

WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund

January 2025



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

Financial Express (FE) Rank 13/36 over 10 years to 31 January 2025.

Fund performance

Source: FE Analytics based on the returns of the A share class, net of charges, ten-year return to 31 January 2025



● A - WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap A Acc in GB (100.0%) ● B - IA UK Smaller Companies TR in GB (82.1%)

Cumulative performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 January 2025

Cumulative returns month ending 31 January 2025	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since launch (19 May 2009)
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	-2.8%	-2.8%	5.5%	-18.3%	0.0%	100.0%	414.3%
IA UK Smaller Companies	-0.9%	-0.9%	5.8%	-13.9%	3.6%	82.1%	353.1%
Quartile	4	4	3	3	3	2	3

Discrete performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 January 2025

Discrete annual returns	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	-2.8%	8.7%	5.0%	-30.1%	25.4%	6.5%
IA UK Smaller Companies	-0.9%	6.7%	0.5%	-25.2%	22.9%	6.5%

Performance

In January 2025, the WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund decreased by **2.8%**, underperforming the IA UK Smaller Companies sector, which decreased by 0.9%.

Positive contributions came from **Inspired (+1.8% Contribution to Total Return ("CTR"))** following a £22mn equity raise (including the retail offer), cornerstoned by a number of Gresham House Public Equity funds, which has materially reduced balance sheet risk; **Argentex (+0.5% CTR)** following a full-year trading update ahead of market expectations; and **Tribal (+0.2% CTR)** following a trading update which showed strong annual recurring revenue growth, driving financial results ahead of expectations.

The largest detractors were **Ricardo (-1.5% CTR)** following a profit warning driven by delayed project mobilisations across the E&E, Rail, and Automotive & Industrial divisions, combined with lower-than-expected cash generation due to working capital headwinds; **Everyman Media (-0.6% CTR)** following a full-year profit warning driven by a poorer-than-expected box office performance of key releases, a clustered film slate in Q4 which drove lower footfall, and a higher proportion of children's films in the viewing mix which reduced attachment rates of food and beverage products; and **Franchise Brands (-0.4% CTR)** following a full-year trading update which reported EBITDA marginally below expectations due to moderately subdued system sales but combined with a broadly positive growth outlook, particularly on the US.

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

25 years' experience



Co-Manager
Brendan Gulston

14 years' experience

Fund information

Launch date 19 May 2009

Fund size £141.6mn

Fund sector IA UK Smaller Companies

Number of holdings 42

Portfolio turnover rate 45%
(12-month period to 31 January 2025)

Fund price 199.11p C ACC (as at 31 January 2025)

Pricing 12:00 noon (GMT)

ISA eligible Yes

Ratings



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Platforms hosting the Fund¹

- 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

1. Selection only

Fund statistics¹

Source: FE Analytics, based on three years to 31 January 2025. Volatility, Alpha, Beta, Sharpe and Info Ratio are benchmarked against the Fund's own sector average

Risk ratios month ending 31 January 2025	Volatility	Alpha	Beta	Sharpe	Information Ratio
WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund	13.27	-3.34	0.79	-0.01	-0.22
IA UK Smaller Companies	14.01	0.00	1.00	-0.01	0.00

Top 10 holdings

Holding	Description	NAV
Windward	Maritime artificial intelligence company	6.0%
Inspired	Energy procurement consultancy	5.0%
Angling Direct	Specialist fishing tackle retailer	4.6%
Strategic Equity Capital	Closed-end fund aiming to achieve absolute returns	4.3%
MPAC Group	Packaging solutions and support services	3.9%
AdvancedAdvT	Acquisition opportunities in software sector	3.9%
Netcall	Communication equipment provider	3.8%
Argentex	Corporate foreign exchange services	3.5%
Tribal Group	Technology products and service provider	3.4%
Loungers	Café and bar/lounge operator	3.4%

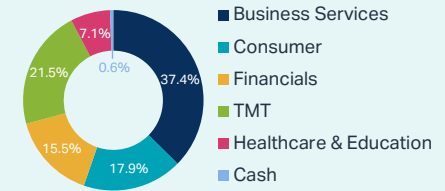
Portfolio activity

We made one new investment during the period into **Tribal Group** ("Tribal"), an international provider of student administration software with market leading positions in the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Tribal is well known to the Manager, which believes it to provide strong defensive characteristics with high visibility of earnings through its SaaS revenues, and is attractively valued relative to software sector averages for quoted peers and precedent transactions. Since investment, Tribal has reported full year results ahead of consensus expectations with particularly encouraging performance in recurring revenue, EBITDA and cash generation.

Primary share class information

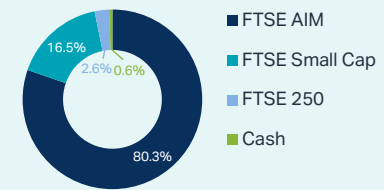
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	Acc	Inc
Minimum investment	£10,000	£10,000
Minimum top up	£1,000	£1,000
Minimum regular savings plan	N/A	N/A
Initial charge (fully discounted)	Up to 2.5%	Up to 2.5%
Annual management charge	0.90%	0.90%
Ongoing Charges	0.98%	0.98%
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Sector allocation



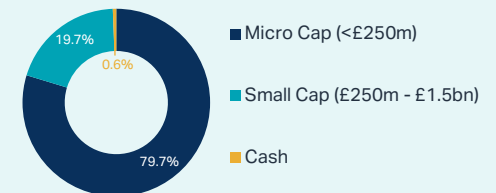
Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 January 2025)

Index weighting



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 January 2025)

Market cap breakdown



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 January 2025)

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

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Source: Gresham House as at 31 December 2024.

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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