

## T. ROWE PRICE FUNDS SICAV

# **European Smaller Companies Equity Fund**

As at 31 October 2024 Total Fund Assets: €50.0 million

Figures shown in Euros



Portfolio Manager: Ben Griffiths

Managed Fund
Since:
2016

Joined Firm:
2006

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To increase the value of its shares, over the long term, through growth in the value of its investments.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

The fund is classified as Article 8 under SFDR (the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation); it promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics and the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices. The fund is actively managed and invests mainly in a diversified portfolio of shares of smaller publicly traded European companies. Although the fund does not have sustainable investment as an objective, the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics is achieved through the fund's commitment to maintain at least 10% of the value of its portfolio invested in Sustainable Investments, as defined by the SFDR. In addition to the E/S characteristics promoted, the fund also applies the investment manager's proprietary responsible screen (the T. Rowe Price Responsible Exclusion List). The fund may use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management. For full investment objective and policy details refer to the prospectus. The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.

### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

PERFORMANCE								Annualised			
(NAV, total return)	Inception Date	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-D	ate One	e Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
Class I	26 Nov 2008	-5.74%	-6.59%	2.00%	20	.32%	-8.88%	4.19%	7.10%	9.75%	
MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index CALENDAR YEARS		-4.53%	-4.40%	4.65%	22	.01%	-2.61%	5.24%	7.33%	9.58%	
(NAV, total return)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Class I	7.74%	26.06%	-0.33%	31.15%	-15.24%	17.149	6 27.99%	19.15%	-36.00%	14.53%	
MSCI Europa Small Cap Not Inday	6 47%	22 53%	0.86%	10.03%	15 96%	21 ///	/ 1590/	23 820/	22 50%	10 7/10/	

### Performance for additional share classes is shown later in this document.

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Where the base currency of the fund differs from the share class currency, exchange rate movements may affect returns.

Hedged share classes (denoted by 'h', 'b' or 'n') utilize investment techniques to mitigate currency risk between the underlying investment currency(ies) of the fund and the currency of the hedged share class. The costs of doing so will be charged to the share class and there is no guarantee that such hedging will be effective.

Performance data will be displayed when a share class has more than 1 year history of returns.

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### **KEY FUND RISKS**

Currency - Currency exchange rate movements could reduce investment gains or increase investment losses. Liquidity - Liquidity risk may result in securities becoming hard to value or trade within a desired timeframe at a fair price. Small and mid-cap - Small and mid-size company stock prices can be more volatile than stock prices of larger companies.

## **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

Issuer	Market/Industry	% of Fund
Bawag	Austria/Banks	5.0
Redcare Pharmacy	Germany/Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	3.6
Spie	France/Commercial Services & Supplies	3.3
Amplifon	Italy/Health Care Providers & Services	2.2
Laboratorios Farmaceuticos Rovi	Spain/Pharmaceuticals	2.2
Imcd	Netherlands/Trading Companies & Distributors	1.9
Croda International	United Kingdom/Chemicals	1.9
Rotork	United Kingdom/Machinery	1.8
Spirax	United Kingdom/Machinery	1.7
Montana Aerospace	Switzerland/Aerospace & Defense	1.7

# **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION (TOP 15)**

Market	% of Fund	Fund vs. Comparator Benchmark
United Kingdom	22.9	-9.0
France	14.2	7.0
Germany	11.8	3.6
Italy	8.6	1.4
Austria	5.6	3.7
Sweden	5.6	-5.8
Spain	5.5	1.7
Switzerland	4.9	-4.3
Norway	4.1	-0.8
Netherlands	2.6	-0.4
Denmark	2.0	-2.2
Ireland	1.6	1.0
Finland	1.0	-1.6
Lithuania	0.9	0.9
China	0.8	0.8
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The comparator benchmark data is for the MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index.

## SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

Sector	% of Fund	Fund vs. Comparator Benchmark
Communication Services	3.3	-1.3
Consumer Discretionary	8.5	-2.3
Consumer Staples	4.3	-1.5
Energy	5.5	1.6
Financials	16.6	0.4
Health Care	14.0	7.1
Industrials & Business Services	24.7	0.3
Information Technology	8.4	1.0
Materials	4.9	-2.8
Real Estate	3.2	-6.5
Utilities	0.0	-2.8

T. Rowe Price uses the current MSCI/S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) for sector and industry reporting.

