier Miton
May 2011
Manager since
Apr 2015

Directors

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Fund codes

ISIN	GB00BWFGQ085
Sedol	BWFGQ08
Bloomberg	MINI LN

Manager commentary

Prior to April, company results had come in around expectations, with few outlook statements predicting significant downgrades. As April progressed however, the second quarter outlooks became more cautious. We have always assumed that an acceleration in inflationary pressures would leave the share prices of those companies on elevated valuations vulnerable, as they have been in the US recently.

Given that we consider the portfolio to be well-positioned for the ongoing slowdown in global growth, at this stage there aren't many portfolio changes coming through. We have taken the opportunity to scale back some of the largest holdings, we are not short of new holdings to purchase, but rather we can invest that capital rapidly when markets stabilise. Alongside, the trust continues to hold a FTSE 100 Put option, covering approximately 40% of the portfolio. As the FTSE 100 Index has held up well this year, this option still stands at a modest valuation, but if there were to be a more systemic equity market setback, its valuation would rise and help offset any weakness in the rest of the portfolio.

The Miton UK MicroCap Trust strategy was set up to contrast with the strategies of other funds popular during globalisation. Since so few professional fund managers actively research UK-quoted micro-caps, they start at more overlooked valuations and hence tend to have greater potential to increase their share price when they succeed. In addition, being micro-caps, they are often relatively young businesses, and in that regard often serve novel, immature market sectors. Importantly, immature industry sectors often have the potential to continue expanding even during global slowdowns, which is very helpful through the economic cycle.

For us, the key is to select quoted micro-caps that generate surplus cash when they succeed. They can generate attractive long-term returns when market conditions are benign as they have been during globalisation. But importantly, they can also continue to thrive even at times when equity capital becomes scarce.

Gervais Williams & Martin Turner
29.04.2022

Performance since trust launch (%)



Cumulative performance (%)	1m	3m	1y	3y	5y	Trust launch
■ Share price	4.60	-0.23	-17.22	59.99	41.39	71.35
■ NAV	2.72	-0.66	-13.14	63.13	44.00	89.35
■ Numis 1000 index	-0.20	-3.39	-5.78	22.14	23.83	63.17
■ IT UK Smaller Companies sector	-2.62	-7.81	-6.88	24.15	37.75	92.71

Calendar year performance (%)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD
Share price	16.52	-17.86	-0.90	33.32	28.61	-3.35
NAV	16.71	-11.81	-8.17	50.04	20.03	-5.39
Numis 1000 index	19.82	-14.33	15.28	-1.53	24.99	-6.16
IT UK Smaller Companies sector	29.29	-10.13	22.22	1.29	26.02	-12.36

Discrete annual performance (%)	28.04.17	30.04.18	30.04.19	30.04.20	30.04.21	30.04.22
Share price	6.31	-16.87	-19.98	141.50	-17.22	
NAV	8.48	-18.62	-8.19	104.55	-13.14	
Numis 1000 index	8.93	-6.93	-26.62	76.65	-5.78	
IT UK Smaller Companies sector	12.32	-1.22	-17.27	61.15	-6.88	

Source: for all performance data: Morningstar.

Key risks: The value of investments may fluctuate which will cause fund prices to fall as well as rise and investors may not get the original amount invested. The performance information presented on this page relates to the past. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. Reference to any stock or fund is not a recommendation for investment purposes. More information about the risks of investment is provided later in this document.

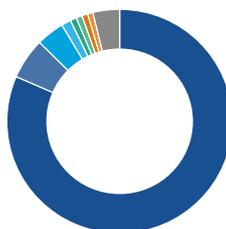


Portfolio breakdown

Top 20 holdings (%)

MTI Wireless Edge Ltd	2.7
AfriTin Mining Ltd	2.3
Live Company Group	2.2
Totally plc	2.2
Saietta Group plc	2.0
Frontier IP Group plc	2.0
Corero Network Security plc	1.9
Aferian plc	1.6
Kistos plc	1.6
Atlantic Lithium	1.6
Caledonia Mining Corporation plc	1.5
Supreme plc	1.4
CT Automotive Group	1.4
Pressure Technologies plc	1.4
Capital Limited	1.4
CyanConnode	1.3
Jubilee Metals Group plc	1.3
Tirupati Graphite plc	1.2
Van Elle Holdings plc	1.2
CentralNic Group plc	1.2

Index weighting (%)



■ FTSE AIM	81.5
■ FTSE Small Cap	5.9
■ UK-listed non-indexed shares	4.0
■ FTSE Fledgling	1.4
■ Other	0.9
■ NEX	0.9
■ FTSE 100 Put Option	0.8
■ FTSE 250	0.8
■ Cash	3.8

Charges

Ongoing charges figure (OCF) 1.42%
as at 31.10.2021

The ongoing charges figure (OCF) is not the same as the ongoing costs figure set out in the Company's key information document. The key differences are that gearing costs and portfolio transaction costs are not included in the OCF. In addition costs are calculated on slightly different bases. The OCF figure set out above mirrors that in the Report and Accounts and is based on costs incurred in the year which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future. The ongoing costs figures in the key information document provide investors with the impact costs have had on returns averaged over the five year recommended holding period.

Management fee on market cap 0.90%

General risks

All types of investment carry a degree of risk. It is possible you could lose some, or all, of the money you invest. The level of risk varies depending on the type of investment.

Typically, you are less likely to lose money over the long term from an investment that is considered low risk, although potential returns may also be lower. Investments considered higher risk typically offer greater opportunities for better long-term returns, though the risk of losing money is also likely to be higher.

