

# **Granahan US SMID Select UCITS**

#### **Investment Summary**

The Fund primarily invests in equities of small and mid Cap ("SMID Cap") companies located in or having substantial business ties to the United States. Typically the Fund's assets will be invested in securities of approximately 50 companies across the sectors reflected in the Index. GIM's SMID Select strategy is grounded in the belief that a disciplined, fundamental, bottom-up research process can identify underappreciated growth potential in companies that may or may not have a history of strong growth. The resulting portfolio has the optimum combination of stocks with underlying thematic growth drivers, and stocks of well-positioned companies that are poised for positive earnings revisions or are benefiting from fundamental momentum.

### Fund Highlights

- Enterprise growth drives a company's stock price over the long term, while changes in market sentiment can provide opportunity in the short term.
- · We believe certain thematic growth drivers can provide sustainable compound return potential.
- We believe one can locate growth not only in traditional sectors, but also in unexpected corners of the market where other growth managers
  rarely venture.
- Only a select number of companies fit our criteria. We believe in having conviction in our analysis and patience in our conviction.



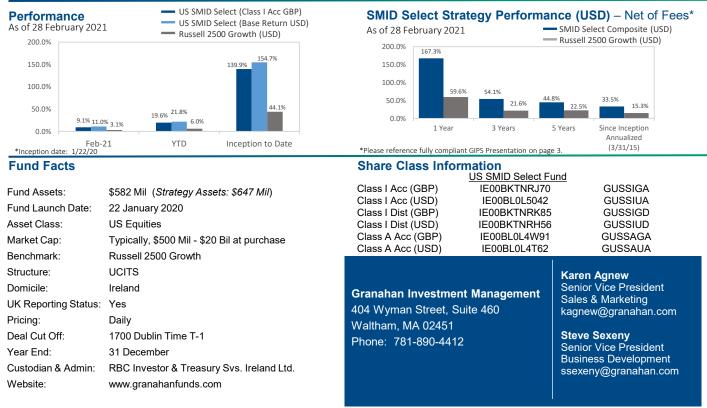
#### Portfolio Manager David Rose, CFA

**22 Yrs. Experience** David Rose is Chief Investment Officer, Senior Vice President and a Managing Director of the firm. Mr. Rose is the portfolio manager for GIM's Small Cap Select, SMID-Select and MidCap Select strategies, as well as overseeing a portion of the multi-managed Small Cap and SMID-Cap portfolios. Mr. Rose joined GIM in 2015 and has over 20 years industry experience, including as a portfolio manager for several highly ranked equity funds. Prior to joining GIM, Mr. Rose was a partner

with Furey Research Partners in Boston, where he conducted small cap equity research for use by the firm's investment manager clients. Prior to his work at Furey Research, Mr. Rose spent much of his career as a portfolio manager with American Century Investments in Kansas City, MO, before moving to Pyramis Global Advisors in Smithfield, RI to manage a new mid-cap fund. David received his MS in Finance from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and his BS in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

#### About Granahan Investment Management

Founded in 1985, Granahan Investment Management, Inc. is a 100% employee-owned firm specializing in smaller cap equity investments for large institutions and wealthy individuals. The firm utilizes fundamental, bottom-up research to uncover and invest in fast growing companies under \$6 billion in market cap.



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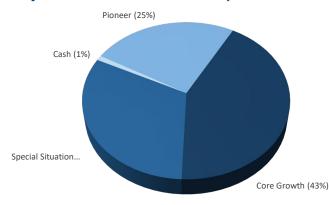
# **GICS Sector Diversification**

Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth
Communication Services	2.63%	2.21%
Consumer Discretionary	24.28%	12.84%
Consumer Staples	0.00%	2.69%
Energy	2.60%	0.13%
Financials	2.24%	3.66%
Health Care	15.52%	26.91%
Industrials	15.02%	13.03%
Information Technology	36.13%	28.57%
Materials	0.00%	2.82%
Real Estate	0.85%	2.56%
Utilities	0.00%	0.87%
[Cash]	0.73%	0.00%

## **Top 10 Positions**

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Security	Life Cycle Category	Percent of Portfolio				
Digital Turbine, Inc.	Core Growth	9.0%				
Magnite, Inc.	Pioneer	8.0%				
Kulicke & Soffa Industries, Inc.	Special Situation	7.2%				
Enphase Energy, Inc.	Core Growth	5.1%				
Kornit Digital Ltd.	Core Growth	4.9%				
Evolent Health Inc Class A	Special Situation	4.5%				
Etsy, Inc.	Core Growth	3.9%				
Chart Industries, Inc.	Special Situation 3.9%					
Nautilus Inc	Special Situation	3.6%				
Cloudera, Inc.	Pioneer	3.5%				
TOTAL		53.4%				

### Life Cycle Diversification: Adds Stability



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Characteristic	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth		
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$7,325.0 mil	\$8,139.9 mil		
Active Share	93.4%	-		
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	21.7%	21.9%		
Forward P/E Ratio	26.8X	30.1X		
LT Debt/Capital	23.4%	38.6%		
Dividend Yield	0.22%	0.36%		
Price to Book	4.5x	6.8x		

Source: FactSet

## **Monthly Commentary**

February got off to a strong start with the Russell 2500 Growth Index return above +8% before investor sentiment turned sharply negative as interest rates ticked up and evidence of rising inflation surfaced. However, the Russell 2500 Growth benchmark ended the month in positive territory with a +3.1% return. Corrections are normal and healthy for the markets, particularly after the strength witnessed over the last several months; and while the Fund has not been immune to this downturn, the SMID Select process allows us to take advantage of opportunities caused by price dislocations. In February, the US SMID Select Fund significantly outperformed the benchmark in the period, returning +11.0% (USD). The outperformance was driven by stock selection, led by info tech, consumer discretionary, and industrials, and assisted by financials, real estate and communication services. Our overweight position in consumer discretionary boosted relative performance. Selection in healthcare and energy weighed on performance; though the overweight position in energy. All three LifeCycles outperformed the overweight position in energy. All three LifeCycles outperformed the overweight benchmark return in the month, led by Pioneers and Special Situations. We continue to seek companies that are positioned to do well in the current environment. As always, we use volatility as our friend, and will trim/buy stocks as the risk/reward changes. We have also used the market correction as an opportunity to initiate positions in a few undercovered names, or "hidden gems."

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Date	SMID Select Opportunities Composite									
As of 2/28/21	Composite Gross Return	Russell 2500 Growth Return	Composite Assets \$ Mil	Composite # Accts	Composite 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Russell 2500 Growth 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Composite Dispersion	Composite Net Return	Non-Fee Assets	Firm Assets \$ Mil
YTD 2021	22.03%	6.02%	\$646.7	8	34.90	23.70	NA	21.85%	0.2%	\$5116.2
2020	126.29%	40.47%	\$488.78	8	34.85	23.93	0.98	124.23%	0.2%	\$4,573.1
2019	41.40%	32.65%	\$63.6	7	18.09	15.85	0.21	40.09%	1.0%	\$2,211.3
2018	-2.19%	-7.47%	\$71.6	5	19.48	15.33	NA	-3.15%	0.3%	\$1,481.6
2017	33.09%	24.46%	\$48.6	<5	NA	13.04	NA	31.80%	0.0%	\$1,350.8
2016	15.00%	9.73%	\$226.6	1	NA	14.67	NA	13.91%	0.0%	\$2,996.5
2015*	0.39%	-7.10%	\$190.7	1	NA	13.29	NA	-0.34%	0.0%	\$3,045.4

### **Composite Footnotes**

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