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Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund

UK Micro Cap

November 2021

Performance Returns

The Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund returned -3.61% in November (GBP Institutional share class).

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).

Manager Commentary

November was a disappointing month in the market as Covid worries once more came to the fore. Macro fears are starting to translate into some company forecasts. Corporate deal flow continued apace which, while positive in the long term, can lead to some nearer term share price pressures given the discounts needed to attract fresh equity capital.

During the month we backed a number of our portfolio companies which were raising capital. Harland & Wolff (-30bps) raised £6m to support existing and expected contracts and Autins tapped investors for £3m to help with investment in capex, working capital, as well as provide a buffer as the auto industry recalibrates post the semiconductor shortage. Since the month end we have supported two other equity raises in Canadian Overseas (-25 bps) and Halfords (+16 bps).

In terms of company specific newsflow this remained, on the balance, positive. River & Mercantile (+30 bps) confirmed two bid

approaches, Halfords interims drove 15% upgrades (pre the more recent earnings enhancing acquisition of National Tyre) and Synairgen (+11 bps) concluded the successful recruitment of its patient enrolment for a Covid 19 trial. Positive updates though are not necessarily the precursor to strong share price performance. In November, Tremor upgraded forecasts for the 9th time since Jun-20 with EPS upgraded by >30% on the back of higher revenue, lower costs and improved scale. This however was not enough to prevent a fall in the shares costing the Fund 36 bps in the period. The stock is growing faster than US listed peers but is trading on a material discount to them. Frustrating to say the least.

The strongest performance in the month came from Kistos (+46 bps). This North Sea natural gas producer has been shown to be a canny purchaser of ageing assets and has also benefited from the sharp rise in natural gas prices. The Dutch Natural Gas Futures price peaked at €160 in early October but had fallen to c€61 by late October. A rally of 50% then followed in November which acted as a catalyst for stocks geared to this market, including Kistos.

In the debit column, Phoenix Copper (-42 bps) produced a slightly disappointing test result. More fundamental was a further downgrade at McColls (-42 bps) where supply constraints have materially hit top line sales and have put further strain on a creeping balance sheet as working capital requirements increase. While the “Morrisons Daily” roll outs continue apace and exceeds expectations, this only covers a small part of the estate. This remains an interesting long term opportunity but, for now, I suspect sitting on the sidelines is a better place to be.

While volatility remains high, we continue to have a blend of high quality value stocks (30% portfolio), strong growth (disruptive, digitisation, ESG, healthcare), recovery optionality and cash (15%). There is also a good balance between positions that are early in their investment thesis i.e. capital and costs have been sunk with revenues yet to filter through into forecasts, while others are starting to harvest previous year’s investment. As such, we look forward with confidence. We thank you for your continued support.

The Manager

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Fund Facts

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Weekly
Fund AUM	£50.3m
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/IE00B4M22536

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. He then ran sales and research at Quantmetriks before joining Tosca. Matthew graduated in Political Science from Birmingham University.

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
2021	3.67%	5.98%	4.90%	5.09%	1.23%	-1.03%	0.57%	2.08%	-2.40%	1.22%	-3.61%		18.62%
2020	5.90%	-11.45%	-24.95%	12.34%	7.39%	1.63%	9.30%	8.62%	0.86%	1.75%	7.02%	15.33%	29.79%
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 (GBP Institutional Class) since relaunch on 8th April 2016. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

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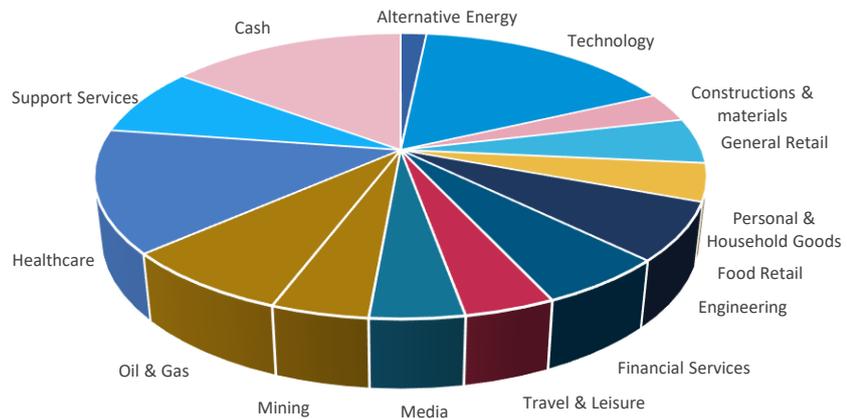
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COMPOSITION OF FUND (Data as at 30 November 2021)

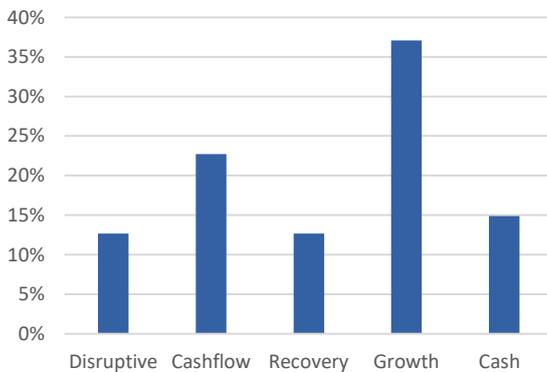
Portfolio Summary

Gross exposure	85.1%
Average mkt cap (£m)	255
No. of positions	55

Portfolio By Sector



Portfolio By Theme



Top 5 exposures (% of NAV)

Kistos	4.6
Synairgen	3.6
Maxcyte	2.8
Sureserve	2.7
River & Mercantile	2.5

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