

WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund

March 2026



Gresham House
Specialist investment

Fund objective

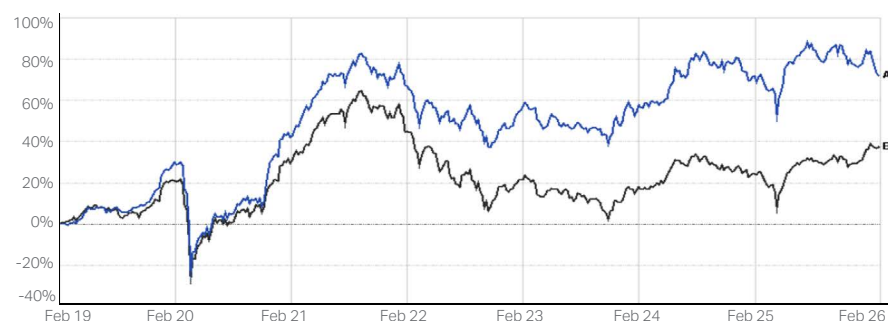
To provide capital growth over the long term (in excess of five years), after all costs and charges have been taken. **Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over the time period.** The fund seeks to directly invest at least 70% of its assets in shares of smaller-sized UK companies. These are listed companies with a market capitalisation within the lowest 10% of the listed UK equities markets.

Fund rank

Financial Express (FE) rank 11/43 over 5 years to 31 March 2026.

Fund performance

Source: FE Analytics based on the returns of the C share class, net of charges, since launch to 31 March 2026



- A - WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies C Acc in GB (56.5%)
- B - IA UK Smaller Companies TR in GB (22.3%)

Cumulative performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 March 2026

| Cumulative returns month ending 31 March 2026 | 1 month | YTD | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | Since launch (1 Feb 2019) |
|---|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund | -9.3% | -11.9% | -4.6% | 4.9% | 0.2% | 56.5% |
| IA UK Smaller Companies | -11.4% | -6.8% | 4.7% | 7.1% | -12.2% | 22.3% |
| Quartile | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Discrete performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 31 March 2026

| Discrete annual returns | YTD | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|--------|------|------|------|--------|-------|
| WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund | -11.9% | 2.1% | 9.5% | 7.3% | -16.0% | 25.5% |
| IA UK Smaller Companies | -6.8% | 4.2% | 6.7% | 0.5% | -25.2% | 22.9% |

Performance

In February 2026, the WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund decreased by 6.2%, underperforming the IA UK Smaller Companies sector which decreased by 0.2%.

Positive contributors included **Costain (+0.3% Contribution to Total Return ("CTR"))** following a January trading update highlighting another strong year of trading with increased profitability, strong cash generation and substantial new contract awards across growth markets, alongside a new pension scheme agreement supporting enhanced shareholder returns including a planned £20m share buyback and potential dividend increase; **Young & Co's Brewery (+0.2% CTR)** on no specific news flow during the period; and **Brooks Macdonald (+0.2% CTR)** after reporting half-year results showing a return to positive net inflows driven by its model portfolio service (MPS) franchise alongside progressive dividend growth.

Key detractors included **MHA (-0.8% CTR)**, **Trustpilot (-0.7% CTR)**, and **GlobalData (-0.6% CTR)**, all on no specific company news flow but following an indiscriminate sell-off of stocks perceived to be exposed to AI disintermediation risk after the release of several new vertical-specific Large Language Models (from OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google), particularly across software, platforms, and professional services. We believe these companies are well insulated from AI-driven market changes, in many cases benefit from AI opportunities, and now trade on compelling valuations. Our confidence in their long-term prospects is supported by factors such as proprietary data ownership, deep domain expertise, operational embeddedness as systems-of-record, regulatory barriers to entry, and scaled distribution networks.

