

## **Granahan US Small Cap Discoveries UCITS**

## 30 April 2022

#### Investment Summary

GIM's Discoveries Fund is a long-only U.S. equity strategy that has a focus on emerging and unrecognized small cap growth companies. Utilizing in-depth, bottom-up, fundamental research and analysis, our team of seven small cap specialists utilize networks and sector expertise to uncover compelling growth opportunities in all areas of the U.S. small cap market, including the innovative biotech and med-tech industries. The Discoveries PM employs company-specific valuation parameters to build a portfolio of +/-70 stocks of these well-positioned companies.

#### **Fund Highlights**

- We believe that enterprise growth drives a company's stock price over the long term, while changes in market sentiment can provide opportunity
  in the short term. The investment process with its focus on stock selection incorporates both to construct a portfolio positioned for long-term
  capital appreciation.
- GIM seeks to cast a wide net to identify companies with strong growth potential, including in areas that other growth managers may shun, such as the smaller emerging growth companies.
- LifeCycle diversification is integral to the process, from idea generation to portfolio construction. Every company of interest is placed into one of
  three LifeCycle categories Core Growth, Pioneer and Special Situation -- each with distinct performance drivers. LifeCycle diversification
  helps to mitigate risk in the portfolio, and allows us to focus on stock selection as the primary means to add value for our clients.

#### Portfolio Managers



#### Richard Watson, CFA 31 Yrs. Experience

Rich Watson is Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager of Granahan Investment Management. His research expertise is in the biotechnology and life sciences sectors.



#### Jeffrey A. Harrison, CFA 24 Yrs. Experience

Jeff Harrison is Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Granahan Investment Management. He is a generalist with particular expertise in the healthcare, industrials, and financial services sectors.

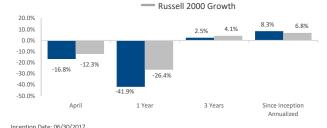
#### About Granahan Investment Management

Founded in 1985, Granahan Investment Management, LLC is an employee-owned investment boutique 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.

#### Annualized Performance

As of 30 April 2022

Fund Facts



### **Calendar Year Performance**

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		YTD 2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Since Inception Cumulative
	US Small Cap Discoveries (Founders Class Acc USD)	-30.7%	3.6%	46.0%	26.5%	-4.7%	47.0%
	Russell 2000 Growth	-23.4%	2.8%	34.6%	28.5%	-9.3%	37.4%

Inception Date: 06/30/2017

### **Share Class Information**

Fund Assets:	\$31 Mil (Strategy Assets: \$139 Mil)
Fund Launch Date:	30 June 2017
Asset Class:	US Equities
Market Cap:	\$50 Mil - \$750 Mil at purchase
Benchmark:	Russell 2000 Growth/Russell Microcap Growth
Structure:	UCITS
Domicile:	Ireland
UK Reporting Status:	Yes
Pricing:	Daily
Deal Cut Off:	1700 Dublin Time T-1
Year End:	31 December
Custodian & Admin:	RBC Investor & Treasury Svs. Ireland Ltd.
Website:	www.granahanfunds.com

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Founders Class Acc (USD)	IE00BZ3G1H34	GUSDFUA
Founders Class Acc (GBP)	IE00BDZ2QW58	GUSDFGA

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# Sector Diversification

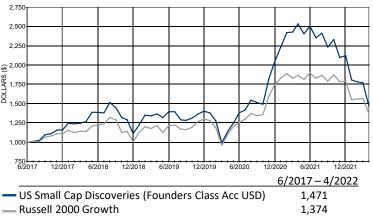
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Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth
Basic Materials	4.8%	3.8%
Consumer Discretionary	11.4%	15.8%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	3.6%
Energy	0.0%	3.9%
Financials	4.7%	5.3%
Health Care	45.7%	23.1%
Industrials	13.3%	17.0%
Real Estate	1.9%	3.4%
Technology	14.7%	20.6%
Telecommunications	0.0%	2.2%
Utilities	1.6%	1.2%
[Cash]	1.9%	0.0%

Security	LifeCycle Category	Percent of Portfolio
Kinsale Capital Group Inc	Core Growth	3.2%
thredUP Inc	Pioneer	2.8%
PROS Holdings Inc	Pioneer	2.8%
CONMED Corporation	Core Growth	2.7%
Portillo's Inc	Core Growth	2.7%
Materion Corp	Special Situation	2.7%
ImmunoGen, Inc.	Pioneer	2.5%
Veeco Instruments Inc.	Special Situation	2.5%
Lawson Products	Special Situation	2.4%
Luxfer Holdings PLC	Special Situation	2.4%
Total		26.7%

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## Growth of \$1,000



### Characteristics

Characteristic	Portfolio	Russell 2000 Growth
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$1,652.9 mil	\$3,286.7 mil
Active Share	94.9%	-
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	21.8%	14.5%
Forward P/E Ratio	19.3x	15.5x
LT Debt/Capital	27.4%	40.1%
Dividend Yield	0.3%	0.51%
Price to Book	2.7x	3.6x

Source: FactSet

## **Monthly Commentary**

Today investors are concerned about a tightening yield curve, spikes in oil prices, and inflation running at its highest level in 40 years. The Granahan US Small Cap Discoveries Fund returned -16.8%, less than its primary Russell 2000 Growth Index return of -12.3%. The portfolio also underperformed its secondary Russell 2000 Microcap Growth Index which returned -14.0%. For both indexes, healthcare stocks continued under pressure this month, with allocation and stock selection to our detriment. Our selection in technology, real estate, and utilities were also negative. Our lack of exposure to energy also hurt performance. With respect to LifeCycles, special situations were the strength in the portfolio this month, while core growth and pioneers lagged significantly. We are investing in companies we believe are well-positioned to sustain secular growth over the foreseeable future. These secular growth companies with strong competitive positions are able to pass along higher prices, but of course, many times there is a lag. We realize downdrafts such as the one we are in the midst of are painful. We remain patient, strategic growth investors focused on our process with the goal of providing long-term outperformance for our clients.

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