## **Key Information Document**



## **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

## **Product**

# European Small Companies Fund GBP Accumulation Shares (IE00B0701870)

a sub-fund of Dimensional Funds plc

Manufacturer: Dimensional Ireland Limited

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The Central Bank of Ireland is responsible for supervising Dimensional Ireland Limited in relation to this Key Information Document.

The European Small Companies Fund ("Fund") is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

This Fund is managed by Dimensional Ireland Limited.

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# What is this product?

#### Type:

This product is a UCITS Fund.

#### Term:

This Fund is open-ended.

#### **Objectives:**

The aim is to increase the value of your investment over the long term and to earn income within the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed which means that the Investment Manager is actively making investment decisions for the Fund. The Fund is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

The Fund primarily invests in shares of companies listed on the principal stock exchanges in selected European countries. The Fund invests in a broad and diverse group of smaller sized companies.

The composition of the Fund may be adjusted based on considerations such as the number of outstanding shares of public companies that are freely available to the investing public, the tendency of the price of a security/share to continue movement in a single direction, how readily available the shares are to buy and sell, liquidity management, size, value, profitability and investment characteristics.

No more than 20% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in European countries that are considered to be emerging markets.

The Fund may use financial contracts or instruments (derivatives) to manage risk, reduce costs or improve returns.

Fund returns are primarily determined by the returns of the securities the Fund invests in, after fees. The performance of an investment in the Fund will be driven by the performance of the equity markets which the Fund focuses on, by the characteristics that the Fund emphasizes—such as exposure to the size, value and profitability premiums—as well as by implementation costs.

Income is not distributed and is rolled up (accumulated) into the value of your investment.

You may sell your investment in the Fund on demand on a daily basis.

**Additional Information:** We are required to provide you with further documentation and copies of the prospectus (which includes additional information relating to your investment), the latest annual reports and subsequent half-yearly reports (all in English). This and other information (including the latest share prices) are available free of charge at <a href="https://www.dimensional.com">www.dimensional.com</a>.

**Depositary:** State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.

#### Intended retail investor:

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking a long-term appreciation of capital and who are prepared to accept a high degree of volatility. It is recommended the Fund should be purchased with advice, but it is also suitable for retail investors with a basic knowledge of financial investments who can purchase the Fund on an execution only basis. As the Fund's investment return is not guaranteed, investors must be able to bear loss of capital.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

## **Risk Indicator**



The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level and poor market conditions could impact the value of your investment.

Be aware of currency risk. You will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

Additional risks may include loss of principal and fluctuating value. For more detail about the risks related to this product, please see the prospectus available at <a href="https://www.dimensional.com">www.dimensional.com</a>.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

## Performance scenarios

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the European Small Companies Fund over the last 12 years.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

| Recommended Holding Period: 7 years                         |   |                             |   |  |  |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Investment: GBP 10,000                                      |   |                             |   |  |  |
| Scenarios<br>You could lose some or all of your investment. |   | If you exit after 1 year    | If you exit after 7 years<br>(recommended holding period) |  |  |
| Stress  | What you might get back after costs  Average return each year | <b>1,390 GBP</b><br>-86.06% | <b>800 GBP</b><br>-30.34%                                 |  |  |
| Unfavourable <sup>1</sup>                                   | What you might get back after costs Average return each year  | <b>7,780 GBP</b> -22.17%    | <b>9,290 GBP</b><br>-1.05%                                |  |  |
| Moderate <sup>2</sup>                                       | What you might get back after costs Average return each year  | <b>10,920 GBP</b><br>9.24%  | <b>20,690 GBP</b><br>10.94%                               |  |  |
| Favourable <sup>3</sup>                                     | What you might get back after costs Average return each year  | <b>15,400 GBP</b> 54.00%    | <b>27,970 GBP</b><br>15.83%                               |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between August 2021 and February 2023.

# What happens if Dimensional Ireland Limited is unable to pay out?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its depositary, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. In the event of the insolvency of Dimensional Ireland Limited, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the depositary's insolvency, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss. The risk is mitigated to a certain extent by the fact the depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund. The depositary will also be liable to the Fund and the investors for any loss arising from, among other things, its negligence, fraud, or intentional failure to properly fulfill its obligations (subject to certain limitations). There is no compensation or guarantee scheme protecting you from a default of the Fund's depositary.

## What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed, in the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0 % annual return). For the other holding period, we have assumed the fund performs as shown in the moderate scenario and the investment is GBP 10,000.

| Investment: GBP 10,000 | If you exit after 1 year | If you exit after 7 years |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total costs            | 55 GBP                   | 745 GBP                   |
| Annual cost impact (*) | 0.6%                     | 0.6%                      |

(\*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 11.5% before costs and 10.9% after costs.

The illustration is produced using a required methodology (which includes using data from an appropriate proxy where there is insufficient historical data available for the Fund) and provides only a projection, such that it may not accurately predict what the actual annual costs and returns of the Fund will be.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between January 2015 and January 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This type of scenario occurred for an investment between September 2011 and September 2018.

#### Composition of costs

| One-off costs upon entry or ex                              | If you exit after 1 year   |        |
|---|--|--------|
| Entry costs   | We do not charge an entry fee.   | 0 GBP  |
| Exit costs  | We do not charge an exit fee for this product, but the person selling you the product may do so.   | 0 GBP  |
| Ongoing costs taken each yea                                | If you exit after 1 year   |        |
| Management fees and other administrative or operating costs | 0.5% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.   | 49 GBP |
| Transaction costs   | 0.1% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell. | 6 GBP  |
| Incidental costs taken under sp                             | If you exit after 1 year   |        |
| Performance fees  | There is no performance fee for this product.  | 0 GBP  |

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 7 years

As the Fund is intended for long-term investors, we recommend that you hold this investment for at least 7 years based on the investment policy of the Fund.

You can request to take out some or all of your money at any time. You can typically request to buy or sell shares in the Fund on any Business Day (as set out in the Fund's prospectus).

If you cash in at an early stage this will increase the risk of lower investment returns or a loss.

# How can I complain?

If you have any complaints, please contact the Compliance Officer. Complaints can be lodged via the following methods:

i. Phone: +353 (0)1 669 8500

ii. E-mail: complaints@dimensional.com

iii. Mail: Dimensional Ireland Limited. 3 Dublin Landings, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland

iv. Online: https://www.dimensional.com/legal-document-centre-for-investors

## Other relevant information

Past Performance & Performance Scenarios: Please visit <a href="https://www.dimensional.com/PRIIPS-Performance">https://www.dimensional.com/PRIIPS-Performance</a> to view the fund's historical performance and previous performance scenarios. Any past performance data presented will be for up to 10 calendar years from the date of the launch of a share class. No performance data will be presented for a share class that does not yet have performance data for one complete calendar year as there would be insufficient data to provide a useful indication of past performance to retail investors.