

**Investment Objective:** To achieve long term capital growth by investment in UK quoted smaller companies.

**Reference Index:** The Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (excluding Investment Companies).

**Features of the Trust:** The Trust invests in an actively managed portfolio of smaller and mid sized companies in the UK equity market. The Trust is designed to produce long term capital growth.

The portfolio will normally comprise around 60 individual holdings representing the Investment Manager's highest conviction investment ideas.

UK - Investment Trust

UK Smaller Companies

Monthly

Fund Manager	Harry Nimmo	Sedol (CULS)	B3YXOW7
Launch Date	1993	Reuters	SLS.L
Sedol (Ordinary shares)	0295958	Reuters (CULS)	SLSCls.L

Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust plc ('the Company') currently conducts its affairs so that securities issued by it can be recommended by financial advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The Company's securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are securities in a UK listed investment trust.

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## Trust Information

as at 28 February 2018	
Trust Managers	Standard Life Investments (Since 01/09/2003)
Gross Assets	£402.0million (Source: Standard Life Investments)
Borrowing	£36.0million (Source: Standard Life Investments)
Market Capitalisation	£343.1million (Source: Standard Life Investments)
Share Price	496.0p (Source: Standard Life Investments)
CULS Price#	206.0p (Source: Standard Life Investments)
Net Asset Value*	509.0p (Source: Standard Life Investments)
(Discount)/Premium	(2.6)% (Source: Standard Life Investments)
	12 Month High 1.9% (Source: Datastream)
	12 Month Low (9.7)% (Source: Datastream)
Net yield	1.4% (Source: Standard Life Investments)
Current Equity Net Gearing	7.4% (Source: Standard Life Investments)
The levels of gearing and yield change on a daily basis.	
Dividends Semi Annually	April/October
Trust Annual Management Fee	0.85% on Gross Assets up to £250 million, 0.65% on Gross Assets above £250 million
CULS Conversion Price#	237.2542p
Final CULS conversion & interest payment date#	29 March 2018
Active Share percentage~	94.6%

\*Diluted net asset value including income  
#3.5% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2018 (CULS)  
~The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what portion of the portfolio's holdings differ from the reference index holdings.

## Portfolio Breakdown - Sector 28 February 2018

Sector	Portfolio (%)
Industrials	25.1
Consumer Services	18.3
Consumer Goods	15.8
Information Technology	13.5
Health Care	13.1
Financials	7.5
Telecoms	4.1
Cash & Other	2.6

## Top Twenty Holdings

Stocks	Portfolio (%)
NMC Health	4.1
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	3.9
First Derivatives	3.7
Fevertree Drinks	3.6
Abcam	3.2
JD Sports Fashion	3.1
Midwich	3.1
Cranswick	3.0
Accesso Technology	2.9
Hilton Food Group	2.8
RWS	2.8
XP Power	2.7
Workspace	2.6
Gamma Communications	2.4
Sanne	2.3
CVS	2.3
Ted Baker	2.2
4Imprint	2.1
Marshalls	2.1
Hill & Smith	2.0
Total	56.9

## Composition by Market Capitalisation (Ex Cash)

	Portfolio %
FTSE 100	4.2
FTSE 250*	15.0
Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM	73.8
AIM**	7.0

\*FTSE 250 are mid cap holdings that are above the threshold for Numis Smaller Companies holdings.

\*\* AIM holdings that are not included in the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM index.

## Trust Information (Continued)

### Ten Largest Positions Relative to the Reference Index

Overweight Stocks	Portfolio %	Ref Index %	Relative %	Overweight Stocks	Portfolio %	Ref Index %	Relative %
NMC Health	4.1	0.0	4.1	JD Sports Fashion	3.1	0.0	3.1
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	3.9	0.0	3.9	Cranwick	3.0	0.0	3.0
Fevtree Drinks	3.6	0.0	3.6	Midwich	3.1	0.2	2.9
First Derivatives	3.7	0.4	3.3	Accesso Technology	2.9	0.2	2.7
Abcam	3.2	0.0	3.2	Workspace	2.6	0.0	2.6

### 5 Year Trust Performance - Price Indexed



### Performance

Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream, capital returns. The percentage growth figures above are calculated over periods to 28 February 2018 on a mid to mid basis.

	3 months (%)	1 Year (%)	2 Years (%)	3 Years (%)	4 Years (%)	5 Years (%)
SL UK Smaller Companies Trust (Share Price)	-0.2	24.6	39.7	72.2	42.9	92.2
SL UK Smaller Companies Trust (NAV)	2.6	22.5	44.5	63.3	48.8	99.1
Reference Index	-1.7	7.5	26.6	20.8	15.3	48.2

Note: Past Performance is not a guide to future performance. The price of shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Note: Reference Index is the Numis Smaller Companies (ex Investment Companies) up to 31st December 2017, then the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (excluding Investment Companies) thereafter.

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