

# **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund (Accumulation - Class M Shares)

A sub-fund of Royal London Equity Funds ICVC ISIN: GB00B3NQHL55 Managed by Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited

## Objectives and investment policy

**Objective** The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of UK smaller companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Fund's performance target is to outperform. after the deduction of charges, the FTSE Small Cap ex-IT (investment trusts) Total Return GBP Index over rolling 5-year periods. The Fund is actively managed.

Policy At least 50% of the Fund will be invested in UK smaller companies (defined as companies that sit in the bottom 10% of the FTSE All-Share Index by market capitalisation or are listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange. A UK company is one that is domiciled in the UK, or which has significant UK business operations. Up to 30% of the Fund's assets may be invested in the shares of smaller companies that are not UK companies (as defined above), but which are listed in the UK. Although the Fund's performance is measured against the FTSE Small Cap ex-IT (investment trusts) Total Return GBP Index, it can, if the Fund's manager believes it is in the best interests of the Fund, also invest in companies included in a range of other small- and mid-cap indices, as well as companies that are listed on the London Stock Exchange but not included in a benchmark. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in other investment funds, known as collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds and funds managed by Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited or another Royal London Group company). A limited amount of the Fund's assets may be held in other transferable securities (including government and public securities) and deposits. The Fund may also invest a small amount of its portfolio in derivatives (investments that derive their value from another closely related underlying investment) for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (EPM). The Fund will hold no more than 10% of its assets in cash.

**Recommendation** The Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

#### Concepts to understand

**Capital Growth** Capital growth is defined as the rise in an investment's value over time.

**Rolling 5 Year Period** A rolling 5-year period is any period of five years, no matter which day you start on.

**Efficient Portfolio Management** A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

You can buy and sell your shares on each working day, except public holidays, at 12:00 noon if you tell us before 12:00 noon that you want to do so. Instructions received after 12:00 noon will be processed at 12:00 noon on the following working day.

Other share classes may be available as described in the Prospectus. If this is an income share class, any income will be paid out to you. If this is an accumulation share class, any income will be reinvested in the Fund.

### Risk and reward profile



Typically lower rewards

Typically higher rewards

The fund is shown in risk category 5 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. The indicator has been calculated using historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. As an investment, shares are typically more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

The risk and reward indicator is not a measure of the expected rise or fall in capital but shows how sharply the Fund's share price has gone up and down historically.

A fund whose share price has experienced sharp or large increases or decreases will sit in a higher risk category, whereas a fund whose share price has experienced small or gradual increases or decreases will sit in a lower risk category.

The indicator is calculated using a standard methodology derived from EU rules.

The risk/reward indicator is an estimate and not a guarantee. Going forward, the Fund's actual volatility could be higher or lower, and its rated risk/reward profile could change. The lowest risk category does not mean the investment is risk free.

The risk indicator does not adequately capture the following risks, which are materially relevant to the Fund:

**Investment Risk** The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

**EPM Techniques** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Liquidity Risk** In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding. **Counterparty Risk** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Smaller Company Risk The Fund invests in smaller companies, the prices for which can be less liquid and be more volatile than those of larger companies and therefore may have a greater impact on the value of the Fund.

#### Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing the Fund. These charges reduce the potential growth of the investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest:	
None	
None	
er a year:	
0.77%	
der specific conditions:	
None	

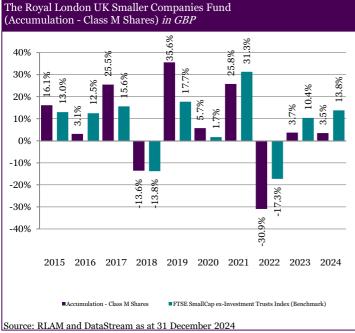
The entry and exit charge is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

Ongoing charge is based on the Fund Management Fee (FMF), which is the periodic fee paid to the ACD to cover the expenses of the Fund. This figure does not include portfolio transaction costs. Ongoing charges are the same for all investors in the share class.

#### Past performance

The graph shows fund performance over the past 10 years where available. The figure for a given year shows how much the Fund increased or decreased in value during that year. These results reflect ongoing charges taken from the Fund, but do not reflect any entry charges you might have to

The Fund was launched on 20 July 2007 as a unit trust and converted to an open-ended investment company (OEIC) on 5 November 2010. The share class launched on 1 May 2012.



Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be

and the portfolio transaction costs have been paid. Entry and exit charges are excluded from calculations of past performance. The past performance is calculated in British Pounds, with net dividends reinvested.

#### **Practical information**

Depositary: HSBC Bank plc

Additional Information: This Key Investor Information Document (KIID) may not contain all the information you need. For additional information on this fund (including the Supplementary Information Document), on other share classes of this fund and on other funds, or to obtain a free copy of the Fund's Prospectus or the annual and semi-annual shareholder reports, call the information line or write to the registered office, details of which are below. Alternatively, visit www.rlam.com. The Prospectus and shareholder reports are in English.

This document describes one share class of the Fund. The Prospectus and annual and semi-annual shareholder reports are prepared for the entire fund across all share classes.

For fund performance and most recent share price, visit www.rlam.com.

Should you wish to switch share classes or funds, please see the "Switching" section of the Prospectus for details.

Tax: Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of their investment in the Fund. Contact your adviser to discuss tax treatment, suitability of this investment, and other questions.

Notices: Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

The Prospectus and long reports (shareholder reports) are prepared for the entire company. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law. Therefore, the assets of the Fund belong exclusively to it and are not available to meet the liabilities of any other fund of Royal London Equity Funds ICVC.

The Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Details of the Company's remuneration policy are available at www.rlam.com including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from the Company, at the address

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The chart shows performance in British Pounds after the ongoing charges