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# Neuberger Berman US Small Cap Fund

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Analyst-Driven %  
100  
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100

## 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**  
Portfolio Manager

**Brett Reiner**  
Portfolio Manager

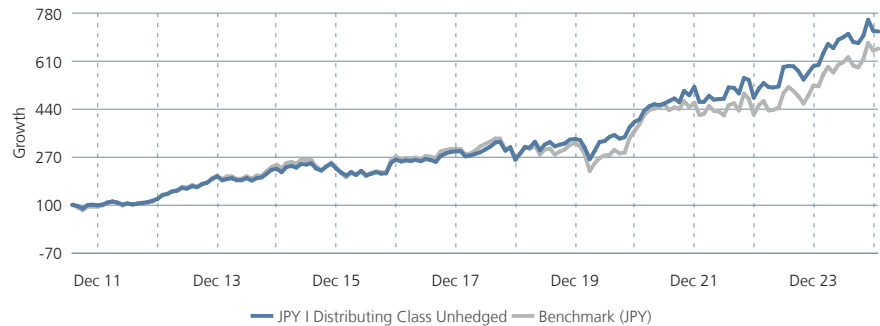
**Gregory Spiegel**  
Portfolio Manager

## FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	01 July 2011
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	909.07
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) converted into the relevant currency of the share class

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of JPY 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of JPY 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>3,4</sup>
JPY I Distributing Class Unhedged	-0.28	2.14	-0.28	19.75	15.41	16.73	12.74	15.69
Benchmark (JPY)	1.10	6.11	1.10	25.68	16.08	16.26	11.05	14.94

12 MONTH PERIODS (%) <sup>1</sup>	Jan15 Jan16	Jan16 Jan17	Jan17 Jan18	Jan18 Jan19	Jan19 Jan20	Jan20 Jan21	Jan21 Jan22	Jan22 Jan23	Jan23 Jan24	Jan24 Jan25
JPY I Distributing Class Unhedged	-0.24	17.94	14.23	-2.55	16.91	21.92	15.64	10.24	16.42	19.75
Benchmark (JPY)	-7.53	23.62	13.19	-4.18	8.31	25.27	8.42	8.60	14.59	25.68

CALENDAR (%)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 <sup>5</sup>
JPY I Distributing Class Unhedged	14.24	11.29	-9.78	27.68	18.37	31.36	-7.47	23.22	21.26	-0.28
Benchmark (JPY)	17.10	10.31	-13.66	23.81	13.53	27.70	-9.21	24.38	23.86	1.10

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, m - month, y - year. 12 month period based on month end NAVs.

<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 29 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 JPY I Distributing Class Unhedged 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
Valmont Industries, Inc.	2.00	0.00
RBC Bearings Incorporated	1.93	0.00
Kirby Corporation	1.91	0.00
Chemed Corporation	1.75	0.00
FirstService Corp	1.73	0.00
SPS Commerce, Inc.	1.71	0.25
Texas Roadhouse, Inc.	1.68	0.00
Kadant Inc.	1.59	0.16
Eagle Materials Inc.	1.56	0.00
Lattice Semiconductor Corporation	1.55	0.00

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**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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## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)

	Fund	Bmrk
Industrials	33.65	18.07
Information Technology	18.20	13.55
Financials	14.05	18.79
Consumer Discretionary	8.61	9.69
Health Care	8.24	16.80
Energy	5.35	4.90
Materials	3.60	4.13
Real Estate	2.34	5.94
Utilities	1.78	2.64
Communication Services	1.31	2.66
Consumer Staples	0.92	2.84
Cash	1.95	0.00

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Bmrk
Number of Securities	111	1,960
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD Million)	8,079	3,793
Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio	24.29	30.22
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth (%)	12.05	11.04
Dividend Yield (%)	0.84	1.29
Price / Sales	2.81	1.69

## ASSET SUMMARY

	Fund
Cash Equivalents (%)	1.95
Assets in Top 10 Holdings (%)	17.43

## RISK MEASURES

	3 years
Alpha (%)	1.20
Tracking Error (%)	6.17
Beta	0.82
Sharpe Ratio	0.68
Information Ratio	-0.11
R-Squared (%)	91.39
Standard Deviation	17.15

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## I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
EUR I Acc	21.95	0.00%	0.94%*	0.85%	1,000,000
EUR I Acc Unhedged	21.32	0.00%	0.97%*	0.85%	1,000,000
JPY I Dist. Unhedged	7.18	0.00%	0.97%*	0.85%	100,000,000
USD I Acc	34.31	0.00%	0.97%*	0.85%	1,000,000
USD I Dist	24.96	0.00%	0.97%*	0.85%	1,000,000

Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category™	ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
EUR I Acc	06-08-2013	Other Equity	IE00B3PY8J28	NBSEIAC ID	13296386
EUR I Acc Unhedged	16-10-2017	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00B4NQT611	NBSEIAU ID	13296393
JPY I Dist. Unhedged	29-07-2011	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00B4TSG157	NBUSIID ID	13488455
USD I Acc	01-07-2011	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00B66ZT477	NBSCUIA ID	13296439
USD I Dist	10-12-2013	US Small-Cap Equity	IE00BH2RF025	NBSCUID ID	23132035

\*The ongoing charge figure (which includes the management fee) is an annual charge based on expenses for the period ending 31 December 2024

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