THE HENDERSON SMALLER COMPANIES INVESTMENT TRUST PLC



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Fund facts at 30 September 2021

Company objective

The objective of The Henderson Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc is to maximise shareholders' total returns by investing in smaller companies that are quoted in the United Kingdom. The latest Annual Report and Key Information Document set out the investment objective and policy in full and you should read them before investing.

For commentary from our fund manager please visit our website.

NAV (cum income) 1353.3p NAV (ex income) 1344.1p Share price 1226.0p Discount(-)/premium(+) -9.4% Yield 1.94% 10% Net gearing Net cash Total assets £1111m Net assets £1011m Market capitalisation £916m Shares in issue 74,701,796 Total number of holdings 109 0.39% Ongoing charges (year end 31/05/2021) Ratings

Source: BNP Paribas for holdings information and Morningstar for all other data. Differences in calculation may occur due to the methodology

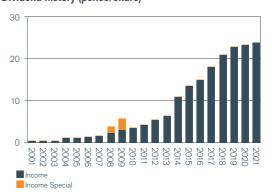
Morningstar rating - ★★★

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Share price performance (total return)

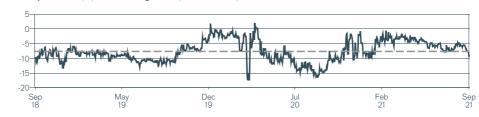


Dividend history (pence/share)



Please note that this chart could include dividends that have been declared but not yet paid.

Discount/premium (%) with average line (cum income)



Cumulative performance (cum income) (%)

Performance over	10y	5у	3у	1y	6m
Share price (Total Return)	496.6	111.0	44.2	66.1	6.3
Net Asset Value (Total Return)	429.2	99.0	42.6	56.6	14.5
Benchmark (Total Return)	220.2	54.2	26.5	45.9	9.2
Relative NAV Outperformance	209.0	44.8	16.1	10.7	5.3

(%)

3.5 3.1

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2.0

1.8

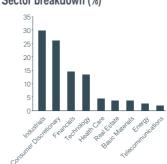
Annual performance (cum income) (%)

% change (updated quarterly)	Price	NAV
30/09/2020 to 30/09/2021	66.1	56.6
30/09/2019 to 30/09/2020	-10.6	-4.0
28/09/2018 to 30/09/2019	-2.9	-5.2
29/09/2017 to 28/09/2018	18.4	10.6
30/09/2016 to 29/09/2017	23.6	26.2
All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth d	ata is sourced from Mo	orningstar.

Top 10 holdings

Future
Impax Asset Management Group
Bellway
Learning Technologies Group
Watches of Switzerland Group
Oxford Instruments
Team17 Group
RWS
Ultra Electronics
Paragon Banking Group

Sector breakdown (%)



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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can rise as well as fall as a result of market and currency fluctuations, and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Company information

HSL Stock code AIC sector UK Smaller Companies Benchmark **NUMIS Smaller**

> Companies Index ex Investment Companies

> > average

Company type Conventional (Ords)

Launch date 1887 Financial year end 31 May Dividend payment March, October Risk rating Slightly above

(Source: Numis)

Management fee

0.35% of net assets

Performance fee Yes (See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)

Regional focus UK Fund manager 2002 appointment



Fund manager Neil Hermon





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Glossary

NAV (Cum Income) The value of investments and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value). NAV (Ex Income) The value of investments and cash, excluding current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value). Share price Closing mid-market share price at month end.

Discount/premium The amount by which the price per share of an investment trust is either lower (at a discount) or higher (at a premium) than the net asset value per share (cum income), expressed as a percentage of the net asset value

Total assets Cum Income NAV multiplied by the number of shares, plus prior charges at fair value.

Net assets Total assets minus any liabilities such as bank loans or creditors.

Market capitalisation Month end closing mid-market share price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding at month

Share price total return The theoretical total return to the investor assuming that all dividends received were reinvested in the shares of the company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. Transaction costs are not taken into account.

Net asset value total return The theoretical total return on shareholders' funds per share reflecting the change in Net Asset Value (NAV) assuming that dividends paid to shareholders were reinvested at NAV at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. A way of measuring investment management performance of investment trusts which is not affected by movements in discounts/premiums.

Yield Calculated by dividing the current financial year's dividends per share (this will include prospective dividends) by the current price per share, then multiplying by 100 to arrive at a percentage figure.

Ongoing charges The total expenses for the financial year (excluding performance fee), divided by the average daily net assets, multiplied by 100.

Gearing The effect of borrowing money for investment purposes (financial gearing). The amount a company can "gear" is the amount it can borrow in order to invest. Gearing is used in the expectation that the returns on the investments bought will exceed the costs of the borrowings that funded the purchase. This Company can also use synthetic gearing through derivatives and foreign exchange hedging and/or other non-fully funded instruments or techniques.

Leverage The Trust's leverage is the sum of financial gearing and synthetic gearing. Details of the Trust's leverage limits can be found in both the Key Information Document and Annual Report. Where a trust utilises leverage, the profits and losses incurred by the trust can be greater than those of a trust that does not use leverage.

Net cash A company's net exposure to cash/cash equivalents expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds, after any offset against its gearing. This is only shown for companies that have gearing in place.

Net gearing A company's total assets (less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds expressed as a percentage.

Risk rating The key measure used to assess risk is volatility of returns, using historic net asset value (NAV) performance of the trust over 1 and 3 years. In this instance volatility measures how much a trust's NAV fluctuates over time in relation to the UK Equity market. The higher a volatility figure, the more the NAV has fluctuated (both up and down) over time. Please note that risk categorisations are indicative and based principally on historic data and should not be solely relied upon when making investment decisions.

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Specific risks

- Most of the investments in this portfolio are in smaller companies shares. They may be more difficult to buy and sell and their share price may fluctuate more than that of larger companies.
- If a fund is a specialist country-specific or geographic regional fund, the investment carries greater risk than a more internationally diversified portfolio.

How to invest

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