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# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MICRO CAP FUND

A high conviction, concentrated fund, which through its dedicated focus on micro-cap companies and fundamentals-based stock picking, delivers risk-adjusted returns with low correlation to its peer group.



**Ken Wotton, Lead Fund Manager** has managed the LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund since launch in 2009. Ken also manages the LF Gresham House Multi Cap Income Fund. Having worked at previous investment manager, Livingbridge, since 2007, Ken transferred to Gresham House in November 2018 as part of the sale of the fund and investment management business of Livingbridge VC. Ken graduated from Oxford before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG. Ken then moved into equity research with Commerzbank and then Evolution Securities where he built sector expertise in telecoms and technology, knowledge of large and small listed companies and corporate transactions. Ken is Alpha Rated Fund Manager with FE Trustnet<sup>1</sup>.



**Brendan Gulston, Co-Fund Manager** co-manages the LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund and the LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund with Ken. They have worked together for over three years, at the previous investment manager, Livingbridge, before transferring over to Gresham House in November 2018 as part of the sale of the fund and investment management business of Livingbridge VC. Brendan studied Commerce with a focus on Finance at Melbourne University and subsequently spent four and half years in technology investment banking at Canaccord Genuity.

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## WHY MICRO-CAP EQUITIES?

We classify micro-cap stocks as those companies listed on the main market and AIM with a market cap below £250m.

- **Under-researched:** Micro-cap stocks are often under-researched by the market, resulting in more opportunities to identify undervalued companies flying under the radar
- **Rich territory:** There is a large pool of micro-cap stocks to choose from. Around 77% of the c.1,200 companies in the NSCI + AIM Index are below £250m in market cap<sup>2</sup>
- **New ideas:** The investment universe is constantly changing - only c.25%<sup>3</sup> of the current listed companies existed 15 years ago
- **Long-term performance:** Studies show micro caps outperform small, mid and large-cap stocks over the long term<sup>4</sup>
- **Under-valued:** As they are less well known and with a perception of higher risk, micro-cap P/E multiples are typically highly discounted<sup>5</sup>

## KEY FUND FACTS

**Objective: To achieve capital growth over any five year period, after all costs and charges have been taken. Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over any time period. 70% of the fund is invested in the shares of UK companies.**

**Lead manager:** Ken Wotton

**Co-manager:** Brendan Gulston

**Launch date:** 19 May 2009

**Fund sector:** IA UK Smaller Companies

**Number of holdings:** 40-60

**Fund type:** NURS

**Base currency:** GBP

**Pricing:** 12.00 noon GMT

**ISIN:** GB00BV9FYS80

**SEDOL:** BV9FYS8

**MEX ID:** CGAAOU

**AMC:** 0.90%

**OCF:** 0.98%

**Minimum investment:** £10,000

### Risks:

Investing in smaller companies, including AIM companies, can carry greater risks than those usually associated with larger companies and investors' capital is at risk.

### Ratings:



Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

All details correspond to the C Accumulation Share Class.

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## WHO IS GRESHAM HOUSE?

Gresham House is a London Stock Exchange quoted specialist alternative asset manager offering funds, direct investment and tailored investment solutions, including co-investment, across five highly differentiated alternative investment strategies.

Incorporated in 1857, Gresham House is one of the oldest companies in London still operating today and assets under management currently exceed £3.3 billion\*.



### Smaller companies:

This genuine smaller company focus generates low correlation with competitors.



### Disciplined process:

Leveraging the fundamentals-driven attributes of private equity helps deliver strong, risk-adjusted returns.



### Long term:

We invest with a long-term investment horizon rather than short-term trades on momentum stocks.

## HIGH-CONVICTION GROWTH POTENTIAL

As a smaller companies specialist, we are bottom-up stock pickers first and foremost. We build conviction in the growth potential of our investments in a number of ways.

Every stock is thoroughly interrogated utilising proprietary research to evaluate the case for investment. A **Conviction Score** is awarded to each potential stock based on six key fundamental components:

- 1 Management and shareholder structure:** We place a significant focus on entrepreneurial and high-quality management teams as a key driver of business growth and shareholder value creation. We also analyse shareholder structure, management ownership and incentives, and alignment of interest with our objectives as investors.
- 2 Strategy:** We assess the company's strategic positioning and how management are looking to enhance strategic value. We assess the clarity, simplicity and deliverability of the business strategy and how it links to long-term value creation.
- 3 Market opportunity:** We seek to understand the size of the company's realistic addressable market and the trends and sector dynamics likely to affect this over the life of our investment. We also look for a company's management to be able to clearly define their opportunity, including ways to expand their addressable market through international expansion, new product development and/or acquisition.
- 4 Market position and business model:** We seek to assess the market position of the company, its customer value proposition and its sustainable competitive advantages. We also evaluate the key levers of the business model and how the company generates its returns.
- 5 Financials:** Our evaluation focuses on operational and financial performance, considering the profit and cash flow growth potential over the anticipated life of the investment. We also consider visibility of revenues and earnings, concentration risks, vulnerability to external shocks outside the control of management as well as the key value drivers of the business.
- 6 Valuation and liquidity:** We use an earnings-based approach to valuation analysis with each investment assessed based on absolute and relative metrics applicable to the individual characteristics of the company. Valuations are benchmarked against selected listed peers, long-term average sector multiples, appropriate situational comparators, and public and private company M&A multiples.

The Conviction Score acts as a quantitative output, providing a way of rating the investment sponsor's level of conviction in the stock as well as ranking it against other potential stocks. Higher conviction scores command a higher weighting within the portfolio subject to investment strategy and risk parameters.

