# Granahan US SMID Select UCITS

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#### **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

**24 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, 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.





### Fund Facts

Fund Assets: \$355 Mil (Strategy Assets: \$356 Mil)

Fund Launch Date: 22 January 2020 Asset Class: US Equities

Market Cap: Typically, \$500 Mil - \$20 Bil at purchase

Benchmark: Russell 2500 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

### **Share Class Information**

US SMID Select Fund Class I Acc (GBP) IE00BKTNRJ70 **GUSSIGA** Class I Acc (USD) IE00BL0L5042 **GUSSIUA** Class I Dist (GBP) IE00BKTNRK85 **GUSSIGD GUSSIUD** Class I Dist (USD) IE00BKTNRH56 Class A Acc (GBP) IE00BL0L4W91 **GUSSAGA GUSSAUA** IE00BL0L4T62 Class A Acc (USD)

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#### GICS Sector Diversification

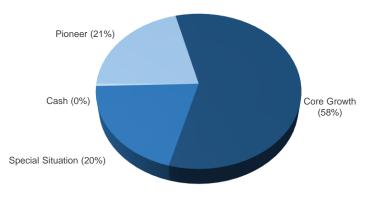
Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth		
Communication Services	8.4%	2.0%		
Consumer Discretionary	8.0%	13.0%		
Consumer Staples	3.9%	3.8%		
Energy	0.0%	5.6%		
Financials	5.8%	7.2%		
Health Care	15.0%	18.1%		
Industrials	14.9%	18.6%		
Information Technology	43.5%	22.5%		
Materials	0.0%	5.2%		
Real Estate	0.0%	2.6%		
Utilities	0.0%	0.8%		
[Cash]	0.5%	0.0%		

#### **Top 10 Positions**

Security	LifeCycle Category	Percent of Portfolio	
Indie Semiconductor Inc	Pioneer	9.1%	
Magnite Inc	Core Growth	7.9%	
Array Technologies Inc	Core Growth	6.3%	
Evolent Health, Inc.	Special Situation	6.2%	
Kornit Digital Limited	Core Growth	4.8%	
Euronet Worldwide, Inc.	Core Growth	4.6%	
Enphase Energy Inc	Core Growth	3.9%	
Chart Industries Inc	Special Situation	3.8%	
Veracyte Inc	Pioneer	3.8%	
Vita Coco Co Inc	Core Growth	3.6%	
TOTAL		54.0%	

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## Life Cycle Diversification: Adds Stability



#### **Characteristics**

Characteristic	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth	
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$5598.7 mil	\$6,122.2 mil	
Active Share	96.5%	-	
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	24.6%	16.4%	
Forward P/E Ratio	22.7x	17.2x	
LT Debt/Capital	35.3%	43.5%	
Dividend Yield	0.02%	0.72%	
Price to Book	2.8x	4.2x	

Source: FactSet

### **Monthly Commentary**

Very strong US economic data reports from January caused the stock market to pull back, with the worry that the Federal Reserve bank will possibly raise rates by more than 25 bps. The Granahan SMID Select UCITS Fund was down -4.1% (USD) which was more than the Russell 2500 Growth's return down -1.6% (USD). Stock selection in Industrials, Information Technology, Financials, Communications Services and Consumer Discretionary was the downfall in the portfolio in February. Our overweighting in Technology was a positive. There was some strength in the portfolio from stock selection in HealthCare, Consumer Staples, and Energy. Pioneers performed well this month while Core Growth struggled, and Special Situations were a neutral. Last year, we experienced unrelenting multiple compression of the highest secular growth companies, as interest rates rose. However, we believe the fundamental strength in our portfolio companies is ubiquitous and we are basing our expected return cases on forecasted growth in earnings.

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Date	SMID Select Composite								
As of 2/28/23	Composite Gross Return	Composite Net Return	Russell 2500 Growth Return	Composite Assets \$ Mil	Composite # Accts	Composite 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Russell 2500 Growth 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Composite Dispersion	Firm Assets \$ Mil
YTD 2023	9.91%	9.74%	8.27%	\$356.0	7	42.06	25.41	NA	\$3,474.0
2022	-36.21%	-36.87%	-26.21%	\$370.4	7	41.30	25.18	0.10	\$3,326.8
2021	10.88%	9.79%	5.04%	\$642.7	6	34.92	21.97	0.03	\$4,964.2
2020	126.29%	124.17%	40.47%	\$488.8	8	34.85	23.93	0.98	\$4,573.1
2019	41.40%	40.03%	32.65%	\$63.6	7	18.09	15.85	0.21	\$2,211.3
2018	-2.19%	-3.15%	-7.47%	\$71.6	5 or fewer	19.48	15.33	NA	\$1,481.6
2017	33.09%	31.80%	24.46%	\$48.7	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$1,350.8
2016	15.00%	13.91%	9.73%	\$226.6	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$2,996.5
2015*	0.39%	-0.34%	-7.10%	\$190.7	5 or fewer	NA	NA	NA	\$3,045.4

NA – Dispersion information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year; Standard deviation information has fewer than three years' data. \*Partial year performance: March 31, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

#### Composite Footnotes

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