
Ennismore European Smaller Companies Fund

Investor Newsletter for the month of May 2001

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Fund Details

Daily dealing UCITS and Central Bank of Ireland regulated open ended investment company with FSA approval, registered in Ireland and listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. The Fund has an AA S&P Fund Research Fund Rating. The Fund size was £62.4m as at 31 May.

Performance as at 31 May 2001

	GBP			EUR			MSCI Index ⁺ % Change
	Fund NAV [*]	Fund NAV % Change	HSBC Index [#] % Change	Fund NAV [*]	Fund NAV % Change	HSBC Index [#] % Change	
May	19.90	1.4	- 2.3	33.27	5.0	1.4	- 2.2
April	19.63	2.2	4.4	31.69	1.9	4.7	6.5
March	19.21	- 7.8	- 9.6	31.11	- 4.7	- 7.3	- 4.8
February	20.84	0.7	- 4.6	32.63	0.4	- 4.8	- 7.7
January	20.69	2.4	4.8	32.51	2.1	3.5	1.4
December	20.21	3.2	0.7	31.84	- 0.6	- 1.6	- 0.2
November	19.58	2.6	- 3.7	32.02	- 2.6	- 8.5	- 5.0
October	19.09	- 3.0	- 4.3	32.87	0.4	- 2.1	2.5
September	19.68	- 2.5	- 5.6	32.74	- 0.2	- 3.3	- 4.8
August	20.19	0.1	2.4	32.80	0.0	4.5	2.4
July	20.18	1.0	1.0	32.80	4.0	2.2	1.0
June	19.98	1.8	0.8	31.54	0.1	- 1.2	- 0.8
Year to date		- 2.1	- 13.4		2.6	- 9.6	- 10.4
Since Launch (27/01/99)		97.8	1.7		127.7	17.9	10.5

* Source: Administrator, Net Asset Value, net income reinvested. # HSBC Europe inc. UK Small Cap Index, Source: Bloomberg, excludes income. + MSCI Europe 15, Loc curr., Source: Bloomberg, excludes income. All performance figures net of fees.

Comments on Performance refer to £ Sterling unless otherwise stated.

The net asset value per share increased by 1.4% during May whilst both small and large cap indices recorded losses. The Euro fell by 4% against Sterling, depressing the Fund's return in £Sterling by 2.4%, whilst adding 1.3% to the return in Euro. Most of our positions recorded gains, with 8 stocks contributing between 0.1 and 0.3%, but no outstanding performers. The only significant negative performer was one of our largest positions, Barlo, down 12% on the month and 28% off its high reached in February. The company gave a cautious trading outlook for the current year leading to a reduction in earnings expectations for the current year to single digit growth only. We retain every confidence in the stock given its cost leadership, significant market position, good management and a valuation of under seven times current year earnings. The ARIN positions which made up an average of 6% of holdings had a positive impact on performance.

Top Ten Holdings as at 31 May 2001*

	Company	Country	Sector	% of NAV
1	Paragon	UK	Financial	3.6
2	Gericom	Austria	Distribution	3.2
3	Barlo	Ireland	Construction Supplies	3.1
4	Beru	Germany	Auto	3.0
5	Bellway	UK	Housebuilder	2.9
6	Dinamia	Spain	Financial	2.2
7	PSD	UK	Services	2.2
8	CML Microsystems	UK	Semiconductors	2.1
9	Reliance	UK	Services	2.1
10	Porsche	Germany	Auto	2.0
				26.4

* excludes ARINS

There is no stock comment this month.

Country, Market Cap & Sector Weightings as at 31 May 2001

Country	% of NAV	Market Cap	% of NAV	Sector	% of NAV
UK	29.4	>£1bn	2.9	Services	12.0
Germany	11.3	£350m - £1bn	12.6	Retail	11.4
Sweden	6.1	£100m - £350m	27.0	Financial	8.1
Ireland	4.4	<£100m	25.3	Construction	7.0
France	4.3	Cash	32.2	Auto	5.0
Spain	4.2			Distribution	4.0
Austria	3.2			Medical	3.9
Netherlands	2.4			Media	3.7
Belgium	1.0			Software	3.4
Norway	0.8			Semiconductors	3.2
Switzerland	0.7			Other	6.1
Cash	32.2			Cash	32.2

Portfolio Activity

As at 30 June the Fund was 68 invested in 52 shares. The purchases of an additional ARIN position and of Irish housebuilder Abbey plc were the only major transactions.

Outlook

We expect markets to remain difficult and volatile. We do not bank on a sustained recovery in technology and related sectors, where we continue to find many prohibitively high valuations for companies of doubtful quality. We continue to concentrate our efforts on finding clear high growth situations that are undiscovered and cheap. Despite sharp corrections we see few favourably valued opportunities in technology and high growth stocks, whilst many value stocks have enjoyed a re-rating or have less appeal given the less certain economic outlook. We have to dig deeper to find strong ideas, but we remain confident given the large number of stocks in our universe and the limited amount of funds under management.

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