# **Global Small Companies Equity Fund**

30 September 2025 UCITS Fact Sheet



#### **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, durablegrowth companies purchased at reasonable prices will provide superior investment returns with belowaverage 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**

Ireland/UCITS
US Dollar
SCI All Country World Small Cap Index
13 December 2018
US \$2.4M
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3PM Irish time
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Article 8

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

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## Class I - US Dollar Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended 30 September 2025	3 Months	1 Year	3 Y	ears	5 Years	Inception
Global Small Companies Equity Fund	0.56	-0.09		9.69	3.85	7.27
MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index	8.07	12.82	1	7.45	11.37	10.11
Calendar Year Performance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Global Small Companies Equity Fund	29.10	27.50	11.30	-21.96	14.53	-3.92
MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index	24.65	16.33	16.10	-18.67	16.84	7.66

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. Fund performance is shown net of fees. Benchmark performance is shown net of withholding taxes. Class I Inception date: 13 December 2018. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

# Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	Fund	Benchmark
Comm Services	8.1	3.6
Cons Discretionary	10.1	12.0
Cons Staples	5.9	4.5
Energy	2.5	4.0
Financials	14.0	14.6
Health Care	13.8	9.5
Industrials	24.4	20.2
Info Technology	12.2	12.9
Materials	4.2	8.2
Real Estate	0.0	7.6
Utilities	2.2	2.9
Cash	2.6	-

Region	Fund	Benchmark
Canada	0.5	3.4
Emerging Markets	12.7	14.4
Europe EMU	14.6	5.4
Europe ex EMU	19.7	8.1
Frontier Markets	4.7	_
Japan	14.0	11.0
Middle East	0.0	1.1
Pacific ex Japan	0.0	4.6
United States	31.2	52.0
Cash	2.6	_

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

# **Portfolio Characteristics**

Quality and Growth	Fund	Benchmark
Profit Margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	10.1	7.8
Return on Assets <sup>1</sup> (%)	8.7	4.9
Return on Equity <sup>1</sup> (%)	14.0	10.2
Debt/Equity Ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	37.3	54.6
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE <sup>1</sup> (%)	4.0	6.3
Sales Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.1	6.8
Earnings Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	8.6	8.8
Cash Flow Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	11.2	8.2
Dividend Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.6	6.9
Size	Fund	Benchmark
Wtd. Med. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	4.4	4.5
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	5.9	5.9

Risk and Valuation	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha <sup>2</sup>	-5.71	_
Beta <sup>2</sup>	0.90	-
R-Squared <sup>2</sup>	0.88	_
Active Share <sup>3</sup>	98	_
Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>	16.56	17.35
Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.05	0.48
Price/Earnings <sup>4</sup>	20.8	18.1
Price/Cash Flow <sup>4</sup>	13.1	10.2
Price/Book <sup>4</sup>	2.5	1.8
Dividend Yield <sup>5</sup>	1.9	2.0

"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)	TER/Ongoing Charges	Fee Cap
US Dollar	-	US\$100	BNNMJX9	IE0000PVVGD9	Accumulating	5.00%	1.75%	1.75%
Class N								
US Dollar	-	US\$100	BNNMJY0	IE000E222346	Accumulating	N/A	1.75%	1.75%
Class R								
US Dollar	-	US\$100	-	IE00BGLBQX89	Accumulating	N/A	1.30%	1.30%
Class I								
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%
Class X								
US Dollar	-	US\$20M	-	IE00BGLBQY96	Accumulating	N/A	0.15%	0.15%
Class EA								
US Dollar	1 July 2024	US\$1M	BLB17D0 / G4R928248	IE000NR2XEZ9	Accumulating	N/A	0.60%	0.60%
Canadian Dollar	-	US\$1M equivalent	BLB17H4	IE000QW9RSI2	Accumulating	N/A	0.60%	0.60%
Euro	-	US\$1M equivalent	BLB17G3	IE0004VZD2X4	Accumulating	N/A	0.60%	0.60%
GBP Sterling	_	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.

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Harding Loevner since 2017

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# Ten Largest Holdings

	Sector	Market	% Assets
EnerSys	Industrials	US	3.1
Senior	Industrials	UK	2.7
RGA	Financials	US	2.6
Watts	Industrials	US	2.5
Rubis	Utilities	France	2.2
Clarkson	Industrials	UK	2.2
BorgWarner	Cons Discretionary	US	2.2
Allegion	Industrials	US	2.2
Raia Drogasil	Cons Staples	Brazil	2.1
Ollie's Bargain Outlet	Cons Discretionary	US	2.0
Ten Largest Holdings			23.8

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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 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 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 Fund, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Characteristics run date: 03 October 2025, based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date.

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