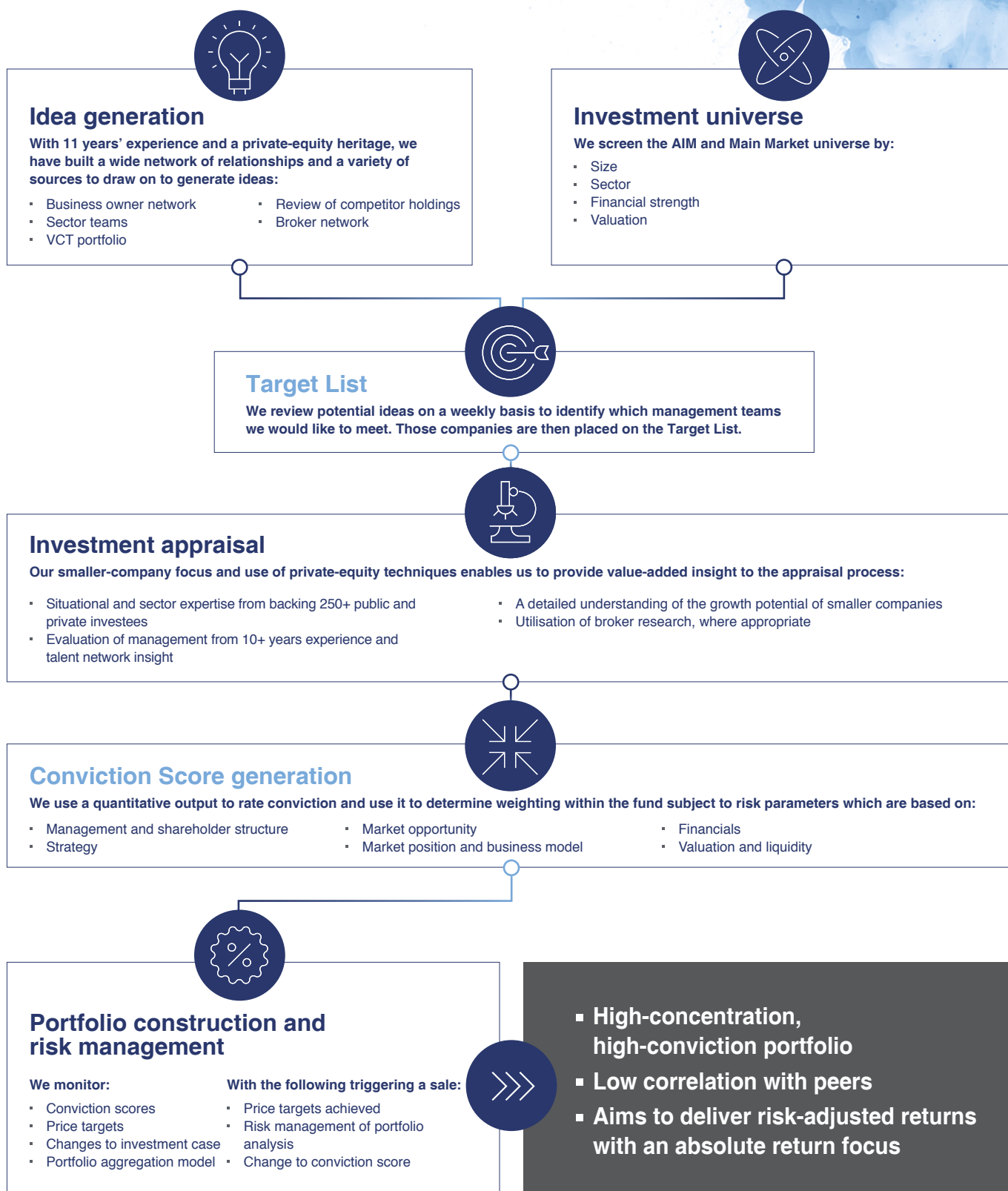
## AN UNWAVERING FOCUS ON MANAGING ABSOLUTE RISK

Our investment process seeks to screen out a substantial proportion of the investment universe that carries binary investment risk. The combination of focusing on four key sectors (business services, consumer, technology, media & telecommunications and healthcare & education) and filtering possible opportunities by underlying profitability, helps to provide mitigation to some of the inherent risks of investing in smaller companies. Through this approach and an unwavering focus on absolute risk we aim to reduce volatility and enhance risk-adjusted returns for our investors over the longer term.

\*As at 31 December 2018.

## PROCESS IN ACTION

Our process draws upon a qualified network of experts combined with bottom-up fundamental analysis and insight.



Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

Portfolio investments in smaller companies typically involve a higher degree of risk.

## INVESTOR SUITABILITY

### The fund may appeal to investors who:

- Want exposure to a long-term investment opportunity in micro-cap companies in the UK
- Wish to add an element of diversification to their portfolio via low correlation while still having exposure to opportunities in UK Equity
- Want to hold the investment as part of a balanced portfolio

### This fund is not suitable for investors who:

- Are unable to accept the risk associated with investing in small and micro-cap companies
- Have a short-term investment horizon
- Have no experience of investing in UK equities
- Have liquidity concerns
- Do not understand the risks of a concentrated portfolio

## HOW TO INVEST

**Shares may be bought directly from Link Fund Solutions Limited (Link Fund Solutions) or through a professional adviser or other intermediary. Application forms may be obtained from Link Fund Solutions.**

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## PLATFORM AVAILABILITY



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