

# Global Small Companies Equity Fund



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## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the active Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investments in equity securities of small companies based both inside and outside the United States.

## Philosophy and Process

Harding Loevner believes a diversified portfolio of high-quality, durable-growth companies purchased at reasonable prices will provide superior investment returns with below-average risk over the long term. Our analysts conduct careful bottom-up research of individual companies and analyze the competitive dynamics of their industries to identify the best growth companies and to assess the value of their shares. To qualify for investment, companies must be well managed, financially strong, and possess clear competitive advantages relative to their peers.

## Fund Facts

Domicile/Type	Ireland/UCITS
Base Currency	US Dollar
Benchmark	MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index
Fund Inception	13 December 2018
Total Fund Assets	US \$1.6M
Number of Holdings	102
Settlement Period	T+3
Dealing Deadline*	10AM Irish time
Investment Manager	Harding Loevner LP
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
SFDR Classification	Article 8

\*Dealing cutoffs through intermediaries may vary; investors accessing the Fund through an intermediary should confirm the dealing deadline with their provider.

## Portfolio Managers

**Samuel Hosseini, CFA, ACA**  
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager  
Harding Loevner since 2017

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Portfolio Manager  
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## Class I – US Dollar Performance (% Total Return) as of 30 September 2024

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results.

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Global Small Companies Equity Fund	7.45	16.98	-1.66	7.70	8.60
MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index USD	8.80	24.62	2.60	9.40	9.65

Class I Inception date: 13 December 2018. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

## Class I – US Dollar

Calendar Year Performance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Global Small Companies Equity Fund	29.10	27.50	11.30	-21.96	14.53
MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index USD	24.65	16.33	16.10	-18.67	16.84

Fund performance is shown net of fees. Benchmark performance is shown net of withholding taxes.

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	Fund		Geography	Fund	
	Fund	Benchmark		Fund	Benchmark
Comm Services	9.7	3.1	Canada	0.4	3.3
Cons Discretionary	10.1	13.3	Emerging Markets	11.4	14.6
Cons Staples	6.5	5.0	Europe EMU	14.0	5.3
Energy	1.7	3.8	Europe ex EMU	20.8	8.9
Financials	14.9	14.8	Frontier Markets	2.6	-
Health Care	13.0	9.6	Japan	11.6	10.7
Industrials	24.8	19.6	Middle East	0.6	0.8
Info Technology	10.8	11.7	Pacific ex Japan	0.0	4.3
Materials	2.9	8.2	United States	35.0	52.1
Real Estate	0.0	8.2	Cash	3.6	-
Utilities	2.0	2.7			
Cash	3.6	-			

"Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

## Portfolio Characteristics

Quality and Growth	Fund	Benchmark	Risk and Valuation	Fund	Benchmark
Profit Margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	9.1	7.1	Alpha <sup>2</sup>	-0.53	-
Return on Assets <sup>1</sup> (%)	8.1	5.0	Beta <sup>2</sup>	0.88	-
Return on Equity <sup>1</sup> (%)	13.6	10.7	R-Squared <sup>2</sup>	0.90	-
Debt/Equity Ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	23.5	56.7	Active Share <sup>3</sup>	98	-
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE <sup>1</sup> (%)	4.1	6.2	Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>	19.35	20.90
Sales Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.4	6.8	Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.28	0.34
Earnings Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.5	8.0	Price/Earnings <sup>4</sup>	19.5	16.4
Cash Flow Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	12.8	8.7	Price/Cash Flow <sup>4</sup>	13.1	9.8
Dividend Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	6.2	5.7	Price/Book <sup>4</sup>	2.6	1.8
<b>Size</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	Dividend Yield <sup>5</sup>	1.8	2.0
Wtd. Med. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	4.4	3.7			
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	5.0	4.8			

"Fund": Global Small Companies Equity Fund.  
"Benchmark": MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index.

