

Key risk factors

Capital at risk. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

The Company's investments may be subject to liquidity constraints, which means that shares may trade less frequently and in small volumes, for instance smaller companies. As a result, changes in the value of investments may be more unpredictable. In certain cases, it may not be possible to sell the security at the last market price quoted or at a value considered to be fairest.

Overseas investments will be affected by currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The Company may from time to time utilize gearing. A fuller definition of gearing is given in the glossary.

NMPI status The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by IFAs (Independent Financial Advisers) to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority rules in relation to non-mainstream pooled investments (NMPI) and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the Financial Conduct Authority's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream pooled investments because they are shares in an investment trust.

The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited website at: blackrock.com/uk/brsc.

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The information contained in this release was correct as at 28 February 2026. Information on the Company's up to date net asset values can be found on the London Stock Exchange Website at: <https://www.londonstockexchange.com/news?tab=news-explorer>

Company objective

To achieve long term capital growth for shareholders through investment mainly in smaller UK quoted companies.

Fund information (as at 28/02/26)

Net asset value capital only (debt at par value)	1,487.30p
Net asset value capital only (debt at fair value)	1,549.67p
Net asset value incl. income (debt at par value) ¹	1,516.74p
Net asset value incl. income (debt at fair value) ¹	1,579.12p
Share price	1,402.00p
Discount to NAV incl. income (debt at par value)	7.6%
Discount to NAV incl. income (debt at fair value)	11.2%
Net yield ²	3.2%
Gross assets ³	£673.4m
Gearing range as a % of net assets	0-15%
Net gearing including income (debt at par)	5.7%
Ongoing charges ratio ⁴	0.8%
Issued capital – ordinary shares (excluding shares in treasury) ⁵	39,812,792

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

¹ Includes net revenue of 29.44p.

² Yield calculations are based on dividends announced in the last 12 months as at the date of release of this announcement and comprise the Final dividend of 28.50 pence per share (announced on 07 May 2025, ex-date on 15 May 2025, and paid on 26 June 2025) and Interim dividend of 16.00 pence per share (announced on 24 October 2025, ex-date on 06 November 2025, and pay date 10 December 2025).

³ Includes current year revenue.

⁴ The Company's ongoing charges are calculated as a percentage of average daily net assets and using the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding finance costs, direct transaction costs, custody transaction charges, VAT recovered, taxation and certain non-recurring items for year ended 28 February 2025.

⁵ Excludes 10,180,731 ordinary shares held in treasury.

Annual performance to the last quarter end (as at 31 December 2025)

Sterling	31/12/24 31/12/25 %	31/12/23 31/12/24 %	31/12/22 31/12/23 %	31/12/21 31/12/22 %	31/12/20 31/12/21 %
Net asset value	-0.6	2.9	0.8	-26.4	28.9
Share price	-1.2	2.2	5.2	-34.3	24.0
Benchmark ¹	11.8	5.0	3.2	-21.9	20.0

Cumulative performance (as at 28/02/26)

Sterling	1M%	3M%	1Y%	3Y%	5Y%
Net asset value	-0.1	6.5	11.2	7.2	0.5
Share price	2.2	7.7	14.2	11.7	-5.2
Benchmark ¹	0.8	7.2	21.5	21.5	14.0

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Source: BlackRock and Datastream, 28 February 2026

¹ The Company's benchmark is the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (excluding Investment Companies) Index.

The annual Net Asset Value (NAV) performance statistics to the last quarter end in the first table above are based on a NAV including income and with debt at par, with any dividends reinvested on the ex-dividend date, net of ongoing charges and any applicable performance fee. The annual Net Asset Value (NAV) performance statistics in the second table above are based on a NAV including income and with debt at fair value, with any dividends reinvested on the ex-dividend date, net of ongoing charges and any applicable performance fee.

Share price performance calculations also include dividend reinvestment. The debenture stock and long dated notes issued by the Company are valued at par which represents the value due to be paid to holders of the debt at maturity. The debenture and the long dated notes are forms of long term loan. Additional definitions are given in the glossary.

A fuller definition of ongoing charges, which includes the annual management fee, is given in the glossary. Details of the management fee are given in the key company details section overleaf. Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date.

The performance of the Company's portfolio, or NAV performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance. The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited website at: blackrock.com/uk/brsc.

