

# WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund

May 2024



**Gresham House**  
Specialist investment

## Fund 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.** The fund targets to invest, up to 70% of the portfolio, in the shares of UK companies.

## Fund rank

FE Analytics rank 10/40 over 10 years to 31 May 2024.

## Fund performance

Source: FE Analytics based on the returns of the A share class, net of charges, ten-year return to 31 May 2024



## Cumulative performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 May 2024

Cumulative returns month ending 31 May 2024	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since launch (19 May 2009)
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	5.4%	11.2%	12.6%	-15.3%	21.8%	109.2%	442.1%
IA UK Smaller Companies	6.1%	10.8%	14.5%	-14.1%	20.9%	85.0%	374.8%
Quartile	3	2	3	3	2	1	3

## Discrete performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 May 2024

Discrete annual returns	YTD 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	11.2%	5.0%	-30.1%	25.4%	6.5%	20.4%
IA UK Smaller Companies	10.8%	0.5%	-25.2%	22.9%	6.5%	25.3%

## Performance

In May 2024, the WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund achieved a 5.4% increase, modestly trailing the IA UK Smaller Companies sector, which saw a 6.1% rise. Key contributors to this performance included **Diaceutics** (+31%) following full year results in line with market consensus, characterised by high levels of organic and recurring revenue growth, new enterprise customer wins, and diversifying distribution through a strategic partnership with **KPMG**; **TruFin** (+23%) following an unscheduled trading update which significantly upgraded full year guidance and announced the Group would achieve EBITDA profitability in FY24, primarily driven by the unprecedented success of two Playstack releases, Balatro and Abiotic Factor; and **Pulsar Group** (+34%) following full year results and current trading in-line with market expectations. Conversely, the largest detractors were **Franchise Brands** (-7%) and **Netcall PLC** (-5%) both on no specific newsflow.

**Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Portfolio investments in smaller companies typically involve a higher degree of risk. Charts and graphs are provided for illustrative purposes only as there is no official benchmark for this fund.**

## Fund managers



**Co-Manager**  
**Ken Wotton**

23 years' experience



**Co-Manager**  
**Brendan Gulston**

12 years' experience

## Fund information

**Launch date** 19 May 2009

**Fund size** £201.4mn

**Fund sector** IA UK Smaller Companies

**Number of holdings** 41

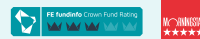
**Portfolio turnover rate** 36%  
(12-month period to 31 May 2024)

**Fund price** 209.65p C ACC (as at 31 May 2024)

**Pricing** 12:00 noon (GMT)

**ISA eligible** Yes

**Ratings**



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## Platforms hosting the Fund

- Aegon
- AJ Bell
- Allfunds
- Aviva
- BNY Mellon
- Embark
- FNZ
- FundsNetwork
- Hubwise
- James Hay
- Pershing Nexus
- Nucleus
- M&G
- Platform Securities
- Parmenion
- Raymond James
- 7IM
- Aberdeen Wrap
- Transact
- Wealthtime
- Zurich

## Fund statistics<sup>1</sup>

Source: FE Analytics, based on three years to 31 May 2024. Volatility, Alpha, Beta, Sharpe and Info Ratio are benchmarked against the Fund's own sector average

Risk ratios month ending 31 May 2024	Volatility	Alpha	Beta	Sharpe	Information Ratio
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	13.48	-2.41	0.76	-0.01	-0.06
IA UK Smaller Companies	15.12	0.00	1.00	-0.01	0.00

## Top 10 holdings

Holding	Description	NAV
Costain Group	Construction and engineering company	5.1%
Fintel	Outsourced regulatory services provider	4.5%
TruFin	Provides financing services to FinTech	4.4%
Franchise Brands	A collection of market-leading franchise businesses	4.3%
Elixirr	Digital design and business regulation service	4.0%
AdvancedAdvT	Provides acquisition opportunities in software sector	4.0%
Netcall	Communication equipment provider	3.9%
Diaceutics	Pharmaceutical data analytics and services	3.8%
Iomart	Web hosting and internet security messaging services provider	3.6%
Strategic Equity Capital plc	Specialist UK smaller companies investment trust	3.5%

