

Interim Short Report - 01 March 2013 to 31 August 2013

ConBrio UK Smaller Companies Fund

Fund Facts

Launch date:	01 June 2007
Ex-dividend dates:	28 February and 31 August
Income dates:	27 May and 27 November
IMA Sector:	UK Smaller Companies

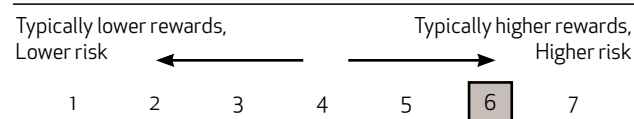
Investment Objective and Policy

To achieve long term capital growth. The investment policy of the Fund is to invest predominantly in the shares of quoted smaller UK companies including those listed on the Alternative Investment Market.

Investment Risks

The Fund holds assets concentrated in the small capitalisation UK equity markets. Assets may also be concentrated by sector. Equities, as an asset class, tend to experience higher volatility than bond or money market portfolios. Funds concentrated by capitalisation, sector and/or geographic location are more vulnerable to market sentiment in that specific capitalisation, sector or location and can carry a higher risk than funds holding more diversified assets.

Risk and Reward Indicator (RRI)



The Fund is ranked as six because it has experienced relatively high rises and falls in value over the past five years. Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

Ongoing Charges Figures (OCF)

	31.08.2013	28.02.2013
General Income & Accumulation Shares	3.32%	3.41%
Institutional Income Shares	2.82%	2.92%

The ongoing charges figure is based on the last six months' expenses for the period ending 31 August 2013 and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund).

Performance Record (in pence per share)

Share Class	General Income		General Accumulation		Institutional Income		Institutional Accumulation	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
2008	240.03	126.93	240.03	126.60	240.59	127.78	240.91	128.20
2009	190.66	123.63	191.09	123.31	191.46	124.58	193.83	124.99
2010	259.56	176.71	260.13	177.11	260.21	177.12	265.47	180.27
2011	274.83	217.73	275.47	218.15	275.98	218.31	275.21	257.33
2012	275.41	225.22	276.01	225.65	277.13	226.10	-	-
2013 ¹	321.11	277.99	321.80	278.60	324.12	279.73	-	-

¹To 31 August 2013.

Net Asset Values (in pence per share)

Share Class	General Income	General Accumulation	Institutional Income	Institutional Accumulation
28.02.2012	251.62	252.10	252.79	-
28.02.2013	291.59	292.21	293.64	-
31.08.2013	316.64	317.69	318.91	-

Dividend Distribution (in pence per share)

Ex Date	Paid	General Income	General Accumulation	Institutional Income
31.08.2013	27.11.2013	0.3709	0.3808	1.1436

Review & Outlook

During the reporting period the Fund, as measured by the General Income shares, recorded a total return of 8.7%, compared to a total return from the benchmark FTSE Small Cap ex ITs Index of 19.0% and the IMA UK Smaller Companies sector average total return of 11.5%.

Global equity markets continued their strong start to the year as concerted stimulus measures supported risk assets. In June, concerns that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) would begin stepping back from its programme of asset buying, currently running at \$85bn a month, saw global equity markets abruptly retreat with the UK market down by more than 5%. As the Fed reiterated its stance that interest rates would remain low and that employment was key to its current dovish policy, UK equities duly rose through July to recover their losses from the previous month and post gains for the period as a whole.

One new holding was established during the reporting period. Driver Group provides a range of services to the construction and engineering sectors and should prosper from continued economic recovery in the countries in which it operates. It is attractively valued with earnings forecast to increase significantly. The holding in Turbo Power Systems was increased as recent news from the company has shown good progress. A number of stocks in the portfolio were reduced following strong performance including large holdings such as Charles Stanley, First Property, GB Group, IDOX, Personal Group and VP. In addition Clarkson, Northgate and Photo-Me International were reduced into strength.

