# WS Raynar UK Smaller Companies Fund

#### a sub fund of: WS Raynar Portfolio Management Funds Featured Share Class: F Accumulation

## Factsheet January 2025

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#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### Portfolio Manager:

**Philip Rodrigs** 

Founder of Raynar Portfolio Management



**18 Years Experience:** Managing UK equity funds since 2006, Philip is a multi award winner. Honoured as an all-sector Morningstar 'Outstanding Talent', Philip has been twice named as IW's UK Small Cap Fund Manager of the Year.

Launch Date:	1 July 2024
Fund AUM:	£32.6m
Raynar AUM:	£126.3m
Valuation Point:	12 Noon
ISA Eligible:	Yes
Year End Date:	30 April

#### Risk & Reward Profile:

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Lowe	er risk				Hig	her risk
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This fund is ranked 6 because its investment universe has experienced relatively high rises and falls over the past five years

#### Platform Availability:

•	Aegon	•	HSBC		
٠	AJ Bell	•	Interactive		
٠	Allfunds		Investors		
٠	Aviva	٠	Quilter		
٠	Barclays	٠	Platform		
٠	Calastone		Securities		
٠	EFG Bank	٠	Raymond James		
٠	Fundsettle	٠	UBP Bank		
٠	Hargreaves	٠	UBS		
	Lansdown	•	Waystone (direct)		
Others available – please enquire					

## **Fund Objective**

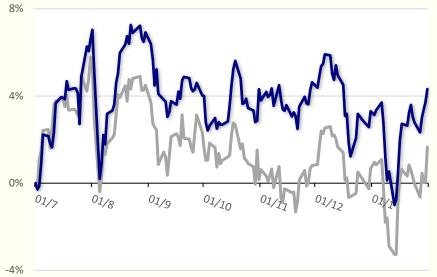
To achieve capital growth, over any five-year period, after all costs and charges incurred. Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over the time period.

The fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in a diversified portfolio of smaller companies that are incorporated, domiciled or have a significant part of their business in the UK.

### **Fund Performance**

Fund NAV: Benchmark: Class F – Accumulation shares total return Deutsche Numis UK Smaller Companies plus AIM ex Investment Companies Total Return index

#### Performance (%) since Fund Launch:



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	Since Launch
Fund	+1.0%	+0.0%	-2.1%			+4.3%
Index	+1.0%	+1.5%	-3.9%			+1.7%

2025 to

date

+1.0%

+1.0%

**NB:** There is an unavoidable mismatch between the two data-series. The Fund NAV is struck at midday, whereas the Benchmark index values are struck later in the day at market close. For the 3-month period above, it is estimated there is no mismatch at the end of January and, as noted in the October Factsheet, a 0.9% mismatch at the beginning of the period. It is therefore estimated that the index return of 1.5% would have been 0.6% on a matched basis.

**Source:** BNY. This performance information relates to the past. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.** Investing involves risk. The value of an investment can go down as well as up which means that sale proceeds could be less than you originally invested.

The Authorised Corporate Director of the fund is Waystone Management (UK) Limited (Contact : T : 0345 922 0044).

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2024

(Jul-Dec)

+3.3%

+0.7%

Top Ten Holdings	% of Fund	Sector Allocation*	% of Fund
Concurrent Technologies	2.3%	Diversified Financial Services	14.3%
Just Retirement	2.3%	Technology	12.4%
Greatland Gold	1.7%	Consumer Staples & Utilities	12.1%
Telecom Plus	1.7%	Consumer Discretionary	10.6%
FRP Advisory	1.6%	Business Services	10.2%
Kier Construction	1.6%	Real Estate & Fittings	9.7%
Coats Threads	1.6%	Manufacturing	9.0%
Hill & Smith	1.6%	Construction	8.2%
JTC	1.6%	Basic Materials	7.4%
TP ICAP	1.5%	Healthcare	2.5%
Total Number of Holdings	73	Cash	3.6%

\*Sector Allocation Source: Raynar Portfolio Management. Sector categorisations are chosen by the portfolio manager which, in their opinion, best describes the predominant driver of the underlying investments. Investments may be re-categorised.

## **Manager Commentary**

The 1% increase in NAV for January doesn't tell the whole story. As the chart on the prior page shows, the market took a sharp dip during the month, only to fully reverse the move and end on a positive note. Headlines regarding UK government bond yields exceeding 2022 peaks failed to emphasise that UK yields were simply moving in lockstep with other major economies. The announcement of a lower-than-expected rate of inflation for the UK brought an abrupt end to the negativity, resulting in a sharp rebound.

Defence-focused **Concurrent Technologies** surged 33.1% and became Top Holding on yet another major order alongside a strong trading statement. Rocketing a similar 32.2% with its own strong trading statement was **Filtronic** which provides communications tech to Elon Musk's SpaceX satellite broadband service. The additions of **AdvancedAdvT** and **Alfa** also bolstered the *Technology* allocation. Making way were *Diversified Financial Services* firms including the exit of volatility beneficiary **Plus500**, the reluctant departure of **Bank of Georgia** due to country risk and **Liontrust** on poor results. Another on its way out will be **Alliance Pharma** which jumped 34% on a take-over approach. The price of gold made new highs this month with **Greatland Gold** rallying 19.5% after a strong first month of ownership of world class Telfer. This outweighed an unduly sharp -17.8% reaction to gold and silver miner **Hochschild**'s guidance regarding cost increases largely down to currency moves. Fellow Peruvian, oil producer **PetroTal**, rebounded 21.2% on excellent production and a bounce in the oil price. Back in the UK, railways caused delays – **Renew** fell 19.1% on slow maintenance spending and **Trainline**'s 16.7% dip on what could be positive government app consolidation plans was harsh.

Share Classes	Class A Accumulation	Class A Income	Class F Accumulation	Class F Income
Inception Date	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024			
ISIN	GB00BRBGSY51	GB00BRBGSZ68	GB00BRBGT088	GB00BRBGT195
SEDOL	BRBGSY5	BRBGSZ6	BRBGT08	BRBGT19
Bloomberg Ticker	WSRPMAA LN	WSRPMAI LN	WSRPMFA LN	WSRPMFI LN
Minimum Initial Investment	n/a	n/a	£2m (Enquire)	£2m (Enquire)
Minimum top-up Investment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Initial Charge	0%	0%	0%	0%
Buying and Selling	Daily, 0%	Daily, 0%	Daily, 0%	Daily, 0%
Capped Max Ongoing Charge	1.20%	1.20%	0.95%	0.95%
of which Investment Management Charge	0.75%	0.75%	0.50%	0.50%

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