# **SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS**

	Target Minimum	
	Commitment (%)	% of Fund
Sustainable Investments	10.0	41.2
with Environmental Objective	0.5	19.6
with Social Objective	0.5	21.6

# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund	Comparator Benchmark
Price to Earnings (Current Fiscal Year)	18.4X	15.6X
Return on Equity (Current Fiscal Year)	13.6%	15.2%
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	€3,021	€2,862
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	€4,019	€3,192
Number of Holdings	89	859
Top 20 Holdings as % of Total	41.0%	10.2%
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	6.2%	-
Price to Book (trailing)	3.4	2.3
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3-5 Years)	9.6	9.3

\*Investment Weighted Average.\*\*Investment Weighted Market Cap is calculated in USD and converted to EUR using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. © 2024 FactSet. All rights reserved. These statistics are based on the Fund's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary.

# RISK/RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (Five Years as of Month End)

	Fund	Comparator Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	21.60%	20.57%
Alpha	-0.80%	0.00%
Beta	0.99	1.00
R-Squared	0.92	1.00
Information Ratio	-0.15	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.05	0.11
Tracking Error	7.21%	0.00%

Statistics based on monthly returns of Class I shares.

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## **PERFORMANCE**

Annualised

Since Class Inception

(NAV, total return)	Inception Date	One Month	Three Months	Year-to- Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	Fund	Comparator Benchmark
Class A	26 Nov 2008	-5.82%	-6.81%	1.21%	19.21%	-9.70%	3.32%	6.22%	8.81%	-	-
Class Q	04 Dec 2013	-5.75%	-6.61%	1.93%	20.28%	-8.93%	4.12%	7.03%	-	6.87%	7.32%
MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index		-4.53%	-4.40%	4.65%	22.01%	-2.61%	5.24%	7.33%	9.58%	-	-
Class Q (GBP)	31 Jan 2014	-4.77%	-6.73%	-1.12%	16.06%	-8.99%	3.67%	7.83%	-	6.85%	7.20%
MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index (GBP)		-3.11%	-4.17%	1.98%	18.28%	-2.60%	4.80%	8.15%	-	-	-

# **CALENDAR YEARS**

(NAV, total return)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class A	6.75%	24.88%	-1.22%	29.94%	-15.82%	16.29%	27.05%	18.32%	-36.58%	13.49%
Class Q	7.63%	25.94%	-0.36%	31.04%	-15.28%	17.01%	27.92%	19.07%	-36.04%	14.47%
MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index	6.47%	23.53%	0.86%	19.03%	-15.86%	31.44%	4.58%	23.82%	-22.50%	12.74%
Class Q (GBP)	-	18.88%	15.38%	36.49%	-14.76%	11.28%	35.33%	11.25%	-32.55%	12.38%
MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index (GBP)	-	17.32%	16.81%	23.78%	-14.92%	24.08%	10.48%	16.15%	-18.11%	10.11%

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### **FUND INFORMATION**

Class	ISIN Code	Bloomberg Code	Comparator Benchmark	Inception Date	Ongoing Management Charge
Α	LU0382931250	TPESCEA LX	MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index	26 Nov 2008	1.77%
I	LU0382931417	TPESCEI LX	MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index	26 Nov 2008	0.85%
Q	LU1001671582	TPESCQA LX	MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index	04 Dec 2013	0.92%
Q (GBP)	LU1028171921	TRESCQG LX	MSCI Europe Small Cap Net Index (GBP)	31 Jan 2014	0.92%

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#### **GENERAL FUND RISKS**

General fund risks - to be read in conjunction with the fund specific risks above. Equity - Equities can lose value rapidly for a variety of reasons and can remain at low prices indefinitely. ESG and sustainability - ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the fund. Geographic concentration - Geographic concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any social, political, economic, environmental or market conditions affecting those countries or regions in which the Fund's assets are concentrated. Investment fund - Investing in funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Management - Management risk may result in potential conflicts of interest relating to the obligations of the investment manager. Market - Market risk may subject the fund to experience losses caused by unexpected changes in a wide variety of factors. Operational - Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

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