

Price & NAV Data

As at 30 Oct 2020	
Price	1488.00p
NAV	1454.75p
Premium (+) / Discount (-)	+2.3%
OCF to 30.06.20	1.0%

Standing Data

Since Inception	
Portfolio Manager	Simon Barnard
Fund Type	Investment Trust
EPIC Code/Ticker	SSON
Launch Date	19 October 2018
Performance Fee	None
AMC	0.9%
Base Currency	GBP
Sponsor & Broker	Investec Bank
Legal Adviser	Travers Smith LLP
Auditor	Deloitte LLP
Administrator & Depositary	Northern Trust
Registrar	Link Asset Services
Co. Secretary	Praxis IFM
Dealing	LSE Main Market
AIC Sector	Global Smaller Companies

Key Facts

As at 30 Oct 2020	
Est. Portfolio Yield	0.6%
No. Holdings	31
Median Company Founded	1973
Average Market Cap	£8.8bn
Gearing policy	Up to 15% short term
No. Shares in Issue	133,240,958
Market Capitalisation	£2.0bn

Geographic Split

As at 30 Oct 2020 by Listing	%
USA	44.8
UK	23.1
Australia	7.5
Switzerland	6.3
Denmark	5.8
Germany	5.4
Italy	3.6
New Zealand	2.2
Cash	1.1

Sector Split

As at 30 Oct 2020 by NAV - GICS® Categories	%
Information Technology	42.0
Industrials	21.8
Healthcare	12.4
Consumer Discretionary	8.7
Consumer Staples	5.3
Communication Services	4.6
Financials	2.8
Materials	1.3
Cash	1.1

Security Identification Codes

Name	Code
SEDOL	BGJWTR8
ISIN	GB00BGJWTR88
EPIC	SSON

Fund Aim

The Company's investment policy is to invest in shares issued by small and mid sized companies with a market capitalisation (at the time of investment) of between £500 million to £15 billion (although the Company expects that the average market capitalisation of the companies in which it invests to be approximately £7 billion) on a long-term, global basis. The Company's approach is to be a long-term investor in its chosen stocks. It will not adopt short-term trading strategies. Accordingly, it will pursue its investment policy by investing in approximately 25 to 40 companies as follows:

- the Company can invest up to 10 per cent. in value of its Gross Assets (as at the time of investment) in shares issued by any single body;
- not more than 20 per cent. in value of the Gross Assets (as at the time of investment) can be in deposits held with a single body. In applying this limit all uninvested cash (except cash representing distributable income or credited to a distribution account that the Depositary holds) should be included;
- not more than 20 per cent. in value of the Gross Assets (as at the time of investment) can consist of shares issued by the same group. When applying the limit set out in (a) this provision would allow the Company to invest up to 10 per cent. in the shares of 2 companies which are members of the same group (as at the time of investment);
- the Company's holdings in any combination of shares or deposits issued by a single body must not exceed 20 per cent. in value of its Gross Assets (as at the time of investment) overall;
- the Company must not acquire shares issued by a body corporate and carrying rights to vote at a general meeting of that body corporate if the Company has the power to influence significantly the conduct of business of that body corporate (or would be able to do so after the acquisition of the shares). The Company is to be taken to have power to influence significantly if it exercises or controls the exercise of 20 per cent. or more of the voting rights in that body corporate; and
- the Company must not acquire shares which do not carry a right to vote on any matter at a general meeting of the body corporate that issued them and represent more than 10 per cent. of these securities issued by that body corporate.

Performance Overview, % Return

	Oct 2020	2020 to 30.10.20	2019	2018*	Inception to 30.10.20	Annualised to 30.10.20
Smithson NAV ¹	-2.7	+15.9	+33.2	-5.8	+45.5	+20.2
Smithson Share Price	-2.6	+14.6	+29.8	+0.0	+48.8	+21.6
Equities ²	-0.6	-2.6	+21.9	-8.3	+8.9	+4.3
UK Bonds ³	-0.2	+4.2	+3.8	+2.1	+10.4	+5.0
Cash ⁴	+0.0	+0.3	+0.8	+0.2	+1.3	+0.6

¹Source: Bloomberg, starting NAV 1000. ²MSCI World SMID Index, £ Net, source: www.msci.com.

³Bloomberg/Barclays Bond Indices UK Govt 5-10yr, source: Bloomberg. ⁴3 Month £ LIBOR Interest Rate source: Bloomberg. *From 19.10.18

Portfolio Comment for October 2020

We have built a position in Fortinet Inc. The company produces cybersecurity software provided through multi-year subscription contracts and firewall hardware appliances. Fortinet is one of four large players in the security software market and has been taking market share, growing at more than 20% over the last few years, while also improving its operating margin to around 20%. We sold our position in Check Point which is a direct competitor to Fortinet and has been growing at a low single digit percentage rate over the last couple of years and is therefore likely losing market share. The top 5 contributors in the month were Paycom, IPG Photonics, Technology One, Abcam and Domino's Pizza Enterprises. The top 5 detractors were Fevertree Drinks, Temenos, Equifax, Domino's Pizza Group and Qualys.

Top 10 Holdings

- Fevertree Drinks
- Rightmove
- IPG Photonics
- Domino's Pizza Enterprises
- Domino's Pizza Group
- Verisk Analytics
- Cognex
- Ansys
- Masimo
- Recordati

Smithson

- Small & Mid Cap Investments That Have Superior Operating Numbers

The OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) is the total expenses paid by the fund (excluding bank overdraft interest), annualised, against its average net asset value. The OCF will fluctuate as the average net assets and costs change. The OCF is updated following the publication of accounts for the periods ending 30th June and 31st December.

NB Where a position is being built for the fund the company name is not disclosed in factsheet data.

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Smithson Investment Trust ORD 1P

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PERFORMANCE CHART SCATTER CHART

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All performance is shown in Local currency.



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%) DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%) CALENDAR PERFORMANCE (%)

Performance data as at 30.10.20

Key	Chart	Instrument	YTD	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs	Since launch	Since launch ann.	Del
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smithson Investment Trust ORD 1P NAV	15.90	-2.66	0.37	13.25	24.02	-	-	-	45.48	20.25	
B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smithson Investment Trust ORD 1P	14.64	-2.62	0.40	13.59	24.00	-	-	-	48.80	21.59	
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sector:Global Smaller Companies	8.77	1.48	3.51	17.88	21.67	15.42	12.41	138.82	-	6.72	

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.7	-5.2	-5.8
2019	+7.5	+5.0	+5.5	+4.4	-3.6	+6.5	+2.1	-0.2	-1.0	-3.2	+7.5	-0.5	+33.2
2020	+0.2	-4.7	-5.4	+13.3	+11.7	+0.8	+0.1	+0.7	+2.3	-2.7			+15.9

Sector: Global Smaller Companies is the Association of Investment Companies defined sector and comprises a peer group of just 6 investment trusts which invest at least 80% of their assets in smaller company securities. Namely, BMO Global Smaller Companies, Edinburgh Worldwide, Herald, North Atlantic Smaller Companies, ScotGems and Smithson.

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