

# Neuberger Berman US Small Cap Fund

USD | Accumulating Class

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Analyst-Driven %  
100  
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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

Senior Portfolio Manager

### Brett Reiner

Portfolio Manager

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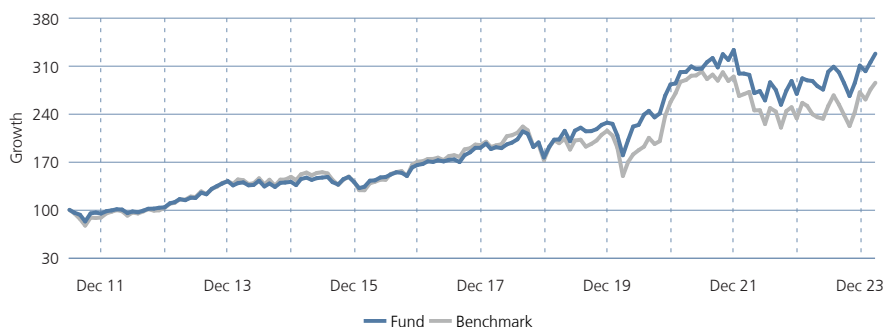
Portfolio Manager

## FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	01 July 2011
Inception Date (Share Class)	01 July 2011
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Currency (Share Class)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	619.25
NAV	32.92
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Management Fee	0.85%
Ongoing Charge (incl. management fee)*	0.99%
Bloomberg	NBSCUIA ID
ISIN	IE00B66ZT477
Morningstar Category™	US Small-Cap Equity
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index (Total Return, Net of Tax, USD)

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of USD 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of USD 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

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>4</sup>
Fund	3.95	5.61	5.61	13.91	2.86	10.12	8.90	9.79
Benchmark	3.53	5.08	5.08	19.19	-0.49	7.69	7.16	8.60

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Mar14 Mar15	Mar15 Mar16	Mar16 Mar17	Mar17 Mar18	Mar18 Mar19	Mar19 Mar20	Mar20 Mar21	Mar21 Mar22	Mar22 Mar23	Mar23 Mar24
Fund	4.99	-3.05	19.26	12.68	5.94	-11.41	67.96	-1.45	-3.05	13.91
Benchmark	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>
Fund	-0.28	17.84	15.20	-7.38	28.89	24.61	17.78	-19.25	15.36	5.61
Benchmark	-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. m - month, YTD - Year to Date, y - year, 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 01 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 I 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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\*The ongoing charges figure is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

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## 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 Mn)	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	2.72
Tracking Error (%)	7.49
Beta	0.84
Sharpe Ratio	0.10
Information Ratio	0.45
R-Squared (%)	87.79
Standard Deviation	19.10

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## I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	Currency	Inception Date (Share Class)	ISIN	Bloomberg	Fund Price	Last Distribution	Annual Yield
EUR I Accumulating Class <sup>#</sup>	EUR	06-08-2013	IE00B3PY8J28	NBSEIAC ID	21.38	-	-
EUR I Accumulating Class Unhedged	EUR	16-10-2017	IE00B4NQT611	NBSEIAU ID	19.69	-	-
JPY I Distributing Class Unhedged	JPY	29-07-2011	IE00B4TSG157	NBUSIID ID	6.73	0.000000	0.00%
USD I Accumulating Class	USD	01-07-2011	IE00B66ZT477	NBSCUIA ID	32.92	-	-
USD I Distributing Class	USD	10-12-2013	IE00BH2RF025	NBSCUID ID	23.95	0.000000	0.00%

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

Investors who subscribe in a currency different from their local currency should note that the costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

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<sup>#</sup> Hedged Share Class. Hedged share classes which are designated in a currency other than the base currency of the fund, are hedged into the base currency. For details please refer to the prospectus.

Fund price is as of the date of the factsheet. Please note that the last distribution quoted is the dividend payout per share on the relevant share class's last distribution date which varies (monthly, weekly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually) and may be different from the date of the factsheet.

The annual yield figure quoted is the distribution yield, calculated by multiplying the dividend by pay periods, dividing by the net asset value (NAV) of the last distribution date and then multiplying by 100%. It is for reference only and is not indicative of the return of the Fund's future dividend to be received by investors.

In respect of distributing share classes, the Directors of the Company may at their discretion pay dividends out of the capital of the Fund. Dividends paid out of capital amount to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Such dividends may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value (NAV) of the relevant shares. Dividends are not paid for all share classes and are not guaranteed. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return, and some share classes listed are subject to further restrictions. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for further details.

## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**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.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

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Source: Neuberger Berman, FactSet and Morningstar.

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