

↑ 5.01%

Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund

UK Micro Cap

December 2019

Performance Returns

The Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund returned 5.01% in December (GBP Institutional share class) giving a net return since launch on April 8th 2016 of 17.42%.

Investment Objective & Strategy

The Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund is a fundamental, value-orientated strategy, applied to the opportunity rich UK micro cap segment. The fund will invest primarily in "micro cap" companies with a market capitalisation of up to £250m that are listed in the UK, and which are or are expected to become constituents of the FTSE Small Cap or the FTSE AIM All Share Index. The Fund is managed by Matt Siebert who, together with Daniel Cane and Jamie Taylor, support Martin Hughes in the management of the Toscafund mid-cap strategy. As such, the Fund represents an extension of the same investment philosophy employed in the award winning Tosca Opportunity and Tosca Mid Cap funds. The Fund targets an annualised return in excess of 15% (net of fees).

Market Commentary

A wise man once said "nothing comforts and consoles like certainty does". With the UK's General Election now behind us which (seemingly), leaves the Government in a stronger position to prosecute a conclusion to Brexit negotiations, corporate UK can now revert its focus onto investment and growth. While global uncertainties remain, UK valuations coupled with a likely return of liquidity back into the UK market, does provide strong catalysts as we move into the New Year.

Over the last 2-3 months the fund has been gradually increasing its exposure to companies with a higher dependency on the UK market. Rather tellingly in December that saw 6 of the top 10 performers having between 50-100% of respective revenues in the domestic market. These fell into two broad groupings; technology platforms where contract/product momentum is building, and pure play UK domestics (housing, consumer, financials).

In the former category were Sumo Group (+0.64%), Ceres Power (+0.57%), Codemasters (+0.54%) and SRT Marine (+0.41%). Of these, Codemasters is a new position acquired at the end of November in a funding round to help pay for a highly accretive acquisition. Elsewhere Ceres Power received a boost post a capital markets event and expectations remain high that SRT is close to signing incremental business in the Middle East and Asia.

Of the domestic names, Springfield Properties (+0.59%), the Scottish based housebuilder, reported solid H1 numbers and announced planning on a new 3000 unit village planned for Stirling. Like many UK-centric names, the valuation remains undemanding despite recent share price performance. In this case the shares are trading on 8.5x PE and paying out a 3.7% dividend yield that is growing by 7%+. In a similar vein, UPGS (+0.39%), the homeware designer and developer, is a net beneficiary of stronger sterling (cost of goods sold are largely in USD) and it is trading on 10x/4.7%. Finally, Hollywood Bowl (+0.5%) reported another strong set of results within which was confirmation of a further special dividend, bringing the total equivalent payout for the year to 4.2%.

In the month, three new positions were opened. Non Standard Finance, a UK consumer credit business whose stock price had been weighed down by concerns over a legacy shareholder. We participated in a clean-up trade to allow said investor to sell out. The other two holdings are both consumer focused. Norcros is a specialist tile and shower manufacturer, which we believe is well set to benefit from a pickup in infrastructure spending in the UK. Finally Ted Baker, by contrast is a fashion retailer and wholesaler that has lost its way post the founder leaving the business. We see strong recovery potential under the watchful gaze of a new management team and improved systems and processes.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to a strong 2020 helped by positive stock specific momentum, a return of liquidity into the small cap space and a realisation that microcap valuations remain out of kilter with the rest of the market.

The Manager

TOSCAFUND

Fund Facts

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Weekly
Fund AUM	\$37.1m
Inception	1st October 2010
Relaunch	8th April 2016

Share Class	Institutional/Institutional Pooled
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.00%
Perf. Fee	15%
Min Init. Sub.	100,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00B3QLJ113/IE00BD2MF541 USD: IE00B3QZNH75/IE00BD2MF764 CHF: IE00B3MBJQ07/IE00BD2MF657 GBP: IE00B68Z1V62/IE00B3RTD232

Share Class	Retail/Retail Pooled
Currency	EUR/GBP/CHF/USD
Mgt. Fee	1.5%
Perf. Fee	15%
Min Init. Sub.	1,000
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00B3N9LL24/ N/A USD: IE00B3SGTD66/ N/A CHF: IE00B3SLGP29/ N/A GBP: IE00B3YLLZ14/IE00B4M22S36

Matthew Siebert joined Toscafund in 2008. He started his career at Hoare Govett in 1991 in a sector research team covering utilities. By 2005 he was responsible for much of the technology research at ABN Amro and was ranked third in the Extel Survey for his research on Tech Hardware. Matthew graduated in Political Science from Birmingham University in 1989.

Daniel Cane joined Toscafund in 2008. From 2004 he worked with Quantmetriks. He analysed the retail sector at HSBC and ABN AMRO (2000-03). Prior to that he was a paper & packaging analyst at ABN AMRO (ranked 2nd in Extel surveys). Daniel graduated in Industrial Economics from Nottingham University in 1987.

Jamie Taylor joined Toscafund in 2015. Prior to this he was an analyst for seven years with Clareville Capital LLP, a UK L/S Equity fund based in London. Jamie graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2008 with a MA (Hons) in Law & Business Studies, and is a CFA charterholder.

Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2019	-0.55%	-3.90%	2.40%	3.10%	0.10%	-4.41%	0.46%	-5.23%	-2.32%	-0.98%	2.58%	5.01%	-4.24%
2018	-1.15%	0.18%	-2.89%	1.79%	0.61%	3.36%	2.49%	1.46%	-2.23%	-12.55%	-5.35%	-3.99%	-17.76%
2017	4.86%	0.20%	2.04%	4.42%	3.97%	-2.28%	-1.59%	3.54%	-0.68%	1.24%	-0.66%	2.15%	18.25%
2016	-	-	-	1.15%	3.94%	-3.84%	8.76%	5.23%	2.80%	0.73%	1.60%	3.60%	26.10%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund since relaunch on 8th April 2016. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

↑ 5.01%

Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund

UK Micro Cap

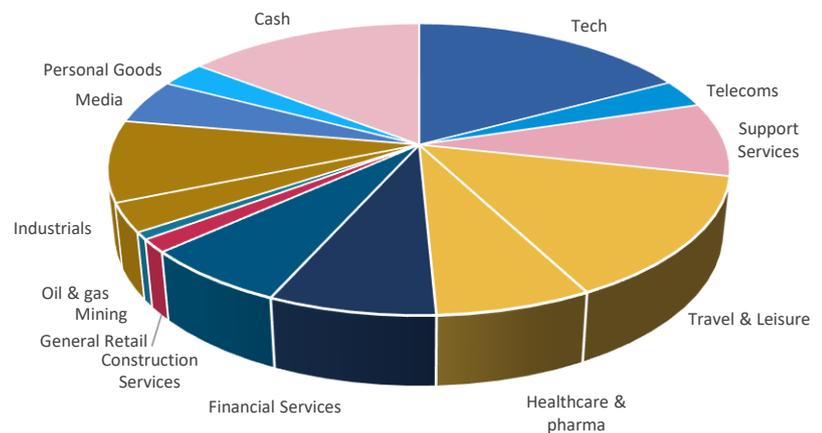
December 2019

COMPOSITION OF FUND (Data as at 2nd January 2020)

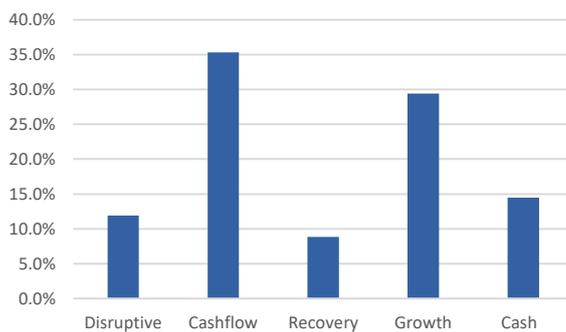
Portfolio Summary

Gross exposure	85.5%
Yield (%)	1.5%
PE (Cash flow)	11.1
Average mkt cap (£m)	179
No. of positions	37

Portfolio By Sector



Portfolio By Theme



Top 5 exposures (% of NAV)

Oxford Biomedica	5.53
SRT Marine	4.33
Imimobile	4.27
Sumo	4.10
Inspired Energy	3.63

Contact Details

Investor Contact

MontLake Funds (UK) Ltd
 Park House, 116 Park Street
 London, W1K 6AF
 T: +44 20 3709 4510
 investorrelations@montlakefunds.com

Management Company

MontLake Management Ltd
 23 St. Stephen's Green
 Dublin 2, Ireland
 T: +353 1 533 7020
 investorrelations@montlakefunds.com

Investment Manager

Toscafund Asset Management LLP
 7th Floor, 90 Long Acre,
 London, WC2E 9RA
 T: +44 20 7845 6100
 ir@toscafund.com

Disclaimer

RISK WARNING: Following a restructuring and rebranding on the 8th April 2016, the Pegasus UCITS Fund became the Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund. Returns between the inception of the Fund 1st October 2010 and up to and including the 8th April 2016 relate to the Pegasus UCITS Fund. Information on the returns for this period is available on the Key Investor Information Documents. Returns from the date of business on the 8th April 2016 to date relate to the Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, prices of investments and the returns from them may fall as well as rise. Investments in equities are subject to market risk. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value price or income of the product. The Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund (the "Fund") may use higher leverage and financial derivative instruments as part of the investment process. The distribution of this report does not constitute an offer or solicitation and this notice shall not be construed as an offer of sale in any other fund managed or advised by Toscafund Asset Management LLP or MontLake Management Limited ("ML"). Any investment in the Fund should be based on the full details contained in the Fund's Supplement Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document which together with the MontLake UCITS Platform ICAV Prospectus may be downloaded from the MontLake website (www.montlakeucits.com). Information given in this document has been obtained from, or based upon, sources believed by us to be reliable and accurate although neither ML nor Toscafund Asset Management LLP accepts liability for the accuracy of the contents. The state of origin of the Fund is the Republic of Ireland. The Representative in Switzerland is ACOIN Fund Services AG, Leutschenbachstrasse 50, CH-8050 Zurich, whilst the Paying Agent is NPB Neue Privat Bank AG, Limmatquai 1/am Bellevue, P.O. Box, CH-8024 Zurich. In respect of the units distributed from Switzerland, the place of performance and jurisdiction is at the registered office of the Swiss representative. The basic documents of the Fund as well as the annual report may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Swiss Representative. The current document is intended for information purposes only and shall not be used as an offer to buy and/or sell shares. Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. ML does not offer investment advice or make recommendations regarding investments. The Manager of the Fund is MontLake Management Ltd, a company regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. The Investment Manager for the fund, Toscafund Asset Management LLP is authorised and regulated by the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority. The MontLake UCITS Platform ICAV is registered and regulated as an open-ended Irish collective asset-management vehicle with segregated liability between sub-Funds formed in Ireland under the Irish Collective Asset Management Vehicles Act 2015 and authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. This notice shall not be construed as an offer of sale in the Fund. The state of the origin of the Fund is the Republic of Ireland. The performance data do not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. Authorised and Regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.