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Fund managers



Lead Manager
Ken Wotton

25 years' experience

Fund information

Launch date 1 February 2019

Fund size £249.4m

Fund sector IA UK Smaller Companies

Number of holdings 37

Portfolio turnover rate 39%
(12-month period to 31 March 2026)

Fund price 156.49p C Acc (as at 31 March 2026)

Pricing 12:00 noon (GMT)

ISA eligible Yes

Ratings 



Platforms hosting the Fund¹

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

1. Selection only

Fund statistics¹ Source: FE Analytics, based on three years to 31 March 2026. Volatility, Alpha, Beta, Sharpe and Info Ratio are benchmarked against the Fund's own sector average

| Risk ratios month ending 31 March 2026 | Volatility | Alpha | Beta | Sharpe | Information Ratio |
|--|------------|-------|------|--------|-------------------|
| WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund | 12.86 | -0.76 | 0.88 | 0.00 | -0.11 |
| IA UK Smaller Companies | 12.94 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Top 10 holdings

| Holding | Description | NAV |
|--------------------|--|------|
| Brooks Macdonald | Provides investment management services | 5.4% |
| XPS Pensions Group | Actuarial consultancy | 5.0% |
| Costain Group | Technology based construction and engineering company | 4.2% |
| Everplay Group | Everplay Group is a games label by independent developers for independent developers | 3.8% |
| Science Group | Science Group PLC offers technology product development and technology management services | 3.8% |
| Trustpilot | Provides a digital platform for consumer reviews and insights worldwide | 3.7% |
| Trainline | Trainline is a British digital rail and coach technology platform operating across Europe | 3.7% |
| Moonpig Group | Moonpig is an internet-based business greeting cards/gifts business | 3.6% |
| MHA Group | Accountancy, tax and advisory professional services business | 3.5% |
| Elixirr | Elixirr International Limited operates as a business management consulting firm | 3.3% |

Portfolio activity

We made one new investment during the period, into **Concurrent Technologies**, a provider of high-performance computing and simulation software solutions, which we believe is well placed to benefit from strong secular demand for advanced modelling and digital engineering tools across defence, aerospace and industrial sectors, supported by a differentiated technology stack and repeat revenue model that underpins long-term growth potential.

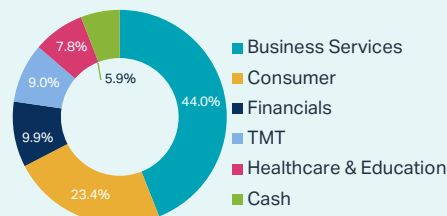
The Fund made three full exits during the period, from; **Telecom Plus**, following our concerns regarding the sustainability of organic profit growth given the widening disconnect between the headline organic growth rate and that of number of services, or value, per customer; and **TP ICAP** and **Hollywood Bowl**, following minor portfolio construction changes and solid share price performance in both names over the Fund's holding periods.

Primary share class information

C Sterling

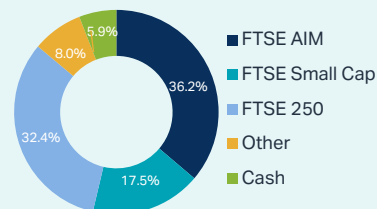
| Type | Acc | Inc |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Minimum investment | £10,000 | £10,000 |
| Minimum top up | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| Minimum regular savings plan | n/a | n/a |
| Initial charge (fully discounted) | 2.5% | 2.5% |
| Annual management charge | 0.75% | 0.75% |
| Ongoing Charges | 0.82% | 0.82% |
| ISIN code | GB00BH416G53 | GB00BH416F47 |
| SEDOL code | BH416G5 | BH416F4 |
| MEX ID | LIUYA | LIOKJ |

Sector allocation



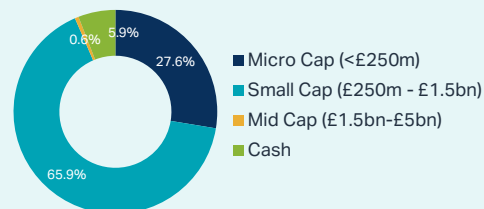
Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 March 2026)

Index weighting



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 March 2026)

Market cap breakdown



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 31 March 2026)

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)

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Source: Gresham House as at 31 December 2025.

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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