

# THE EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

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## Fund facts at 31 July 2022

### Company objective

The Company seeks capital growth by investing in smaller and medium sized companies which are quoted, domiciled, listed or have operations in Europe (excluding the UK). 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)** 172.2p

**NAV (ex income)** 168.0p

**Share price** 142.5p

**Discount(-)/premium(+) (%)** -17.2%

**Yield** 2.19%

**Net gearing** 9%

**Net cash** -

**Total assets** £748m

**Net assets** £690m

**Market capitalisation** £571m

**Shares in issue** 400,867,176

**Total number of holdings** 127

**Ongoing charges** 0.71%  
(year end 30/06/2021)

**Ratings**  
Morningstar rating - ★★★★

Please note, the issued share capital shown does not include any shares held in Treasury.

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

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### Share price performance (total return)



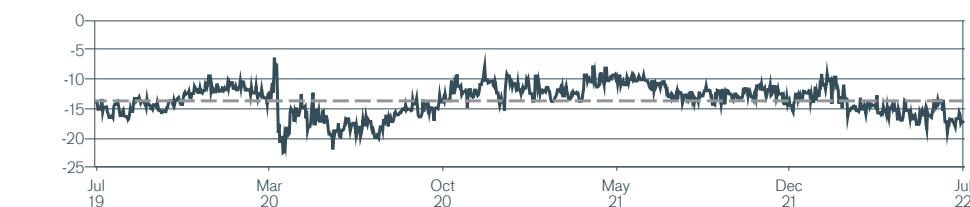
From July 2022, the benchmark changed from the EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK Index to the MSCI Europe Ex UK Small Cap GR GBP.

### 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	5y	3y	1y	6m
Share price (Total Return)	376.7	15.7	37.1	-19.0	-16.0
Net Asset Value (Total Return)	345.6	29.2	41.2	-15.3	-9.6
Benchmark (Total Return)	240.2	26.2	21.6	-13.5	-8.8
<b>Relative NAV Outperformance</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-0.8</b>

### Annual performance (cum income) (%)

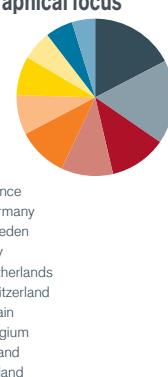
Discrete year performance % change (updated quarterly)	Share Price	NAV
30/06/2021 to 30/06/2022	-23.1	-21.0
30/06/2020 to 30/06/2021	79.5	63.5
28/06/2019 to 30/06/2020	-2.5	2.9
29/06/2018 to 28/06/2019	-10.4	-7.3
30/06/2017 to 29/06/2018	-3.2	1.7

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

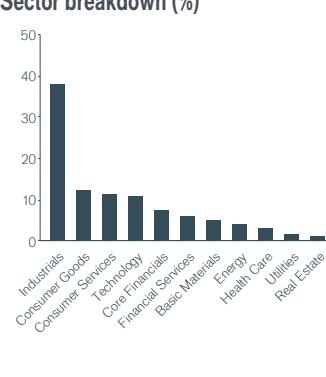
### Top 10 holdings

Van Lanschot Kempen	2.7
TKH Group	2.4
DFDS	2.3
FLEX LNG	2.0
BFF Bank	1.6
u-blox	1.5
Nexans	1.5
Karnov Group	1.4
Barco	1.4
Grenergy Renovables	1.4

### Geographical focus



### Sector breakdown (%)



The above geographical breakdown may not add up to 100% as this only shows the top 10.

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Please remember that past performance does not predict future returns. 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

Stock code	ESCT
AIC sector	European Smaller Companies
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Small Cap ex UK Index
Company type	Conventional (Ords)
Launch date	1990
Financial year end	30 Jun
Dividend payment	April, November
Risk rating (Source: Numis)	Above average
Management fee	0.55% pa on first £800m of net assets and 0.45% pa in excess thereof.
Performance fee	Yes (See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)
Regional focus	Europe
Fund manager appointment	2011



Fund manager  
Ollie Beckett

## 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 per share.

**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 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.

**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 not made in Sterling, so exchange rates could affect the value and income from your investment.
- 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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## Other documents available online

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