

30 November 2021

Life Fund

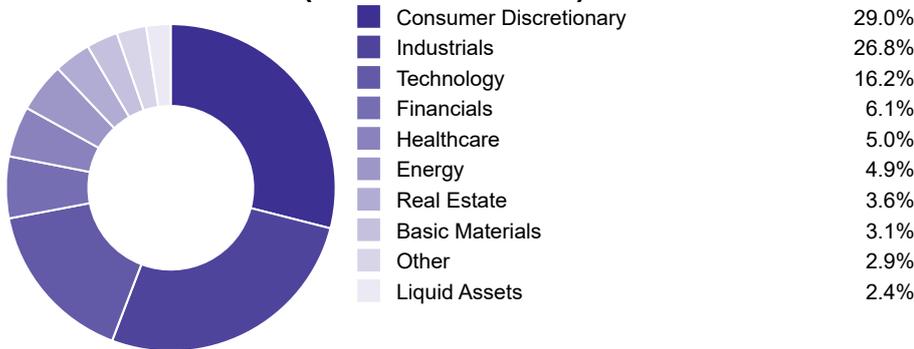
CM Schroder UK Smaller Companies

Asset Allocation (as at 31/10/2021)



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Sector Breakdown (as at 31/10/2021)



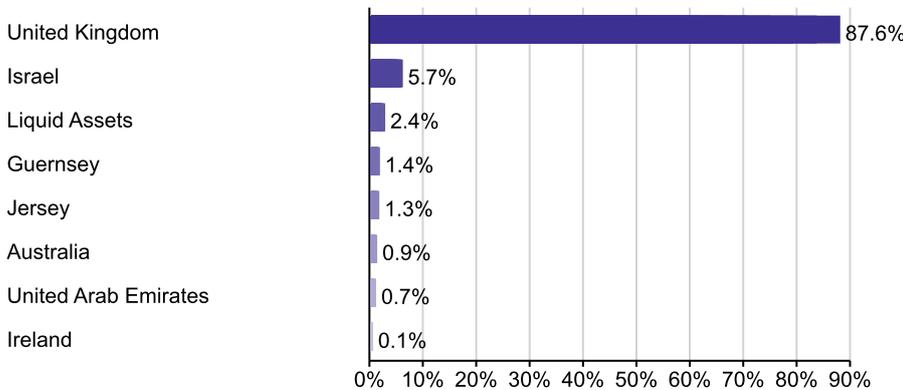
Fund Aim

To achieve a long-term capital growth through a portfolio of UK smaller companies.

Basic Fund Information

Fund Launch Date	11/01/2005
Fund Size	£3.3m
Sector	ABI UK Smaller Companies
ISIN	GB00B04QQQ10
MEX ID	CMSUSL
SEDOL	B04QQQ1
Manager Name	Andrew Brough
Manager Since	01/03/1994

Regional Breakdown (as at 31/10/2021)



Top Ten Holdings

(as at 30/09/2021)

TREMOR INTERNATIONAL LTD	5.5%
APTITUDE SOFTWARE GROUP PLC	2.7%
NCC GROUP PLC	2.5%
MJ GLEESON PLC	2.4%
VITEC GROUP PLC/THE	2.3%
KISTOS PLC	2.3%
GLOBALDATA PLC	2.2%
COHORT PLC	2.1%
RM PLC	2.0%
XAAR PLC	1.9%
TOTAL	25.9%

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

Past Performance



■ CM Schroder UK Smaller Companies

■ 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

	30/09/2020 - 30/09/2021	30/09/2019 - 30/09/2020	30/09/2018 - 30/09/2019	30/09/2017 - 30/09/2018	30/09/2016 - 30/09/2017
CM Schroder UK Smaller Companies	42.1%	1.5%	-9.8%	5.7%	23.0%
ABI UK Smaller Companies	42.0%	-2.9%	-6.1%	7.5%	21.1%

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

Cumulative Performance

	30/10/2021 - 30/11/2021	30/08/2021 - 30/11/2021	30/11/2020 - 30/11/2021	30/11/2018 - 30/11/2021	30/11/2016 - 30/11/2021
CM Schroder UK Smaller Companies	-6.1%	-11.3%	15.0%	30.7%	54.8%
ABI UK Smaller Companies	-3.5%	-7.2%	20.7%	36.7%	61.6%
Quartile	4	4	4	3	3

Source: FE fundinfo as at 30/11/2021

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

The fund returned 1.0% in the three months to 30 September 2021. The benchmark returned 3.8% in the same period. UK equities rose over Q3 with the market driven by a variety of factors. While there were some clear sector winners (such as energy on the back of a recovery in crude oil prices) the difference between the best and worst-performing stocks, or dispersion, was quite marked. Within consumer staples, for instance, some of the more highly valued consumer goods companies performed poorly, while the more lowly valued grocery retailers performed well. Merger & acquisition (M&A) activity remained an important theme. The period began with a recommended counter-offer for Wm Morrison Supermarkets and bid activity was seen across a variety of areas. Gaming remained an area of interest, with a proposal from US sports betting group DraftKings to acquire Entain. Within industrials there was headline-grabbing bid for aerospace and defence equipment supplier Meggitt. This in part explains the positive contribution from the consumer discretionary and industrial sectors, with the latter also helped by the easing of transatlantic travel restrictions and dollar strength against some weakness in sterling. Small and mid cap (SMID) equities suffered in line with higher growth areas of the market more generally in September but performed very well over the quarter as a whole. SMID caps remained a sweet spot for M&A activity and made a useful contribution to overall market returns. The Bank of England took a more hawkish tone as inflationary pressures continued to surpass expectations. Business surveys confirmed that supply bottlenecks are constraining output. Natural gas and fuel shortages made headlines towards the period end. These developments were also reflected in higher market interest rates, which helped support financials. However, Asian focused banks were lower in the period given the growing uncertainty around the outlook for Chinese markets and the economy.

Andrew Brough 30/09/2021

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Fund Rating Information

Overall Morningstar Rating -

Morningstar Analyst Rating -

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Other Information

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