**UCITS Fund** 

#### **FACTSHEET**

#### Performance Returns

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#### Strategy

The Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund is a fundamental, value-orientated strategy, applied to the opportunity rich UK micro cap segment. The fund will invest primarily in "micro cap" companies with a market capitalisation of up to £250m that are listed in the UK, and which are or are expected to become constituents of the FTSE Small Cap or the FTSE AIM All Share Index.

The Fund is managed by Matt Siebert who, together with Daniel Cane and Jamie Taylor support Martin Hughes in the management of the Toscafund mid-cap strategy. As such, the Fund represents an extension of the same investment philosophy employed in the award winning Tosca Opportunity and Tosca Mid Cap funds.

The Fund targets an annualised return in excess of 15% (net of fees).

#### **Market Commentary**

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Company specific newsflow continues to be broadly positive in the Microcap space. April brought a mixture of March year end trading updates as well as quarterly reports. Right on cue, Blue Prism produced its traditional three monthly upgrade (it's sixth since IPO). While this position has been scaled back, given the stock is up 8x in little over a year, it pleasingly still contributed 60 bps in the month.

Other contributions came from SDX Energy (+0.84%), with news of a gas discovery that further de-risks exploration plans in one of its Egyptian assets. Meanwhile, IMImobile (+0.73%) reported that FY16 numbers will be slightly ahead of consensus with incredibly strong cash conversion (net cash now equivalent to >10% of market cap). This follows on from the enhancing purchase of a UK peer in late March. Momentum is starting to build in this top 5 holding and we expect to see both strong organic and M&A growth to be a catalyst through the rest of the year. Two other stocks contributed c.50 bps each. These were student housing developer/constructor Watkin Jones and branded cosmetics play, Warpaint.

In the debit column was Blancco Tech (-0.51%), which reported that while revenues had materially accelerated QoQ, cash collection had been weak resulting in a funding shortfall (a problem now resolved post a small equity raise). After an exceptionally strong period of outperformance a couple of our resources holdings, namely Prairie Mining (-0.32%) and Berkeley Energia (-0.31%) suffered a small consolidation in their stock prices.

One new name was added (Maxcyte) and one exited (Directa Plus). The fund manager is currently evaluating a number of secondary and primary transactions for inclusion in the fund. While none may pass muster, we are encouraged with the number and quality of deals being presented in the micro-cap space. They offer a mix of high organic and M&A led growth. Two key criteria for inclusion are management participation in the underlying equity and the business' balance sheet strength (either a healthy cash position or strong free cashflow). Just as our investors look for the fund manager to commit his own capital to the fund, so do we want to see management backing their own companies by owning stock in their business.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to delivering continued healthy returns.

#### **Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund Performance**

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun    | Jul   | Aug   | Sept  | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Y-T-D  |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2017 | 4.86% | 0.20% | 2.04% | 4.42% |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       | 11.96% |
| 2016 | -     | -     | -     | 1.15% | 3.94% | -3.84% | 8.76% | 5.23% | 2.80% | 0.73% | 1.60% | 3.60% | 26.10% |

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund since relaunch on  $8^{th}$  April 2016. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance.

#### THE MANAGER

## TOSCAFUND

Matthew Siebert joined Toscafund in 2008. He started his career at Hoare Govett in 1991 in a sector research team covering utilities. By 2005 he was responsible for much of the technology research at ABN Amro and was ranked third in the Extel Survey for his research on Tech Hardware. Matthew graduated in Political Science from Birmingham University in 1989.

Daniel Cane joined Toscafund in 2008. From 2004 he worked with Quantmetriks. He analysed the retail sector at HSBC and ABN AMRO (2000-03). Prior to that he was a paper & packaging analyst at ABN AMRO (ranked 2nd in Extel surveys). Daniel graduated in Industrial Economics from Nottingham University in 1987.

Jamie Taylor joined Toscafund in 2015. Prior to this he was an analyst for seven years with Clareville Capital LLP, a UK L/S Equity fund based in London. Jamie graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2008 with a MA (Hons) in Law & Business Studies, and is a CFA charterholder.

# FUND FACTS Structure

| Domicile           | Ireland                            |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Liquidity          | Weekly                             |
| AUM                | \$27m                              |
| Inception          | 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2010      |
| Relaunch           | 8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016        |
| <b>Share Class</b> | Institutional/Institutional Pooled |
| Currency           | EUR/GBP/CHF/USD                    |
| Mgt. Fee           | 1.00%                              |
| Perf. Fee          | 15%                                |
| Min. Init. Sub.    | 100,000                            |
| ISIN Codes         | EUR: IE00B3QLJ113/IE00BD2MF541     |
|                    | USD: IE00B3QZNH75/IE00BD2MF764     |

| GBP:IE00B68Z1V62/IE00B3RTD232 |
|-------------------------------|
| Retail/Retail Pooled          |
| EUR/GBP/CHF/USD               |
| 1.5%                          |
| 15%                           |
| 1,000                         |
| EUR: IE00B3N9LL24/ N/A        |
|                               |

USD: IE00B3SGTD66/ N/A CHF: IE00B3SLGP29/ N/A

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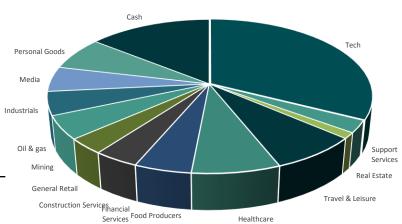
#### COMPOSITION OF FUND

## Portfolio Summary

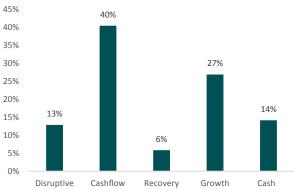
No. of positions

#### Gross exposure 86% Yield (%) 1 PE (Cash flow) 12.6 Average mkt cap (£m) 125

### **Portfolio By Sector**



#### **Portfolio By Theme**



#### Top 5 exposures (% of NAV)

| Rhythmone Plc    | 4.31% |
|------------------|-------|
| Quixant Plc      | 3.84% |
| Watkin jones Plc | 3.71% |
| IMImobile Plc    | 3.68% |
| SDX Energy       | 3.47% |

Healthcare

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