This document provides you with the key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# **Key Investor Information**



# Montanaro UK Income Fund (the "Fund")

Share Class: Sterling Seed Class (ISIN IE00B1FZRT49) a Sub-Fund of Montanaro Smaller Companies plc (the "Company"). The Fund is managed by Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited (the "Manager").

## **Objectives and Investment Policy**

#### **Investment Objective**

Capital growth and income.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund will invest primarily in Small and MidCap companies quoted in the UK that offer an attractive dividend yield or the potential for dividend growth. Up to 20% of the Fund may be invested in companies quoted in the EU, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland. No unquoted investments are permitted.

Expenses may be charged to the capital of the Fund so that the Fund may achieve a higher than market average dividend income. In addition the Directors may, at their discretion, allow distributions to be paid from the capital of the Fund where there is a shortfall in the distributable income generated by the Fund during the relevant period. This may have the effect of lowering the capital value of a shareholder's investment by foregoing the potential for future capital growth.

The Fund is actively managed and does not track the IA UK All Companies (Total Return) Sector (the "Benchmark"). The Benchmark is used for comparison purposes only. The Fund may invest in securities not included in the Benchmark. The Fund is monitored, but is not constrained, in reference to the Benchmark.

The Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and social characteristics through the application of ethical exclusions, quantitative and qualitative assessments and engagement with the Fund's investee companies, as further described in the prospectus.

#### Income

It is intended that dividends will be paid quarterly. You may choose for your dividends to be reinvested.

#### **Fund Currency**

The base currency of the Fund is Euro.

#### **Investment Horizon**

Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years.

#### **Dealing Frequency**

You may redeem your shares, or invest in the Fund, before 12 noon (Dublin time) on any business day except Irish or UK bank holidays.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**



These numbers rate how the Fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your investment. In general the potential for higher returns also implies a higher level of risk. However, the lowest category (1) does not mean a risk free investment.

The risk category is calculated using historical data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.

#### Why is this Fund in this category?

The Fund invests in securities which are subject to market fluctuations. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a specific region (Europe) and therefore may be more sensitive to localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.

#### **Additional Risks**

## Liquidity / Market Capitalisation Risk

Small and MidCap companies may be less liquid than the shares of larger companies and can be more sensitive to economic and other factors. As a result, the Fund may experience greater volatility both in the value of its investments and in its net asset value per share.

## Counterparty / Operation Risk

A counterparty may fail to pay the proceeds related to the sale of securities by the Fund, or may fail to deliver securities purchased by the Fund. Failures or delays in operational processes may negatively affect the Fund.

#### Market Risk

The value of investments and, consequently, the price of shares can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### **Exchange Rate Risk**

The Fund invests in quoted companies which may have share prices denominated in currencies other than the Euro and may therefore be exposed to exchange rate risks. In addition, holders of a share class in a currency that is different from the base currency of the Fund will be exposed to the exchange rate risk between the two currencies since there is no currency hedging. Different share classes may receive different investment returns.

#### Tax Risk

Any change in the Fund's tax status or in taxation legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Fund.

#### **Dividend Risk**

Listed smaller companies can be more sensitive to downturns in the economy. During such times such companies may be less able to distribute dividends to shareholders and may reduce dividend payouts. Attractive dividends and dividend growth cannot be assured.

#### Capital Risk

As distributions may be made out of the capital of the Fund, there is a greater risk that capital will be eroded, and 'income' will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth of your investment and the value of future returns may also be diminished. This cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Please note that distributions out of capital may have different tax implications to distributions of income and you are recommended to seek advice in this regard.

For a more detailed explanation of these and other risks please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus and supplement for the Fund.

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## **Charges for this Fund**

The charges you pay are used to pay the cost of running the Fund including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

#### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry Charge	0.00%
Exit Charge	0.00%

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

### Charges taken from the Fund over a year

Ongoing Charges	0.52%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance Fee	Not applicable

The Fund does not charge entry or exit charges.

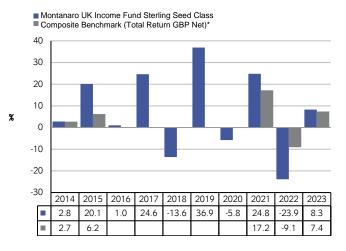
The ongoing charge figure shown here is based on expenses for the year ending 31 December 2023. The UCITS annual report for each financial year will include details on the exact charges made

This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes performance fees and portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry / exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

Investments in the Fund may be sold to meet ongoing charges and the value of your investment in the Fund would reduce. For more information about charges, please see the Fund's prospectus which is available at www.montanaro.co.uk.

Note: The ongoing charge shown here is estimated using a management fee of 0.40% (effective  $1^{st}$  January 2024). This will increase by 0.05% in January each year up to 0.45% in January 2025. There will be no further increases beyond this point.

#### **Past Performance**



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

The past performance shown here includes ongoing charges. Entry / exit fees are excluded. Past performance has been calculated in GBP and is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end.

\*The performance noted for the period 2010 to 2019 was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. Effective 8 July 2014, the Benchmark changed from the MSCI Europe Small Cap (Total Return) Index to the IA UK Equity Income (Total Return) Sector. As of 1 July 2016, the Fund's Benchmark was removed. Effective 6 May 2020, the Benchmark became the IA UK All Companies (Total Return) Sector. The Benchmark shown here is a composite of the above.

The share class was launched in December 2006.

#### **Practical Information**

#### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch.

#### Administrator

BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) DAC.

### **Further Information**

More detailed information on this Fund (such as the prospectus, the relevant supplement, and the latest annual and semi-annual report) is available in English free of charge from the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Fund's distributors or online at www.montanaro.co.uk.

 $More share \ classes\ are\ available\ for\ this\ Fund.\ For\ more\ details\ about\ other\ share\ classes,\ please\ refer\ to\ the\ prospectus\ which\ is\ available\ at\ www.montanaro.co.uk.$ 

The Fund sits within an umbrella structure comprising a number of different sub-funds, one of which is the Fund.

This Key Investor Information Document (KIID) is specific to the Fund and share class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the entire umbrella. KIID documents are available for all other sub-funds of the Company along with the prospectus and annual report at www.montanaro.co.uk.

You may exchange your shares free of charge for shares of another share class or sub-fund of the Company. Please refer to the prospectus for further details.

The Fund's assets are held separately from those of the other sub-funds. The assets and liabilities of each sub-fund are segregated by law, therefore the assets of this Fund belong exclusively to it and are not available to meet the liabilities of any other sub-fund.

Details of the remuneration policy of the Manager is available at https://www.waystone.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/09/WMC-IE-Remuneration-Policy\_website.pdf and a paper copy will be made available free of charge upon request.

## Net Asset Value (NAV) Publication

The net asset value per share is available on Bloomberg and at the registered office of the Company.

### Tax Legislation

The Fund is subject to the tax laws and regulations of Ireland. Depending on your own country of residence, this might have an impact on your investments. For further details, you should consult a tax advisor.

# **Liability Statement**

The Manager may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Company.

