## Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund

ANNUAL SHORT REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR: FOR THE YEAR FROM 1 MARCH 2010 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2011

#### NET ASSET VALUES (in pence per share)

#### **General Income**

General Accumulation		G
NAV % change	+39.17%	(
28 February 2010	183.32	0
28 February 2011	255.12	-

28 February 2011	255.69
28 February 2010	183.73
NAV % change	+39.17%

#### Institutional Income

28 February 2011	255.71
28 February 2010	183.41
NAV % change	+39.42%

#### **Institutional Accumulation**

28 February 2011	-
28 February 2010	186.70
NAV % change	-

Any income available will be removed from the Net Asset Value per Share price and used for the Fund's year-end distribution/accumulation. As a result, no parallel should be made with the quoted high/low prices for the period.

Past performance is no guarantee to future performance and the value of the investment can go down as well as up.

#### SHARE PRICE RANGE (in pence per share)

General Income	High	Low
20071	260.68	232.14
2008	240.03	126.93
2009	190.66	123.63
2010	259.56	176.71
<b>2011</b> <sup>2</sup>	269.03	256.49
General Accumulation	High	Low
2007 <sup>3</sup>	259.55	232.14
2008	240.03	126.60
2009	191.09	123.31
2010	206.13	177.11
<b>2011</b> <sup>2</sup>	269.63	257.06
Institutional Income	High	Low
20074	260.76	232.35
2008	240.59	127.78
2009	191.46	124.58
2010	260.21	177.12
<b>2011</b> <sup>2</sup>	269.76	257.32
Institutional Accumulation	High	Low
20075	260.76	232.78
2008	240.91	128.20
2009	193.83	124.99
2010	265.47	180.27
<b>2011</b> <sup>2</sup>	275.21	257.33

<sup>1</sup> From 4 June 2007 to 31 December 2007

<sup>2</sup> To 28 February 2011

<sup>3</sup> From 17 July 2007 to 31 December 2007
<sup>4</sup> From 19 June 2007 to 31 December 2007
<sup>5</sup> From 13 June 2007 to 31 December 2007

#### DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS (in pence per share)

#### **General Income**

XD DATE	Paid on	Distribution
31 Aug 2010	27 Nov 2010	-
28 Feb 2011	27 May 2011	-

#### **General Accumulation**

XD DATE	Paid on	Distribution
31 Aug 2010	27 Nov 2010	-
28 Feb 2011	27 May 2011	-

#### Institutional Income

XD DATE	Paid on	Distribution
31 Aug 2010	27 Nov 2010	0.4432
28 Feb 2011	27 May 2011	0.2655

#### Institutional Accumulation

XD DATE	Paid on	Distribution
31 Aug 2010	27 Nov 2010	0.4502
28 Feb 2011	27 May 2011	

#### **XD DATES**

28 February 2011 (final)
31 August 2010 (interim)
DISTRIBUTION DATES
27 May 2011 (final)
27 November 2010 (interim)

#### **TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO**

28 February 2011	
General Shares	3.07%
Institutional Shares	2.57%

The total expense ratios (TERs) show the annual operating expenses of the Fund, including the annual management charge and other expenses. They do not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses of different schemes. The TER for income and accumulation shares is the same.

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

The investment philosophy of the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund is to identify well managed UK smaller companies that are financially sound and have a distinct and sustainable competitive advantage and are capable of long term growth. The investment process involves a thorough appraisal of a company's management, a detailed financial review and an assessment of its market position and the competitive environment.

#### PERFORMANCE

During the period under review, the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund, as measured by the General Income Shares, recorded a total return of 37.8%, compared to a total return from the IMA UK Smaller Companies Sector average of 34.0%.

#### **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

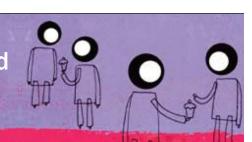
Seven new holdings were established in the six months since the Interim Report: Avon Rubber which designs, develops and manufactures specialist products in the respiratory protection, defence and dairy sectors; City of London Investment Group, a fund management company specialising in emerging markets with an excellent performance record; Flying Brands, a multi brand home shopping business that targets its markets through a variety of channels; Northgate, the leading commercial vehicle hire company by fleet size in the UK and Spain; Photo Me the world's leading operator of instant photobooths; Porvair, which designs and manufactures specialist filtration products serving a number of growth markets and Speedy Hire, a plant hire company with most of its business in the UK.

In addition, the holdings in Headlam, Low & Bonar, MSS Holdings and The Innovation Group were increased substantially.