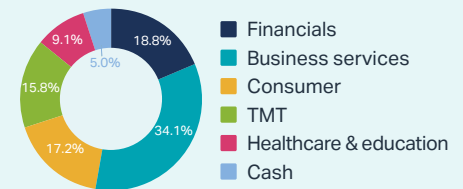
## Portfolio activity

We made no new investments, however we made several follow-on investments, including into **Iomart** a hybrid cloud managed services provider which the Manager believes trades on an undemanding valuation; and **ActiveOps**, an enterprise SaaS provider focused on workforce management and back-office productivity. We fully exited **Youngs & Co Brewery PLC** during the period. We had received shares in **Young's** as part of the takeover bid for **City Pubs Group**, and whilst we view the business as a quality growth compounder, it did not meet the market capitalisation size criteria for this fund.

## Primary share class information

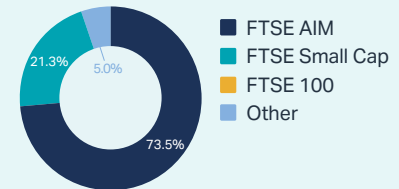
Type	A Class		C Institutional Class	
	Acc	Inc	Acc	Inc
Minimum investment	£100,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Minimum top up	£10,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
Minimum regular savings plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Initial charge (fully discounted)	Up to 5%	Up to 2.5%	Up to 2.5%	Up to 2.5%
Annual management charge	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%
Ongoing Charges	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%
ISIN code	GB00B55S9X98	GB00BV9FYS80	GB00BV9FYT97	
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## Sector allocation



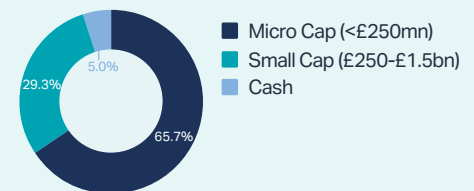
Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 May 2024)

## Index weighting



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 May 2024)

## Market cap breakdown



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 May 2024)

## 1. Fund statistics definitions

**Volatility** is a statistical measurement that, when applied to an investment fund, expresses its volatility, or risk. It shows how widely a range of returns varied from the fund's average return over a particular period.

**Alpha** is a measure of a fund's over-or-underperformance in comparison to the benchmark of the fund. Alpha represents the extra value the manager's activities have contributed, the greater the alpha, the greater the outperformance.

**Beta** is a statistical estimate of a fund's volatility in comparison to its benchmark. It depicts how sensitive the fund is to movements in the section of the market that comprises the benchmark.

**Sharpe** is the level of a fund's return over and above the return of a notional risk-free investment, such as cash or government bonds. The difference in returns is then divided by the fund's standard deviation (volatility). This is an indication of the amount of excess return generated per unit of risk. In general it is considered that the higher the Sharpe ratio, the better.

**Information ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure of actively managed fund performance. It assesses the degree to which a manager uses skill and knowledge to enhance the fund returns. The higher the information ratio, the better. It is generally considered that a figure of 0.5 reflects a good performance, 0.75 very good, and 1 outstanding.

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## Portfolio manager

### Gresham House Asset Management Ltd (GHAM)

As the operating business of Gresham House, GHAM manages and advises funds and co-investments across a range of differentiated alternative investment strategies for third-party clients. Gresham House is a specialist asset manager and adviser with c.£8.5bn AUM.

Source: Gresham House as at 31 December 2023.

## Key risks

- The value of the Fund and the income from it is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. As your capital is at risk you may get back less than you originally invested
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance
- Funds investing in smaller companies may carry a higher degree of risk than funds investing in larger companies. The shares of smaller companies may be less liquid than securities in larger companies

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