

31 May 2024

## Pension Fund

## Clerical Medical Smaller Companies

### Fund Aim

The fund invests via the HBOS Investment Fund Managers (HIFML) Smaller Companies OEIC Fund. The OEIC Fund aim is: To achieve capital growth by investing in the shares of UK smaller companies. The Fund is actively managed by the Fund Manager who chooses investments with the aim of outperforming the Numis Smaller Companies excluding Investment Trusts Index by 3% per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees. At least 80% of the Fund will invest in UK smaller companies shares. The majority of these companies are those which are incorporated, or domiciled, or have a significant part of their business in the UK. The Fund will have between 40 and 90 holdings. The Fund Manager is limited in the extent to which positions can vary to those of the Index. The limits help to provide a balance between the spread of assets within the fund and risk management. They also provide a balance between the amount the Fund can vary from the Index and providing the Fund Manager with flexibility to seek to outperform the Index. As a result the Fund's performance may differ substantially from the Index.

'Fund Changes'  
'ESG Metrics'

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### Information Statement

The underlying HBOS Smaller Companies OEIC fund in which the Clerical Medical Smaller Companies Fund invests will close on 24 June 2024. From this date, the investment aim of the Clerical Medical Smaller Companies Fund will change as it will then invest into the underlying HBOS UK Equity Tracker OEIC Fund. Further details are included on our Fund Change webpage. Please see fund changes link.

Clerical Medical produce Environmental, Social and Governance themed fund metrics. Selected data can be found using the ESG metric link.

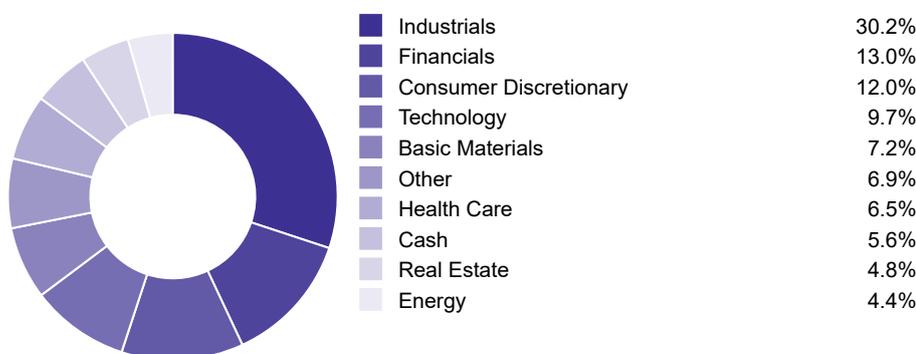
### Basic Fund Information

Fund Launch Date	01/07/2000
Fund Size	£27.5m
Sector	ABI UK Smaller Companies
ISIN	GB0009211896
MEX ID	CMUKPP
SEDOL	0921189
Manager Name	Iain Staples
Manager Since	01/01/2024

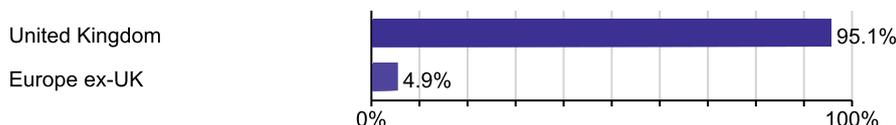
### Asset Allocation (as at 28/03/2024)



### Sector Breakdown (as at 28/03/2024)



### Regional Breakdown (as at 28/03/2024)



The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

### Top Ten Holdings

(as at 28/03/2024)

SCHRODER STERLING LIQUIDITY FUND X INCOME	4.9%
PARAGON BANKING GROUP PLC ORDINARY GBP1	3.4%
HILL AND SMITH PLC	2.8%
TELECOM PLUS PLC ORDINARY 5P	2.7%
CLARKSON PLC ORDINARY 25P	2.6%
4IMPRINT GROUP PLC ORDINARY 38 6/13P	2.6%
SIRIUS REAL ESTATE LIMITED ORDINARY NPV	2.6%
REDDE NORTHGATE PLC ORDINARY 50P	2.5%
SPIRE HEALTHCARE GROUP PLC ORDINARY 1P	2.5%
INDIVIOR PLC USD0.5	2.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.0%</b>

## Past Performance



■ Clerical Medical Smaller Companies Pension

■ ABI UK Smaller Companies

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Discrete Performance

	31/03/2023 - 31/03/2024	31/03/2022 - 31/03/2023	31/03/2021 - 31/03/2022	31/03/2020 - 31/03/2021	31/03/2019 - 31/03/2020
Clerical Medical Smaller Companies	10.1%	-13.6%	-0.1%	52.2%	-25.0%
ABI UK Smaller Companies	4.9%	-17.8%	-1.7%	62.9%	-17.9%

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

## Cumulative Performance

	30/04/2024 - 31/05/2024	29/02/2024 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2023 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2021 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2019 - 31/05/2024
Clerical Medical Smaller Companies	4.5%	12.7%	16.0%	-8.8%	11.2%
ABI UK Smaller Companies	6.6%	12.6%	14.7%	-15.2%	17.2%
Quartile	4	2	2	1	3

Source: FE fundinfo as at 31/05/2024

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

## Quarterly Fund Manager Review

UK equities rose over the quarter. Financials, industrials, and the energy sector outperformed, along with some of the other economically sensitive areas of the market. Market expectations moved to price in a sooner-than-expected first UK interest rate cut as inflation undershot the Bank of England's (BoE) forecasts. At the end of the period the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided at its March meeting to keep the UK's main policy interest rate on hold at 5.25%. Annual inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, has fallen from a peak of 11.1% in October 2022 to 3.4% in February, the lowest rate of price increases since September 2021. Meanwhile, official data showed that the economy had entered a technical recession in the second half of 2023. This occurred as the tailwind of post-pandemic "revenge spending" came to an end and the headwinds of higher inflation and interest rates weighed on activity. The market reaction to the Spring Budget was largely muted, possibly suggesting that investors had anticipated a bolder budget. Overseas inbound bid activity for smaller and mid-sized UK quoted companies remained an important theme over the period.

### Iain Staples 31/03/2024

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## Fund Rating Information

Overall Morningstar Rating -  
Morningstar Medalist Rating -  
FE fundinfo Crown Rating Very Good

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Other Information

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