Six holdings were sold during the period under review: 888 Holdings, Chaucer and Intec Telecom Systems received takeover approaches; Hampson Industries and London Capital group were sold due to a number of negative factors that are likely to lead to further underperformance and Bloomsbury Publishing was sold as the shares have underperformed for some time and this seems unlikely to change in the near term. Following strong share price performance the holdings in Bowleven, Carclo, Clarkson, GB Group, IQE and Parkmead Group were reduced during the period under review.

#### OUTLOOK

UK small companies have continued their strong recovery from the low point of two years ago with the Fund's benchmark, FTSE Small Cap ex ITs Index, having doubled since then. However this is around 25% below the levels reached in 2007 and we are confident that there is more to come from the asset class. This will be driven mainly by positive operational gearing as costs remain under tight control while turnover continues to grow. In addition continued low interest rates and a likely strong improvement in UK Growth Domestic Product (GDP) growth, provide a healthy background against which small companies have performed well in the past. We are confident therefore that the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund will continue to perform well over the next year.



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### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & POLICY**

THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND IS TO INVEST PRIMARILY FOR LONG-TERM CAPITAL GROWTH, INVESTING REDOMINANTLY IN SHARES IN SMALLER UK COMPANIES INCLUDING THOSE LISTED ON THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS AS AT 28/02/2011	% OF NAV	TOP TEN HOLDINGS AS AT 28/02/2010	% OF NAV	IMPORTANT INFOR With effect from 1 M management charge
IQE Carclo First Property Bowleven GB Group	6.74% 6.09% 5.94% 5.39% 4.56%	Carclo First Property VT Group Personal Intelligent Environments	6.78% 6.32% 5.26% 5.18% 4.52%	administrators fee to charge. This combine minimum £45,000 p AUTHORISED COR
Lincat Charles Stanley Group IDOX Personal Group Parkmead Group	4.54% 4.19% 3.66% 3.53% 3.49%	GB Group IQE Charles Stanley Clarkson Intec Telecom Systems	4.25% 4.65% 4.09% 4.09% 3.91%	DIRECTOR OF THE Premier Portfolio Ma Registered Office Eastgate Court, High Street,
INVESTMENT PROFILE AS AT 28/02/2011 Financials	25.76%	INVESTMENT PROFILE AS AT 28/02/2010 Financials	26.07%	Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3DE (Authorised and regu Services Authority)
Technology General Industrials Oil and Gas Industrials Net Other Assets	23.78% 23.03% 16.38% 11.26% 6.29% 17.28%	Technology General Industrials Industrials Oil and Gas Net other assets	28.07% 22.59% 15.27% 12.30% 7.97% 15.80%	DEPOSITARY OF TH The Royal Bank of So The Broadstone, 50 South Gyle Cresco Edinburgh, EH12 902

**Investment Commentary Source: Castlefield** Investment Partners LLP, March 2011. Performance data taken from Financial Express 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.thecastlefieldfunds.co.uk.

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#### FUND SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS

As the Fund invests primarily in the UK, there is a market risk that the Fund might suffer through holding market positions concentrated in the UK in the face of price movements. The value of these investments may decline over a given period because of economic changes or other events that impact large portions of the market. The Fund invests in smaller companies that are less liquid than larger companies which means that fluctuations in price may be greater than for larger companies.

#### **GENERAL RISK FACTORS**

You should remember that past performance is not a guide to the future. The price of shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may get back less than you originally invested. Exchange rates will also cause the underlying investments to fall or rise. Tax concessions are not guaranteed and may change at any time; their value will depend on your individual circumstances.

#### **RISK WARNINGS FOR PRIVATE CUSTOMERS**

If you have any doubt as to the suitability of this Fund, you should contact your financial adviser. Details of the basis or amount of any taxes, charges and expenses are contained in the Simplified Prospectus which can be obtained from the ACD.

Castlefield Investments, its directors, officers, employees and their associates may have a holding in the Fund as well as in the securities referred to herein. Reference to any particular stock does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell the stock.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The information in this report is designed to enable shareholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the period it covers and the result of those activities at the end of the period. For more information about the activities and performance of the Fund during the period and previous periods, please contact the ACD. For your protection when dealing, your call may be recorded and monitored.



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May 2011, the ACD's annual ge will be calculated with the to form a single combined ned charge will be 0.2% with a per annum.

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#### **REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

Copies of the Long-Form Report and Financial Statements of this Fund are available free of charge on request.

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