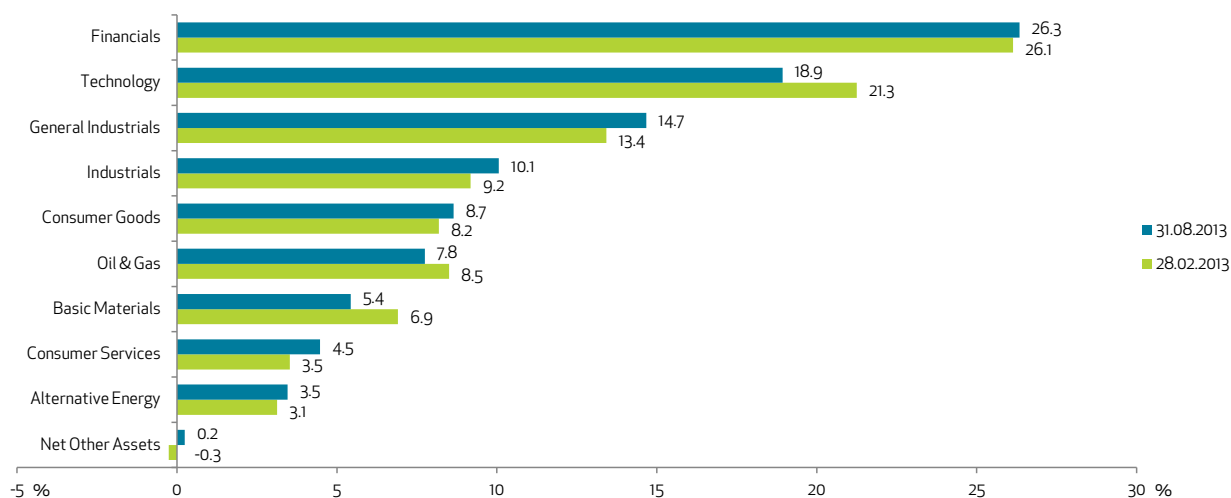
UK smaller companies have performed well in the last six months as UK economic data has been better than market expectations. The UK economy is likely to show good growth in coming months and this should lead to further outperformance from small companies. Indeed with costs under strong control, increased revenues should enable many small companies to produce strong earnings growth.

As a whole, stocks listed on AIM have lagged the performance of the FTSE Small Cap indices. Recent changes in legislation now allow investors to hold AIM stocks in ISAs and this has seen a marked increase in activity in AIM companies with prices moving higher. We anticipate that this trend will continue. The ConBrio UK Smaller Companies Fund has around 44% by value in AIM listed companies and should benefit from this trend as well as the generally positive economic environment for UK smaller companies.

Source: Castlefield Investment Partners, September 2013. Performance data taken from FE Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

The full Investment review is available in the Long-form Report & Accounts, which is available on request, or from the Fund's website, www.theconbriofunds.co.uk

Asset Allocation



Top Ten Holdings as at 31.08.2013

Avon Rubber	6.08%
GB Group	5.64%
Charles Stanley Group.....	5.54%
Personal Group.....	5.45%
First Property.....	5.43%
Carclo	5.43%
VP	5.13%
IQE.....	4.35%
Clarkson	3.83%
Photo-Me International	3.83%

Top Ten Holdings as at 28.02.2013

Carclo	6.91%
GB Group	6.21%
First Property.....	6.08%
IDOX	6.04%
Avon Rubber.....	5.12%
Charles Stanley Group.....	4.74%
Personal Group.....	4.62%
VP	4.36%
Clarkson	4.32%
IQE.....	4.00%

What Does It Mean?

If you come across the odd word or phrase within your report that you are unfamiliar with, here is a glossary to help explain a few key terms.

Accumulation Shares

Any income made by the Fund will be reinvested to grow the value of your investment.

Alternative Assets

Types of non-traditional investments, which could include hedge funds and commodities for example and which are designed to help diversify a portfolio as they tend not to move in the same direction as the stock market.

