

US Smaller Companies Fund



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Robert Siddles
Fund Manager

Fund manager biography

Robert has over 25 years of industry experience and is Head of US Smaller Companies. He joined F&C in 2001 from Gartmore where he was Head of US Equities. Robert has a MA and DPhil from the University of Oxford and is a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Key details

Fund Type	OEIC
Sector	North American Smaller Companies
Benchmark	Russell 2000 TR Index
Average annual return	5.84%
Launch Date	01 Sep 1983
Fund Size	£28.12m
Currency	Sterling
Year End	31 Aug
Distribution Policy	Annually
Payment Dates	31 Oct
Front End Fee	5.00%
Management Fee	1.50% p.a.
Minimum Investment	£1,000.00
Net TER (Inc/Acc)	1.65% / n/a
Historic yield	0.00%
Fund Price (inc/acc)	913.00p / n/a
Sedol : SC1 (inc)	B06PF58
ISIN : SC1 (inc)	GB00B06PF580
Price listed	Financial Times

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Fund overview

The F&C US Smaller Companies Fund allows investors to participate in a portfolio consisting principally of securities traded on United States Stock Exchanges or NASDAQ. Investment policy is directed towards achieving long-term capital growth through investment in small and medium sized companies. The Fund typically looks for companies that generate free cashflow, solid returns, have a strong market position and where management have significant equity ownership.

The investment process comprises three stages: idea generation, stock selection and portfolio construction. It uses a risk-averse approach because we believe it is the best way to achieve long-term returns from US Smaller Companies. The approach is active, long term and value-oriented. We favour companies with limited downside risk where we can make a long-term commitment and in particular we look at companies that generate excess cash flow. The Fund tends to have a lower than average PE ratio and lower volatility. We consider absolute as well as relative performance which contrasts with other small company investors that focus on popular companies in fast growing industries, where companies consume cash and their shares have high valuations and risk. The Portfolio is largely constructed through bottom-up analysis within defined sector parameters.

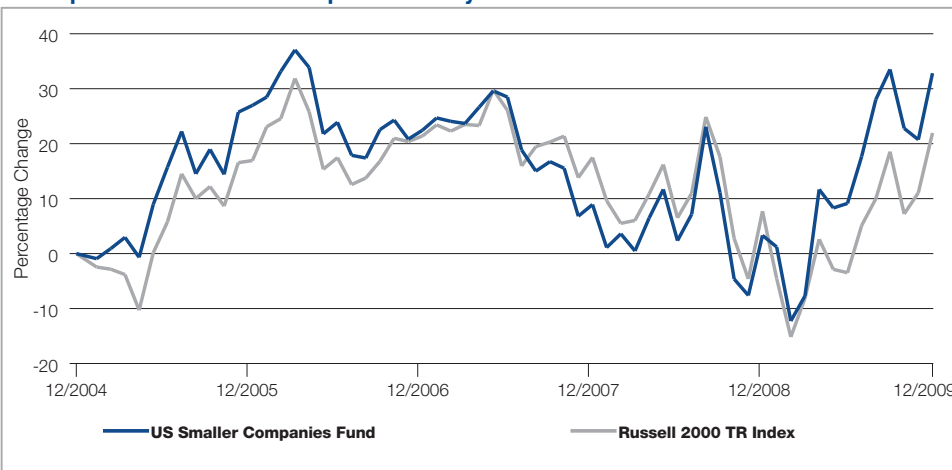
Standardised performance % as at 31.12.09

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
Fund	26.97	-3.56	-11.05	-5.15	28.57
Benchmark	16.93	3.83	-3.22	-8.33	13.22

Cumulative performance %

	1 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund	10.01	28.57	28.57	8.47	32.82
Benchmark	9.81	13.22	13.22	0.45	21.95

Fund performance since inception/over 5 years

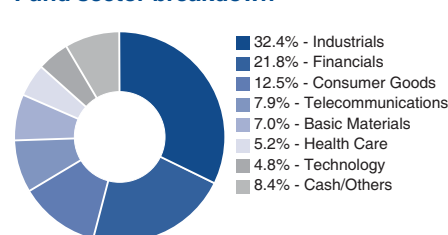


Past performance is not a guide to the future performance. Source: Lipper, percentage growth total return in Sterling, with no initial charges. For past performance data, updated quarterly, for the full range of F&C funds visit www.fandc.com.

Top ten holdings

Holdings	%
IShares Russell 2000	4.30%
Allegheny Technologies	2.41%
Amedisys	2.08%
CRA International	1.92%
Amerigroup Corp	1.87%
Actuant 'A'	1.84%
Orbital Sciences	1.80%
GATX	1.78%
Flowers Foods Inc	1.77%
Flir Systems	1.77%
TOTAL	21.54%

Fund sector breakdown



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