# Granahan US SMID Select UCITS

# 31 August 2023

## **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**

- We believe 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

25 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.

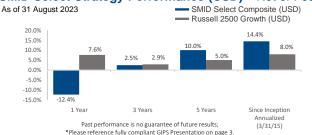
## **About Granahan Investment Management**

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.

#### **Annualized Performance – Net of Fees**



#### SMID Select Strategy Performance (USD) - Net of Fees\*



# **Fund Facts**

Fund Assets: \$195 Mil (Strategy Assets: \$198 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

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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**

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

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#### GICS Sector Diversification

Sector	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth		
Communication Services	6.2%	2.2%		
Consumer Discretionary	5.5%	12.8%		
Consumer Staples	4.9%	3.9%		
Energy	1.4%	4.8%		
Financials	2.4%	7.8%		
Health Care	23.6%	20.7%		
Industrials	23.5%	18.8%		
Information Technology	32.1%	22.1%		
Materials	0.0%	3.6%		
Real Estate	0.0%	1.5%		
Utilities	0.0%	0.9%		
[Cash]	0.4%	0.0%		

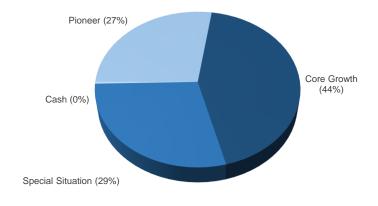
## **Top 10 Positions**

**Characteristics** 

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Security	LifeCycle Category	Percent of Portfolio		
Chart Industries Inc	Special Situation	9.6%		
indie Semiconductor Inc	Pioneer	8.2%		
Array Technologies Inc	Core Growth	6.7%		
Magnite Inc	Core Growth	6.3%		
Evolent Health, Inc.	Special Situation	5.4%		
Castle Biosciences Inc	Pioneer	4.7%		
Grid Dynamics Hldgs Inc	Special Situation	4.6%		
Vita Coco Co Inc	Core Growth	4.3%		
Kornit Digital Limited	Core Growth	4.3%		
Natera Incorporation	Pioneer	3.6%		
TOTAL		57.6%		

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# Life Cycle Diversification: Adds Stability



Characteristic	Portfolio	Russell 2500 Growth		
Median Market Cap	\$1,917.8 mil	\$1,574.4 mil		
Weighted Avg. Market Cap	\$4,312.6 mil	\$6,044.1 mil		
Active Share	95.5%	-		
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	22.3%	14.6%		
Forward P/E Ratio	21.7x	20.2x		
LT Debt/Capital	302%	40.6%		
Dividend Yield	0.01%	0.6%		
Price to Book	2.7x	4.7x		

# **Monthly Commentary**

Earnings misses from Q2 reports disproportionately hurt performance versus gains in stocks that beat earnings estimates. The Russell 2500 Growth Index gave up -4.1% (USD) in August and the Granahan US SMID Select UCITS Fund gave up -12.2% (USD). Overweighted sectors, Communications Services, Industrials, and Information Technology suffered from poor stock selection. The green energy companies in the portfolio did not fare well compared to traditional energy companies and our underweighting here was a penalty as well. We are underweight Consumer Discretionary and Financials, which was a positive in the case of Consumer Discretionary, but stock selection detracted for both sectors. Health Care and Consumer Staples are overweighted and fared well against the Index for stock selection. While there are macro headwinds to growth broadly, the companies in the portfolio are ones we believe can sustain strong secular growth. The contraction in multiples has left expected returns at levels we believe are attractive. We are not counting on multiple expansion to drive returns going forward.

The Russell 2500<sup>TM</sup> Growth Index measures the performance of the small to mid-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2500 companies with relatively higher price-to-book ratios, higher I/B/E/S forecast medium term (2 year) growth and higher sales per share historical growth (5 years). The Russell 2500 Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the small to midcap growth market. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small to mid-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics.

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Date	SMID Select Composite								
As of 8/31/2023	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	-0.61%	-1.27%	12.40%	\$197.7	6	35.36	20.91	NA	\$3,138.5
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

#### **Composite Footnotes**

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