

Goodbody Asset Management

Goodbody Smaller Companies Fund

- 2020 a very strong year of outperformance
- Keywords Studios an exciting recent addition

Via New Ireland

Risk rating 1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7

Fund performance

Global small/mid cap equities outperformed their large cap peers in December. The Fund broadly matched its benchmark over the period. Top performing holdings during the month included US software company Qualys (+25%) and Italian premium fashion company Moncler (+22%). During the month we initiated a new position in Keywords Studios, a leading provider of outsourced services to the global video game industry - a structural growth segment within media/technology. Overall, 2020 was a very strong year of outperformance for the Fund. The Quality/Growth businesses held in the Fund not only weathered the COVID-19 dislocation but in many cases emerged even stronger.

Value of €10,000 invested



Source: New Ireland

	1 MTH	3 MTH	1 YR	Since inception
Goodbody Smaller Companies (Series 6 R)	3.6%	10.9%	15.9%	109.9%
Benchmark	3.8%	16.2%	6.8%	62.7%

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.

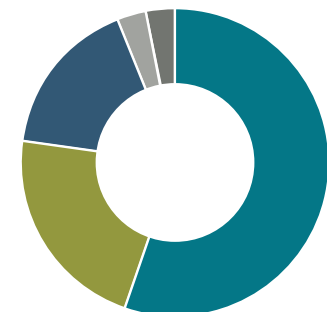
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The **Goodbody Smaller Companies Fund** is an actively managed, concentrated global equity fund that offers investment in a diversified portfolio of 40 small/mid sized growth companies. The fund aims to outperform the MSCI World Small/Mid cap index 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 (€)	2.00
Number of holdings	35
Top 10 holdings as a % of the fund	36%
Active share*	98%

Geographic mix as at 31 December 2020



■ North America	56%
■ Europe (ex. UK)	22%
■ UK	17%
■ Asia Pacific (ex. Japan)	3%
■ Japan	3%

Source: Goodbody

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

Sector split as at 31 December 2020

Industrials	32%
Technology	26%
Healthcare	17%
Consumer discretionary	10%
Materials	7%
Financials	6%
Energy	2%
Consumer staples	0%
Real Estate	0%
Telecoms	0%
Utilities	0%

Source: Goodbody

Market commentary

Global equity markets continued to push higher in December with the MSCI World rising by 1.9%, bringing the 2020 return to 6.3% in euro terms. The anticipated economic and corporate profit recovery in 2021 combined with global central banks reiterating monetary support drove the market higher over the month. The ECB expanded the Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP) by a further €500bn, bringing the total value to €1.85tn. Meanwhile, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell pledged to keep buying at least \$120bn a month in bonds until the Fed's dual goals of full employment and sustained 2% inflation are met. Importantly, Congress finally agreed a \$900bn US fiscal stimulus package. The package included \$600 stimulus checks, an additional \$300 unemployment benefit and an extension to several supports which were due to expire at the end of the year. Within the Fixed Income market, US government bonds sold off during the month with the US 10-year yield rising by 7bps. In Europe, peripheral government debt outperformed core government debt. Elsewhere, gold rebounded somewhat after selling off in November, while bitcoin continued to make headlines having risen by c.50% over the month. Despite being a turbulent year 2020 turned out to be a broadly positive one for global markets. This can be put down to the unprecedented levels of monetary and fiscal support which ensured a prolonged recession as a result of Covid-19 was avoided.

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.

Top 10 holdings as at 31 December 2020

Teleperformance	3.9%
Keysight Technologies	3.8%
Generac	3.7%
ICON	3.6%
Cooper Companies	3.6%
Avery Dennison	3.5%
Spirax-Sarco	3.5%
Qualys	3.4%
Halma	3.4%
MSA Safety	3.2%

Source: Goodbody

The Fund is a unit linked fund of the life company. The value of your life assurance policy is linked to the performance of the Fund. Please contact your financial adviser or New Ireland to make additional premiums. Please refer to your policy documentation for information on fees, charges and risks that apply to your investment.

*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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