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Comments from the Portfolio Manager, Roland Arnold

Please note that the commentary below includes historic information on the Company's NAV performance and index performance.

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During February the Company's NAV per share returned - 0.1% to 1,579.12p on a total return basis, while our benchmark index, the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (excluding Investment Companies) Index, returned 0.8%.

Equity markets continued to grind higher, although leadership broadened meaningfully beneath the surface. Investors rotated away from more crowded AI and software names towards cyclical and value-oriented areas, as questions emerged around the near-term payback from elevated levels of AI investment. At the same time, macro conditions were influenced by policy uncertainty in the US, particularly around trade tariffs, and a late-month escalation in geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which drove a modest shift in risk sentiment. UK equities advanced over the month, with the FTSE All Share Index rising 6.5%, supported by strength in more defensive large-cap areas. In contrast, UK small and mid-cap companies underperformed, delivering a small positive return, reflecting both style headwinds and continued outflows from the asset class.

At a sector level, financials were the largest detractor, reflecting macro volatility and increased concerns around credit risk. Holdings including XPS Pensions, IntegraFin and Tatton Asset Management all detracted despite an absence of company-specific news. Pollen Street Capital also underperformed, caught up in broader weakness across private credit and alternative asset managers. Elsewhere, Boku's share price declined, likely reflecting broader weakness across payments-related names linked to the ongoing rotation away from AI beneficiaries. We do not believe this reflects any change in the company's fundamentals, with its multi-jurisdictional payments network remaining a highly differentiated and difficult-to-replicate asset.

On the positive side, Ithaca Energy was a strong contributor, benefiting from higher oil prices following the escalation of tensions in the Middle East. The company also delivered a positive trading update, with production in line with upgraded guidance and further capacity growth expected into 2026. Pan African Resources also performed well, reporting strong interim results driven by higher gold production and elevated realised prices. Meanwhile, Senior, the aerospace and defence engineer, saw its share price rise following confirmation that it had received multiple takeover approaches, highlighting ongoing M&A (Mergers & Acquisitions) interest across the UK market.

The current backdrop remains uncertain, with geopolitical tensions, fiscal pressures and structural industry changes continuing to shape the investment environment. In the UK, recent policy decisions have increased the burden on businesses and may slow the pace at which interest rates can be reduced. This has contributed to sustained outflows from UK equities, with small and mid-cap companies particularly affected. However, history suggests that this

part of the market has demonstrated resilience through previous periods of disruption, including the Global Financial Crisis, Brexit and the pandemic. We also note that elevated levels of M&A activity in the UK point to the attractiveness of valuations, with strategic and financial buyers recognising the opportunity. In our view, this reinforces the long-term investment case for UK smaller companies, even as near-term sentiment remains subdued.

We thank shareholders for your ongoing support.

Unless otherwise stated all data is sourced from BlackRock as at 28 February 2026.

Reference to the names of each company mentioned in this communication is merely for explaining the investment strategy, and should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

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Ten Largest Equity Investments (as at 28/02/26)

Company	% of portfolio
Greencore Group Plc	2.8
Great Portland Estates	2.8
Serco Group	2.7
IntegraFin	2.6
XPS Pensions	2.6
Morgan Sindall	2.6
Boku	2.6
Tatton Asset Management	2.4
Helios Towers Plc	2.3
Sigmaroc Plc	2.2

Sector allocations (as at 28/02/26)	% of portfolio
Industrials	32.7
Financials	22.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.0
Basic Materials	9.1
Consumer Staples	8.1
Real Estate	5.3
Health Care	3.5
Communication Services	2.9
Technology	1.9
Energy	1.8
Total	100.0

Allocations are as of date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings. **Risk:** The specific companies identified and described above do not represent all of the companies purchased or sold, and no assumptions should be made that the companies identified and discussed were or will be profitable. This should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

A full disclosure of portfolio investments for the BlackRock Smaller Companies Trust plc as at 30 September 2025 has been made available on the Company's website at the link given below:
<https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/policies/brsct-portfolio-disclosure.pdf>

Country allocations (as at 28/02/26)	% of total assets
United Kingdom	97.4
United States	2.6
Total	100.0

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Key company details

Fund characteristics:

Launch date	May 1906
Dealing currency	Sterling
Association of Investment Companies sector (AIC)	UK Smaller Companies
Benchmark	Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (ex Investment Companies)
Traded	London Stock Exchange