Autocall

An autocall structured product has the potential to mature before the end of the product's life, if certain predetermined market conditions are reached. The investor will usually receive a pre-defined return.

Bonds

Issued by companies or governments and similar to a loan in nature, usually paying a fixed or variable interest rate.

Corporate Bonds

Issued by companies and similar to a loan in nature, usually paying a fixed rate of interest.

Credit Rating

A score awarded by an independent rating agency to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a corporate bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. Bonds issued and backed by developed market governments are generally considered superior to bonds rated 'AAA'. The top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB'. Below 'BBB', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'.

Credit Spreads

Can be used to describe the difference in yield between securities, due to different credit quality.

Duration

A measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed income investment / fund to a change in interest rates.

Equities

Another name for shares in a company.

Fixed Income Assets

Investments that pay out a set level of income, such as bonds or gilts.

FTSE® 100 INDEX

A share index of the 100 largest companies, by market capitalisation, listed on the UK stock exchange and could include, for example, familiar household names such as BP, Marks & Spencer and Vodafone.

Funds

A general term used to describe collective investment schemes, such as unit trusts, open-ended investment companies and closed-ended investment companies.

GDP

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) refers to the market value of all officially recognised final goods and services produced within a country in a given period.

Gilts

A bond issued by the UK government.

Hedging

A way of offsetting the potential losses that may be incurred by an investment.

Income Shares

Any income made by the Fund will be paid out to you.

Inflation Hedge

A way in which to protect capital against the effects of inflation.

Investment Grade Bond

A bond that is assigned a rating in the top four categories by commercial credit rating companies. S&P classifies investment grade bonds as BBB or higher, and Moody's classifies investment grade bonds as BAA or higher.

Investment Trust

A company set up to buy and sell shares in other companies and is run by a Board of Directors.

LIBOR

The average interest rate estimated by leading banks in London that they would be charged if borrowing from other banks.

Market Capitalisation (market cap)

The total value of the shares of a company.

Net Asset Value (NAV)

Used to value shares of a company, calculated by taking the total assets and deducting the total liabilities.

OEIC

An 'Open Ended Investment Company' - this is similar to a unit trust. Investors pool their money together to invest in a range of different assets such as bonds, equities, property, cash etc. Each OEIC will have an investment objective, stated in a prospectus document, which could be to produce long term growth or generate a regular income.

OCF

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is designed to give you an accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a fund and helps you compare this cost between different funds. It includes the annual management charge (used to pay the investment manager, fund accountant and fund administrator for example) and other operating costs, such as fees paid to the Trustee, Auditor, Custodian and Regulator.

Options

A financial contract that enables the holder to purchase or sell a certain number of shares at a future date and at a known price.

Quantitative Easing

A government policy used to increase the money supply within an economy, by flooding the financial system with money.

RRI

The Risk and Reward Indicator (RRI) demonstrates where a fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the Fund.

Structured Products/Investments

A group of financial instruments which frequently combine the potential upside of market performance with limited downside. They may also provide a fixed return in exchange for accepting a degree of risk or may generate gains from market falls. They can also be used within a Fund to help manage the impact of large stockmarket fluctuations.

Synthetic Zeros

A form of structured product which also has a pre defined return profile and a set maturity date whilst being exposed to a degree of credit and equity market risk. Synthetic zeros are usually linked to major, well known indices, such as the FTSE 100, but with much less risk than investing directly in the index itself.

Top Down Asset Allocation

An investment approach that looks to review the economic landscape prior to delving down into sector and company specifics.

Transferable Securities

A general term used to describe a broad range of investments such as bonds and company shares for example.

Volatility

Refers to the frequency and severity with which the price of an investment goes up and down.

Weighted Average Maturity (WAM)

The average time until maturity of all the underlying holdings of a fund.

Yield

The amount of income paid or expected to be paid from each share held. The yield is calculated and quoted as a percentage.

Zero Dividend Preference Shares

Shares that do not receive an income but instead pay out a return at the end of the investment's fixed life.

Please visit our website to see our glossary in full.

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