

Goodbody Asset Management

Goodbody Smaller Companies Fund

- A strong month of outperformance
- Kansas City Southern jumps on updated guidance

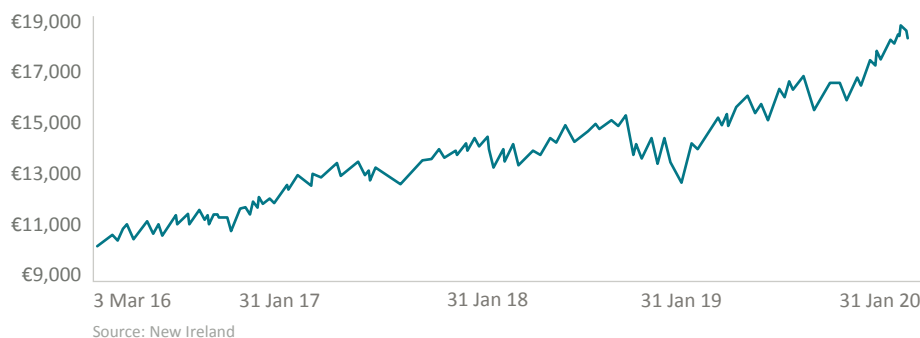
Via New Ireland

Risk rating 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Fund performance

The Fund delivered significant outperformance against the benchmark in January, a function of strong stock selection. Top performing holdings during the period included US payroll software company Paylocity (+19%), US railroad operator Kansas City Southern (+12%) and Japanese digital advertising group, Cyberagent (+18%). Kansas City Southern reported better than expected 2019 results in late January while also increasing forward growth guidance, buoying investor sentiment in the stock. During the month we top sliced exposure to Symrise, Moncler and ResMed, holdings that have all performed very strongly in recent months and where valuation has become somewhat less attractive.

Value of €10,000 invested



	1 MTH	3 MTH	YTD	1 YR	Since inception
Goodbody Smaller Companies (Series 6 R)	1.5%	10.8%	1.5%	31.5%	83.8%
Benchmark	-0.6%	4.6%	-0.6%	17.6%	51.4%

Source: New Ireland, Bloomberg

Why consider the Goodbody Smaller Companies Fund?

1. Return enhancement potential

Global small/mid cap equities have historically offered a compelling risk/reward opportunity compared to their large cap counterparts.

2. Diversification benefits

The fund invests in a segment of the equity market that is frequently overlooked and neglected by other investors.

3. Proven smaller company expertise

Our investment team has successfully delivered strong performance in the small/mid cap segment of the equity market over the last 10 years.

Warning: Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

For Financial Advisors Only

The **Goodbody Smaller Companies Fund** is an actively managed, concentrated global equity fund that offers investment in a diversified portfolio of 40 small/mid sized growth companies. The fund aims to outperform the MSCI World Small/Mid cap index by 2 - 3% per annum over the medium to long-term.

Key information

Fund launch date	3 March 2016
Base currency	€
Pricing/Dealing	Daily
Month end unit price (€)	1.75
Number of holdings	35
Top 10 holdings as a % of the fund	33%
Active share*	97%

Geographic mix as at 31 January 2020



■ North America	53%
■ Europe (ex. UK)	28%
■ UK	14%
■ Japan	5%
■ Asia Pacific (ex. Japan)	0%

Source: Goodbody

Performance is shown gross of taxation and gross of fund management fees.

Sector split as at 31 January 2020

Industrials	25%
Technology	24%
Healthcare	18%
Financials	11%
Consumer discretionary	9%
Materials	8%
Energy	5%
Consumer staples	0%
Real Estate	0%
Telecoms	0%
Utilities	0%

Source: Goodbody

Market commentary

Equities began 2020 on a very strong note, carrying December's positive momentum into the new year. At one point, the MSCI World index was +3.5% in January as markets rose in the face of trade tensions, mixed economic data, and US-Iran geopolitical tensions. Coronavirus headlines, coupled with the technically overbought condition of the broader market, however, led to a retreat into month-end. In sum, the MSCI World index finished January 0.7% higher. From a sectoral perspective, Utilities (+7%) and Technology (+5%) have driven gains, while Energy (-8%) has continued to be a significant laggard as the 12% YTD decline in Oil prices weighed on the sector. In fixed income markets, US 10 year yields, which began the year at ~1.9%, ended the month at ~1.5%. On the central bank front, the Fed left rates unchanged while Christine Lagarde struck a more dovish tone than expected in the ECB's first policy meeting of the year. On the earnings front, Q4 numbers have broadly come in better than expected. In the US, approximately half of companies have reported thus far, and 70% have beaten expectations, with notable strength from Tech leaders Microsoft and Amazon.

Top 10 holdings as at 31 January 2020

Alten	3.5%
Ansys	3.5%
ICON	3.5%
Jack Henry & Associates	3.4%
Teleperformance	3.4%
Kansas City Southern	3.2%
Avery Dennison	3.2%
Halma	3.1%
Diploma	3.1%
Xylem	3.1%

Source: Goodbody

Warning: The value of your investment may go down as well as up.

Warning: This fund may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

Warning: If you invest in this fund you may lose some or all of the money you invest.

*Active Share is a measure of the Fund's overlap with the benchmark. An active share of 100% indicates that the Fund has no holdings in common with the benchmark and active share of 0% indicates a Fund that tracks the benchmark.

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