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# Neuberger Berman US Small Cap Fund

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

To increase the value of your shares by investing in smaller US companies with strong financial performance and good prospects. These companies will be publicly traded US and foreign companies that conduct most of their business in the US or are headquartered in the US. Companies are considered small-capitalisation if within the market capitalisation range of companies in the Benchmark at the time of initial purchase.

The fund aims to identify companies that are undervalued by the market but are financially secure and have strong existing business lines. Factors in identifying such companies include:

- Above-average returns
- An established market niche
- Circumstances that may make it difficult for new competitors to enter the market
- An ability to finance their own growth
- Sound future business prospects.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

**Robert W. D'Alelio**

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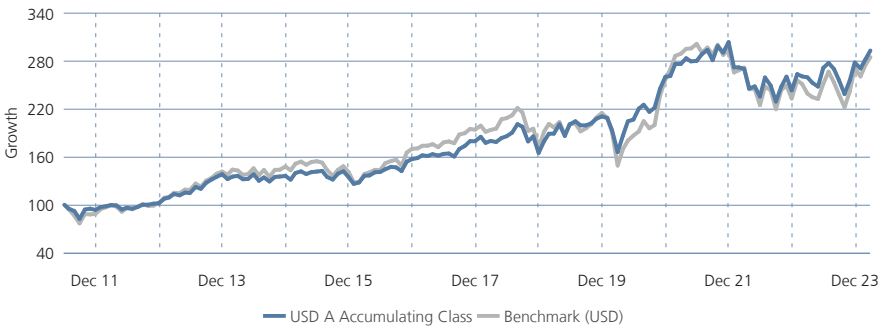
Portfolio Manager

## FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	01 July 2011
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	619.25
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index (Total Return, Net of Tax, USD)

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m <sup>2</sup>	3m <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y <sup>2</sup>	3y <sup>3</sup>	5y <sup>3</sup>	10y <sup>3</sup>	SI <sup>3,4</sup>
USD A Accumulating Class	3.85	5.41	5.41	12.94	1.98	9.18	7.98	8.83
Benchmark (USD)	3.53	5.08	5.08	19.19	-0.49	7.69	7.16	8.59

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Mar14 Mar15	Mar15 Mar16	Mar16 Mar17	Mar17 Mar18	Mar18 Mar19	Mar19 Mar20	Mar20 Mar21	Mar21 Mar22	Mar22 Mar23	Mar23 Mar24
USD A Accumulating Class	4.10	-3.87	18.23	11.70	5.10	-12.24	66.65	-2.31	-3.88	12.94
Benchmark (USD)	7.80	-10.14	25.69	11.37	1.65	-24.32	94.19	-6.07	-11.98	19.19

CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>5</sup>
USD A Accumulating Class	-1.17	16.84	14.29	-8.17	27.77	23.58	16.74	-19.92	14.34	5.41
Benchmark (USD)	-4.79	20.78	14.21	-11.35	25.00	19.50	14.49	-20.76	16.41	5.08

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The Benchmark is used for performance comparison purposes and as a universe from which to select securities.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>4</sup>Returns from 05 July 2011 to latest month end.

<sup>5</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD A Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.**

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Manhattan Associates, Inc.	2.27	0.00
Eagle Materials Inc.	2.25	0.00
Lattice Semiconductor Corporation	2.05	0.00
Fair Isaac Corporation	2.02	0.00
Chemed Corporation	1.96	0.00
Pool Corporation	1.85	0.00
Kadant Inc.	1.83	0.14
SPS Commerce, Inc.	1.82	0.25
Qualys, Inc.	1.81	0.23
Kirby Corporation	1.80	0.00

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**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

**Smaller Companies Risk:** The fund may invest in small capitalisation companies. Such investments involve greater risk than is customarily associated with larger, more established companies due to the greater business risks of small size, limited markets and financial resources, narrow product lines and a frequent lack of depth of management.

**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

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**Currency Risk:** Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. **If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.**

For full information on the risks please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Industrials	29.44	17.72
Information Technology	19.90	14.93
Health Care	11.36	15.34
Financials	10.86	15.79
Consumer Discretionary	9.82	10.83
Energy	6.30	7.33
Materials	4.55	4.51
Consumer Staples	2.33	3.31
Communication Services	2.17	2.15
Real Estate	1.83	5.60
Utilities	0.00	2.50

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Bmrk
Number of Securities	114	1,945
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD Million)	7,978	4,700
Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio	24.59	25.34
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth (%)	10.58	13.14
Dividend Yield (%)	0.81	1.33
Price / Sales	2.75	1.63

## ASSET SUMMARY

	Fund
Cash Equivalents (%)	1.44
Assets in Top 10 Holdings (%)	19.64

## RISK MEASURES

	3 years
Alpha (%)	1.86
Tracking Error (%)	7.52
Beta	0.84
Sharpe Ratio	0.06
Information Ratio	0.33
R-Squared (%)	87.71
Standard Deviation	19.07

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## A SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

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PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>6</sup>	Inception Date	1m <sup>7</sup>	3m <sup>7</sup>	YTD <sup>7</sup>	1y <sup>7</sup>	3y <sup>8</sup>	5y <sup>8</sup>	10y <sup>8</sup>	SI <sup>8</sup>
EUR A Accumulating Class	28-06-2016	3.71	4.93	4.93	10.30	-0.44	6.52	-	7.77
USD A Accumulating Class	05-07-2011	3.85	5.41	5.41	12.94	1.98	9.18	7.98	8.83
USD A Distributing Class	28-11-2016	3.88	5.44	5.44	12.97	1.99	9.18	-	9.13
Benchmark (USD)	-	3.53	5.08	5.08	19.19	-0.49	7.69	7.16	8.59 <sup>9</sup>

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EUR A Accumulating Class	28-06-2016	-	14.60 <sup>11</sup>	12.22	-10.89	24.00	20.41	15.49	-22.62	11.45	4.93
USD A Accumulating Class	05-07-2011	-1.17	16.84	14.29	-8.17	27.77	23.58	16.74	-19.92	14.34	5.41
USD A Distributing Class	28-11-2016	-	1.70 <sup>11</sup>	14.26	-8.18	27.84	23.53	16.74	-19.93	14.35	5.44
Benchmark (USD)	-	-4.79	20.78	14.21	-11.35	25.00	19.50	14.49	-20.76	16.41	5.08

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<sup>9</sup>Data shown since inception of the USD A Accumulating Class.

<sup>10</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

<sup>11</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

Where a benchmark is shown, the benchmark shown is provided in the base currency of the fund and therefore may not be a fair representative comparison to the hedged currency share class shown. The difference in the currency exposure and currency fluctuations in an unhedged benchmark may cause an unintended differential in any performance or risk comparison.

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## A SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
EUR A Acc	17.88	5.00%	1.84% *	1.70%	1,000
EUR A Acc - Unhedged	15.04	5.00%	1.84% *	1.70%	1,000
USD A Acc	29.41	5.00%	1.85% *	1.70%	1,000
USD A Dist	18.99	5.00%	1.85% *	1.70%	1,000

Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category™	ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
EUR A Acc	28-06-2016	Other Equity	IE00B44F1J46	NBSCEUR ID	13296376
EUR A Acc - Unhedged	18-09-2020	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00B42MJZ94	NBSEUHH ID	13296378
USD A Acc	05-07-2011	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00B64QTZ34	NBSCUSD ID	13296401
USD A Dist	28-11-2016	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00BLDYK493	NBSCAUI ID	24217145

\*The ongoing charge figure (incl. management fee) is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

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