# 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

Senior Portfolio Manager

### **Brett Reiner**

Portfolio Manager

### **Gregory Spiegel**

Portfolio Manager

### **FUND FACTS**

01 July 2011 Inception Date (Fund) Base Currency (Fund) USD Fund AUM (USD million) 684.66 Domicile Ireland Vehicle **UCITS** Valuation Daily T+3 Settlement (Subscription) 15:00 (Dublin Time) Trading Deadline

Regulator Central Bank of Ireland
Benchmark Russell 2000 Index (Total
Return, Net of Tax, USD)

#### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE Past performance does not predict future returns.



— USD A Accumulating Class — Benchmark (USD)

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>	1m²	3m²	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y²	3y³	5y³	10y³	SI <sup>3,4</sup>
USD A Accumulating Class	-0.96	6.39	10.36	13.66	1.46	9.01	8.63	8.92
Benchmark (USD)	-1.53	7.40	10.12	17.98	0.19	9.26	7.61	8.69

12 MONTH PERIODS (%) <sup>1</sup>							_	_	Aug23	_
USD A Accumulating Class	0.52	9.32	8.80	25.31	-0.74	12.95	30.50	-15.20	8.36	13.66
Benchmark (USD)	-0.35	8.11	14.45	24.99	-13.25	5.57	46.64	-18.18	4.19	17.98
CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	20245
USD A Accumulating Class	-1.17	16.84	14.29	-8.17	27.77	23.58	16.74	-19.92	14.34	10.36

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1Performance 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.

Benchmark (USD)

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

4Returns from 05 July 2011 to latest month end.

5Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

-4.79

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)**

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Manhattan Associates, Inc.	2.20	0.00
Fair Isaac Corporation	2.20	0.00
Kirby Corporation	2.13	0.00
Tetra Tech, Inc.	1.97	0.00
RBC Bearings Incorporated	1.91	0.00
SPS Commerce, Inc.	1.90	0.28
CSW Industrials, Inc.	1.90	0.20
Eagle Materials Inc.	1.88	0.00
Chemed Corporation	1.75	0.00
Littelfuse, Inc.	1.66	0.00

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#### **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.

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 these and other risks, please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

#### **SECTOR ALLOCATIONS % (MV)**

	Fund	Bmrk
Industrials	32.31	16.88
Information Technology	19.60	12.70
Financials	12.11	18.48
Consumer Discretionary	9.17	9.83
Health Care	9.09	17.59
Energy	6.23	5.57
Materials	3.85	4.43
Real Estate	1.94	6.34
Consumer Staples	1.88	2.75
Communication Services	1.63	2.65
Utilities	0.74	2.79
Cash	1.44	0.00

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund	Bmrk
Number of Securities	110	1,971
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD Million)	8,491	3,398
Forward Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio	25.48	28.87
Estimated 3-5 Year EPS Growth (%)	13.88	13.53
Dividend Yield (%)	0.80	1.34
Price / Sales	2.92	1.60

#### **ASSET SUMMARY**

	Fund
Cash Equivalents (%)	1.44
Assets in Top 10 Holdings (%)	19.51

#### **RISK MEASURES**

	3 years
Alpha (%)	0.64
Tracking Error (%)	6.40
Beta	0.86
Sharpe Ratio	0.00
Information Ratio	0.20
R-Squared (%)	92.40
Standard Deviation	20.09

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#### A SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

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PERFORMANCE (%)6	Inception Date	1m	7	3m <sup>7</sup>	YTD <sup>7</sup>	1y <sup>7</sup>	Зу	8	5y <sup>8</sup>	10y <sup>8</sup>	SI <sup>8</sup>
EUR A Accumulating Class	28-06-2016	-1.0	5	5.99	9.10	11.38	-1.04	4	6.48	-	7.87
USD A Accumulating Class	05-07-2011	-0.9	5	6.39	10.36	13.66	1.40	5	9.01	8.63	8.92
USD A Distributing Class	28-11-2016	-0.9	5	6.37	10.38	13.66	1.4	7	9.02	-	9.26
Benchmark (USD)	-	-1.5	3	7.40	10.12	17.98	0.19	9	9.26	7.61	8.69°
12 MONTH PERIODS (%) <sup>6</sup>	Inception Date	Aug 14 Aug 15	Aug 15 Aug 16	Aug 16 Aug 17	Aug 17 Aug 18	Aug 18 Aug 19	Aug 19 Aug 20	Aug 20 Aug 21	Aug 21 Aug 22	Aug 22 Aug 23	Aug 23 Aug 24
EUR A Accumulating Class	28-06-2016	-	-	7.04	22.23	-3.89	9.57	28.90	-16.89	4.71	11.38
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Benchmark (USD)

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.

<sup>6</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>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>8</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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### A SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment
EUR A Acc	18.59	5.00%	1.84%*	1.70%	1,000
EUR A Acc - Unhedged	15.36	5.00%	1.84%*	1.70%	1,000
USD A Acc	30.79	5.00%	1.85%*	1.70%	1,000
USD A Dist	19.88	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	NBSEUUH 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

<sup>\*</sup>The ongoing charge figure (which includes the management fee) is an annual charge based on expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023

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

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Source: Neuberger Berman, FactSet and Morningstar

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