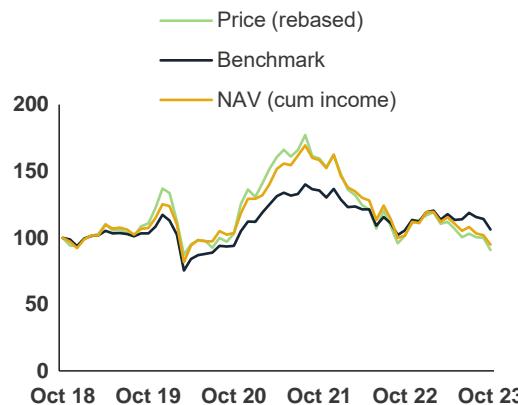
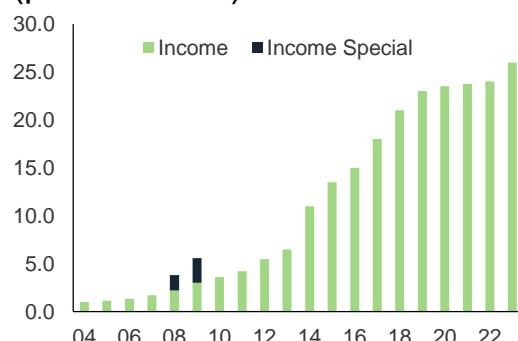


## Share price performance (total return)



## Dividend history (pence/share)



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

### Performance over (%)

	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y
Share price (Total return)	-19.0	-10.5	-12.0	-9.4	53.0
NAV (Total return)	-17.7	-6.7	-8.5	-5.2	57.3
Benchmark (Total return)	-9.7	0.8	13.2	6.2	44.3
Relative NAV (Total return)	-8.0	-7.5	-21.7	-11.4	13.0

### Discrete year Share price NAV performance (%) (total return) (total return)

30/9/2022 to 30/9/2023	4.2	2.0
30/9/2021 to 30/9/2022	-40.5	-37.6
30/9/2020 to 30/9/2021	66.1	56.3
30/9/2019 to 30/9/2020	-10.6	-4.0
30/9/2018 to 30/9/2019	-2.9	-5.2

All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth data is sourced from Morningstar.

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## Commentary at a glance

### Performance

In the month under review the Company's NAV total return was -6.9% and the Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index total return was -7.0%.

### Contributors/detractors

Ascential was a positive contributor after agreeing sales of its digital commerce and WGSN businesses. Oxford Instruments detracted after announcing earnings could hit the bottom of the forecasted range.

### Outlook

Equity market declines have thrown up fantastic buying opportunities. However, we believe it is important to be selective around the strength of franchise, market positioning and balance sheets.

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## Company overview

### Objective

The Company aims to maximise shareholders' total returns (capital and income) by investing in smaller companies that are quoted in the United Kingdom.

## Company information

NAV (cum income)	758.7p
NAV (ex income)	744.9p
Share price	649.0p
Discount(-)/premium(+) (%)	-14.5%
Yield	4.0%
Net gearing	14%
Net cash	-
Total assets	£657m
Net assets	£567m
Market capitalisation	£485m
Total voting rights	74,701,796
Total number of holdings	98
Ongoing charges (year end 31 May 2023) (%)	0.44%
Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index	

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

Please note that the total voting rights in the Company do not include shares held in Treasury.