Management:

Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014)	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
Portfolio manager	Roland Arnold

Annual management fee	BlackRock receives an annual fee which is calculated based on 0.60% in respect of the first GBP 750m of the Company's total assets less current liabilities, reducing to 0.50% thereafter. There are no performance fee arrangements in place.
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Financial calendar:

Fund codes:

Year end	28 February	ISIN	GB0006436108
Results announced	October/ November (half yearly) April/May (final)	Sedol	0643610
Annual General Meeting	June	Bloomberg	BRSC:LN
		Reuters	BRSC.L
Dividends paid	December and June	Ticker	BRSC/LON

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Glossary of Terms

AIM

AIM is the London Stock Exchange's international market for smaller growing companies. The AIM market has no restrictions on market capitalisation, and financial reporting is more flexible than for companies listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange.

Long Term Note

A long term note is also a form of long term loan. The Company has in issue a £25 million long term note which redeems in 2037 and carries an interest cost of 2.74%, a £20 million long term note which redeems in 2044 and carries an interest cost of 2.41% and a £25 million long term note which redeems in 2046 and carries an interest cost of 2.47%.

Discount/Premium

Investment trust shares frequently trade at a discount or premium to the NAV. This occurs when the share price is less than (a discount) or more than (a premium) the NAV. The discount or premium is the difference between the share price (based on mid-market share prices) and the NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV. Discounts and premiums are mainly the consequence of supply and demand for the shares on the stock market.

Gearing

Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favorable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments. Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

Net yield

The net yield is calculated using total dividends declared in the last 12 months (as at date of this factsheet) as a percentage of the month end share price.

NAV (Net Asset Value) and diluted NAV

A company's undiluted NAV is its available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), before making any adjustment for any potentially dilutive securities which the Company may have in issue, such as subscription shares, convertible bonds or treasury shares. A diluted NAV is calculated on the assumption that holders of any convertibles have converted, subscription shares have been exercised and treasury shares are re-issued at the mid-market price, to the extent that the NAV per share is higher than the price of each of these shares or securities and that they are 'in the money'. The aim is to ensure that shareholders have a full understanding of the potential impact on the Company's NAV if these instruments had been exercised on a particular date.

Ongoing charges ratio

Ongoing charges (%) =

$$\frac{\text{Annualised ongoing charges}}{\text{Average undiluted net asset value in the period}}$$

Ongoing charges are those expenses of a type which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future, whether charged to capital or revenue, and which relate to the operation of the investment company as a collective fund, excluding the costs of acquisition/disposal of investments, financing charges and gains/losses arising on investments. Ongoing charges are based on costs incurred in the year as being the best estimate of future costs and include the annual management fee.

Treasury shares

Treasury shares are shares that a company keeps in its own treasury which are not currently issued to the public. These shares do not pay dividends, have no voting rights and are not included in a Company's total issued share capital amount for the purpose of calculating percentage ownership. Treasury stock may have come from a repurchase or buyback from shareholders, or it may have never been issued to the public in the first place. Treasury shares may be reissued from treasury to the public to meet demand for a company's shares in certain circumstances.

Large, Mid and Small-Cap Companies

Companies are considered to be large, mid or small-cap based on the market capitalisation of a company, which is its overall value; the greater the value, the larger the cap. Large-caps are generally considered to be those that are listed in the FTSE 100 index. Mid-cap companies are generally considered to be those listed on the FTSE 250, which ranges from a market cap of approximately £4 billion down to £500 million. The FTSE Small Cap index includes stocks worth as little as £150 million.

Risk Warnings

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Trust Specific Risks

Smaller companies Risk. Smaller company investments are often associated with greater investment risk than those of larger company shares.

Gearing Risk. Investment strategies, such as borrowing, used by the Trust can result in even larger losses suffered when the value of the underlying investments fall.

Liquidity Risk. The Company's investments may have low liquidity which often causes the value of these investments to be less predictable. In extreme cases, the Company may not be able to realise the investment at the latest market price or at a price considered fair.

Counterparty Risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Equity risk. The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.

Derivative Risk general (derivatives, options, covered calls). The Company uses derivatives as part of its investment strategy. Compared to a fund which only invests in traditional instruments such as stocks and bonds, derivatives are potentially subject to a higher level of risk.

Investors should refer to offering documentation for the funds full list of risks.

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