

Goodbody Asset Management

Goodbody Smaller Companies Fund

- Sector allocation a headwind
- Global Payments sold due to size

Via New Ireland

Risk rating 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Fund performance

The Fund lagged the benchmark in August. Sector allocation offset strong stock selection during the month. The Fund's underweight exposure to Real Estate and Utilities was a headwind given both sectors outperformed the broader market over the period. Top performing holdings included Japanese cybersecurity company Trend Micro (+12%) and Keysight Technologies (+9%), a leader in electronic test and measurement equipment and software. During the month we exited the Fund's position in US Technology company Global Payments. The company has delivered stellar share price performance in recent years (+147% since Fund launch) and is now approaching large cap status.

Value of €10,000 invested



	1 MTH	3 MTH	YTD	1 YR	Since inception
Goodbody Smaller Companies (Series 6 R)	-2.1%	6.6%	25.5%	7.9%	61.9%
Benchmark	-1.7%	5.2%	19.3%	-0.2%	39.8%

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 (€)	1.54
Number of holdings	36
Top 10 holdings as a % of the fund	33%

Geographic mix as at 30 August 2019



■ North America	53%
■ Europe (ex. UK)	31%
■ UK	11%
■ 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 30 August 2019

Industrials	24%
Technology	22%
Healthcare	17%
Financials	11%
Consumer discretionary	10%
Materials	10%
Energy	5%
Consumer staples	0%
Real Estate	0%
Telecoms	0%
Utilities	0%

Source: Goodbody

Market commentary

Global equities declined 1.0% in August, a month characterised by ongoing geopolitical uncertainty – US-China trade disputes, Brexit, Italy, protests in Hong Kong – heightened recessionary fears sparked by a short-lived inversion of the US yield curve, and a continued focus on central bank actions. Year-to-date, global equities have gained 19.5%. From a sectoral perspective, Technology (+33%) and REITs (+26%) continue to outperform while Energy (+6%) remains the primary relative laggard. In fixed income markets, US 10 year bond yields fell 50bps to end the month at 1.5%, and at one point traded below 2 year US bond yields in what is known as a yield curve inversion. Although short-lived, this led to an abundance of recessionary-related articles and headlines. In FX markets, the dollar gained ~1.5% against the Euro, while Brexit uncertainty weighed on the Pound.

Top 10 holdings as at 30 August 2019

Teleperformance	3.6%
Keysight Technologies	3.5%
Huntington Bancshares	3.4%
Ansys	3.4%
Halma	3.4%
Kansas City Southern	3.3%
Alten	3.2%
Jack Henry	3.2%
ResMed	3.1%
Allegion	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.

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