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Top 10 holdings(%)

## Geographical focus (%)

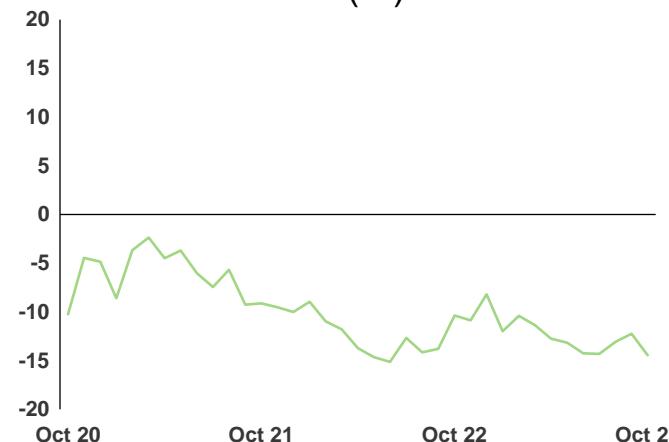
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Bellway	3.1
Balfour Beatty	2.8
Mitchells & Butlers	2.6
Oxford Instruments	2.6
Vesuvius	2.6
Ascential	2.5
Paragon Banking	2.4
Future	2.3
Computacenter	2.1
Impax Asset Management	1.9

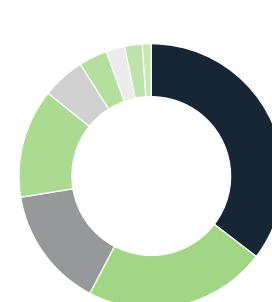
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## Premium/(discount) of share price to NAV at fair value (%)



## Sector breakdown (%)

Industrials	35.4%
Consumer Discretionary	22.3%
Financials	14.8%
Technology	13.3%
Real Estate	5.2%
Energy	3.5%
Basic Materials	2.3%
Telecoms	2.2%
Health Care	1.1%



The above sector breakdown may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## Key information

Stock code	HSL
AIC sector	AIC UK Smaller Companies
Benchmark	Numis Smaller Companies ex Investment Companies Index
Company type	Conventional (Ords)
Launch date	1887
Financial year	31-May
Dividend payment	March, October
Risk rating (Source: Numis)	Slightly above average
Management fee	0.35% of net assets
Performance fee	Yes
(See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)	
Regional focus	UK
Fund manager appointment	Neil Hermon 2002 Indriatti van Hien 2016



Neil Hermon  
Fund Manager



Indriatti van Hien  
Deputy Fund Manager

## 10 year total return of £1,000



All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth data is sourced from Morningstar. Share price total return is calculated using mid-market share price with dividends reinvested.

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## Glossary

### **Discount/Premium**

The amount by which the price per share of an investment company 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 per share.

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

### **Market capitalisation**

Share price multiplied by the number of shares in issue, excluding treasury shares, at month end. Shares typically priced mid-market at month-end closing.

### **Net Asset Value (NAV)**

The total value of a Company's assets less its liabilities.

### **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).

### **NAV 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.

### **Net assets**

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

### **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.

### **Ongoing charges**

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

### **Risk rating**

The key measure used to assess risk is volatility of returns, using historic net asset value (NAV) performance of the Company over 1 and 3 years. In this instance volatility measures how much a company'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.

### **Share price**

Closing mid-market share price at month end.

### **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.

### **Total assets**

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

### **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.

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## Source for fund ratings/awards

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## Company specific risks

- This Company is suitable to be used as one component of several within a diversified investment portfolio. Investors should consider carefully the proportion of their portfolio invested in this Company.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or negative for performance at other times.
- The Company could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Company.
- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.
- The return on your investment is directly related to the prevailing market price of the Company's shares, which will trade at a varying discount (or premium) relative to the value of the underlying assets of the Company. As a result, losses (or gains) may be higher or lower than those of the Company's assets.
- If a Company's portfolio is concentrated towards a particular country or geographical region, the investment carries greater risk than a portfolio that is diversified across more countries.
- Most of the investments in this portfolio are in smaller companies shares. They may be more difficult to buy and sell, and their share prices may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.
- Using derivatives exposes the Company to risks different from - and potentially greater than - the risks associated with investing directly in securities. It may therefore result in additional loss, which could be significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.
- The Company may use gearing (borrowing to invest) as part of its investment strategy. If the Company utilises its ability to gear, the profits and losses incurred by the Company can be greater than those of a Company that does not use gearing.

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