## Risk Factors

Securities investing has risks. These include fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments and in the value of Fund shares, caused by market volatility, changes in exchange rates, currency conversions, and other factors. The value of your investment will vary and may be worth more or less than your original investment. An investment in a Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. For further discussion of risk factors, refer to the Risk Factors section of the Company's prospectus and the applicable Fund's Prospectus Supplement.

## Share Class Offerings

Class A	Inception	Minimum Investment	SEDOL / CUSIP	ISIN	Distributing / Accumulating	Subscription Charge (Max)	Total Exp. Ratio	Fee Cap
US Dollar	–	US\$100	–	IE0000PVVGD9	Accumulating	5.00%	1.75%	1.75%
<b>Class N</b>								
US Dollar	–	US\$100	–	IE000E222346	Accumulating	N/A	1.75%	1.75%
<b>Class R</b>								
US Dollar	–	US\$100	–	IE00BGLBQX89	Accumulating	N/A	1.30%	1.30%
<b>Class I</b>								
US Dollar	13 Dec 2018	US\$1M	BH0P434	IE00BH0P4346	Accumulating	N/A	1.00%	1.00%
Euro	–	US\$1M equivalent	–	IE00BGLBQV65	Accumulating	N/A	1.00%	1.00%
GBP Sterling	–	US\$1M equivalent	–	IE00BGLBQW72	Distributing	N/A	1.00%	1.00%
<b>Class X</b>								
US Dollar	–	US\$20M	–	IE00BGLBQY96	Accumulating	N/A	0.15%	0.15%
<b>Class EA</b>								
US Dollar	1 July 2024	US\$1M	BLB17D0 / G4R928248	IE000NR2XEZ9	Accumulating	N/A	0.60%	0.60%
Canadian Dollar	–	US\$1M equivalent	–	IE000QW9RSI2	Accumulating	N/A	0.60%	0.60%
Euro	–	US\$1M equivalent	–	IE0004VZD2X4	Accumulating	N/A	0.60%	0.60%
GBP Sterling	1 July 2024	US\$1M equivalent	BLB17F2	IE000CQYOYD5	Distributing	N/A	0.60%	0.60%

Total expense ratio (TER) is based on the investment management fees listed in the most recent prospectus supplement and the operating expense incurred in the most recent month end. Harding Loevner has agreed to cap the TER as provided in the table above.

For performance information and current NAVs for all active share classes, please visit [www.hardingloevnerfundsplc.com](http://www.hardingloevnerfundsplc.com). Management fees for Class X shares are billed outside of the NAV via contractual terms with the investor. No share classes engage in currency hedging; currency class designations do not represent disparate currency exposure. Investment in Class A and Class N shares is restricted to certain investors accessing the fund through intermediary platforms.

## Ten Largest Holdings

	Sector	Market	% Assets
EnerSys	Industrials	US	3.1
Lazard	Financials	US	2.8
Neurocrine Biosciences	Health Care	US	2.8
RGA	Financials	US	2.6
BorgWarner	Cons Discretionary	US	2.5
Cranswick	Cons Staples	UK	2.4
Diploma	Industrials	UK	2.1
Exponent	Industrials	US	2.0
Max Financial	Financials	India	1.8
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holding	Cons Discretionary	US	1.8
Ten Largest Holdings			23.9

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## Endnotes

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(1) Weighted median. (2) Trailing five years, annualized. (3) Five-year average based on the Harding Loevner Global Small Companies Equity model. (4) Weighted harmonic mean. (5) Weighted mean.

## Disclosures

Source (Alpha, Beta, R-Squared, Standard Deviation, Sharpe Ratio): Harding Loevner Funds plc Global Small Companies Equity Fund based on the Fund returns, eVestment Alliance LLC, MSCI Inc.

Source (Sector and Geographic Positioning, Largest Holdings and other Characteristics): Harding Loevner Funds plc Global Small Companies Equity Fund, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Characteristics run date: 03 October 2024, based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date.

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