When you invest, it is important that you understand the risk to your money and are

comfortable with that level of risk. If you are unsure, we would recommend that you consult a financial adviser.

Past performance of an investment is not an indication of how it will perform in the future. The value of your investment and any income generated by your investment can go down as well as up, and you could get back less than you invested.

The value of your investment might not keep up with any rise in the cost of living.

You could lose money if financial markets fall.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the trust will be achieved.

The levels of taxation that apply to income or capital gains from the trust, including any tax relief that may be available, will depend on your personal tax situation.

Trusts with similar objectives may not perform in the same way as they are likely to have different holdings or hold different amounts of the same investment.

Performance will be affected by investment decisions made by the fund managers.

Other risks

Some of the main specific risks of investing in this trust are summarised here.

Derivative

A contract whose value is based on the change in price of a specific asset or index. When derivatives are used within a trust, it doesn't necessarily increase risk. However, price changes in the underlying asset can translate into big swings in the value of derivatives (up and down), which has a direct effect on the value of the trust.

Equities

Equities (shares) can experience high levels of price fluctuation.

Geographic concentration

Trusts that have a strong focus on a particular country or region can carry a higher risk than trusts with a more diversified portfolio.

Hedging

A hedge is designed to offset the risk of another investment falling in price. It can also act as a limit on potential gains if the investment that has been hedged increases in value.

Inflation

Higher inflation can lead to some investments falling in value, particularly those with a fixed level

of interest, for example government bonds and corporate bonds.

Infrastructure

Investments are often in large-scale projects whose profitability can be affected by supply problems or rising prices for raw materials or natural resources. Changes in the wider economy and government regulation can also have a significant influence.

Interest rate

Changes in central bank interest rates can affect all types of assets, in particular, securities such as government bonds and corporate bonds that generally offer a fixed level of interest. If interest rates go up, the value of a bond may fall, and vice versa.

Legal and tax

The income or capital gains from investments can sometimes be affected by changes in legal and tax regulations or how these rules are applied.

Liquidity

In some instances, for example, when market conditions generally are difficult, holdings in a trust may be difficult to sell and buy at the desired price. The trust value could fall as a result.

Operational

Processes, systems and controls around your investment might fail. The more complex or unusual the investments that the trust holds, the more likely this is to happen. For example, developing markets may have less reliable systems or lower standards of governance than more developed markets.

Property and Real Estate Investment Trusts

Property values can rise and fall sharply depending on the strength of a country's economy.

Put-options

A type of derivative. Put-options can be used for a number of reasons. For example, they can be used to protect the value of an underlying investment or group of investments against a fall in value. They can be thought of as an insurance policy. These can make a trust more volatile from time to time.

Smaller companies

Investment in smaller companies is typically higher risk than investment in larger companies. Shares in smaller companies can experience greater levels of volatility.



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Glossary

Annual management charge (AMC)

The yearly fee paid to Premier Miton for managing a fund, expressed as a percentage of your investment. The AMC does not typically change from year to year.

Assets

Different groups of investments such as company shares, bonds, commodities or property.

Bonds (or fixed income)

Types of investments that allow investors to loan money to governments and companies, usually in return for a regular fixed level of interest until the bond's maturity date, plus the return of the original value of the bond at the maturity date. The price of bonds will vary and the investment terms of bonds will also vary.

Capital

Describes financial assets, particularly cash, or other assets, such as shares, owned by a person or organisation.

Capital growth

The increase in the value of an asset or investment over time, measured by its current value compared to its purchase cost.

Collective Investment Schemes

A generic term for investment funds with more than one investor, such as unit trusts, Open Ended Investment Schemes (OEICs) and investment trusts.

Dividends

The portion of its capital that a company chooses to return to its shareholders. For a

fund or trust, this is the payment of fund's income to its shareholders.

Equities

Another name for shares (or stock) in a company.

FTSE 100 Put Option

A type of derivative contract in which the underlying value is based on the level of the FTSE 100 index which tracks the performance of the top 100 largest companies by market value listed on the London Stock Exchange. Such contracts can be used to protect the value of an underlying investment or group of investments against a fall in the value of those 100 largest companies and can be thought of as an insurance policy.

Gearing

The level of a company's debt in relation to its capital. A company with significant debt compared to its capital is considered to be highly geared.

Individual Savings Account (ISA)

A type of tax-free scheme, set up by the government, designed to help people make the most of their savings and investments. All income and gains from an ISA investment are exempt from UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. HM Revenue and Customs sets the maximum amounts that you are allowed to invest into an ISA each tax year.

Net Asset Value (NAV)

The total of a company's assets minus its liabilities. The net asset value per share is

the total of a company's assets minus its liabilities divided by the number of shares in issue.

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

A measure of what it costs to invest in a fund over a year. It includes the fee paid to Premier Miton for the management of the fund (known as the annual management charge), with the remainder covering costs that have to be paid to external companies for other services relating to the ongoing administration and management of a fund, such as the fees paid to the depositary, custodian, regulator, auditor and administrator. The fee is deducted from the value of the fund and reflected in the fund's share price. The OCF is typically calculated once a year and can change from year to year.

Total return

A way of showing how an investment has performed, and is made-up of the capital appreciation or depreciation and includes any income generated by the investment. Measured over a set period, it is expressed as a percentage of the value of the investment at the start of that period.

Yield

The dividend per share divided by the stock's or fund's price per share and expressed as a percentage. The historic yield is the dividend income distributed during the past year and expressed as a percentage of the share price on a particular day.

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