

Baillie Gifford™

Baillie Gifford International Smaller Companies Fund

First Quarter 2024

About Baillie Gifford

Philosophy	Long-term investment horizon A growth bias Bottom-up portfolio construction High active share
Partnership	100% owned by 57 partners with average 21 years' service Ownership aligns our interests with those of our clients Enables us to take a thoughtful, long-term view in all that we do Stability, quality and consistency

Portfolio Summary

The Baillie Gifford International Smaller Companies Fund seeks capital appreciation by investing in a diversified international portfolio of 75+ quality growth stocks of smaller companies located in countries of developed and emerging markets which we believe will outperform the market over the long-term. The portfolio is built through active bottom-up stock selection by the International Smaller Companies Portfolio Construction Group principally without regard to the Fund's benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index.

Fund Facts

K Class Ticker	BICKX
Institutional Class Ticker	BICIX
Launch Date	December 19, 2018
Size	\$14.3m
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI ex-USA Small Cap Index
Stocks (guideline range)	75+
Current Number of Stocks	86
Active Share	98%*
Annual Turnover	12%**
Style	International Small Cap

*Relative to MSCI ACWI ex-USA Small Cap Index. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, MSCI.

Active Share is a measure of the Fund's overlap with the benchmark. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the benchmark and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the benchmark.

**The Turnover figure presented is based on internal calculation methods and differs to the financial statements which are calculated in accordance with the requirements of N-1A.

International Smaller Companies Portfolio Construction Group

Name	Years' Experience
Brian Lum	18
Charlie Broughton	10
Remya Nair	6

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. This information and other information about the Fund can be found in the prospectus and summary prospectus. For a prospectus and summary prospectus, please visit our website at bailliegifford.com/usmutualfunds Please carefully read the Fund's prospectus and related documents before investing. Securities are offered through Baillie Gifford Funds Services LLC, an affiliate of Baillie Gifford Overseas Ltd and a member of FINRA.

Fund Performance as of March 31, 2024



Gross Expense Ratio	
Share Class – K	1.55%
Share Class – Institutional	1.64%
Net Expense Ratio	
Share Class – K	0.90%
Share Class – Institutional	0.99%

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index

The performance data quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For the most recent month-end performance please visit the Fund's website at bailliegifford.com/usmutualfunds.

The Baillie Gifford Fund's performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions and is net of management fees and expenses. From time to time, certain fees and/or expenses have been voluntarily or contractually waived or reimbursed, which has resulted in higher returns. Without these waivers or reimbursements, the returns would have been lower. Voluntary waivers or reimbursements may be applied or discontinued at any time without notice. Only the Board of Trustees may modify or terminate contractual fee waivers or expense reimbursements. All fees are described in the Fund's prospectus.

*Expense Ratios: All mutual funds have expense ratios which represent what shareholders pay for operating expenses and management fees. Expense ratios are expressed as an annualized percentage of a fund's average net assets paid out in expenses. Expense ratio information is as of the Fund's current prospectus, as revised and supplemented from time to time. The net expense ratios for this fund are contractually capped (excluding taxes, sub-accounting expenses and extraordinary expenses) through April 30, 2024. *Not annualized.*

The MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index captures small cap representation across Developed Market countries (excluding the United States). This unmanaged index does not reflect fees and expenses and is not available for direct investment. The Fund is more concentrated than the MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index.

Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, Bank of New York Mellon, MSCI. Share Class launch date: December 19, 2018. NAV returns in US dollars.

Stock Level Attribution

Quarter to March 31, 2024

Top Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Hypoport	0.90
DMG Mori	0.59
Brunello Cucinelli	0.40
Netwealth	0.38
Douzone Bizon	0.30

Bottom Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Global UniChip	-1.61
Sensirion	-0.64
Megachips	-0.49
Oxford Nanopore Technologies	-0.44
Bengo4.Com	-0.43

One Year to March 31, 2024

Top Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Hypoport	1.45
ESI Group	0.66
DMG Mori	0.63
Trustpilot Group	0.53
Burford Capital	0.47

Bottom Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Sensirion	-1.13
Kinaxis	-1.01
AirTac	-0.90
Victoria	-0.89
Avanza Bank	-0.86

Five Years to March 31, 2024

Top Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Li Ning	4.50
ASPEED Technology	3.71
Global UniChip	3.27
Brunello Cucinelli	2.98
Addtech	2.82

Bottom Five Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Raksul	-2.80
New Work	-1.83
Cafe24	-1.51
Victoria	-1.46
FD Technologies	-1.16

Source: Revolution, MSCI, Baillie Gifford International Smaller Companies Fund relative to MSCI ACWI ex-USA Small Cap Index.

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All attribution figures are calculated gross of fees, relative to the Index from stock level up, based on closing prices. Attribution is shown relative to the benchmark therefore not all stocks shown are held in the portfolio. See the List of Holdings section of this report for the stocks held.

Market environment

2023 ended positively with cooling interest rate expectations providing a much-needed breather, in share price terms, for the small, growing businesses in the portfolio. After entering the new year with renewed optimism, the first quarter saw international smaller companies playing catch-up having again lagged their large cap peers. We cannot predict shifts in asset class sentiment, nor do we try to. However, looking across the portfolio we see our holdings adapting and evolving amidst a changing environment. We are optimistic about their ability to navigate challenging periods and to generate long-term growth at rates that will exceed those of the market.

Performance

The Fund was behind its benchmark for the quarter with Global Unichip, Sensirion and Megachips among the detractors from relative performance.

Global Unichip, the Taiwanese semiconductor company, has been amongst the top performing stocks over the past few years. Its performance can be very volatile with its share price impacted by sentiment around Taiwan, semiconductor foundry TSMC (its key customer and largest shareholder) and broad themes such as the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) or the rate of adoption of electric vehicles. The company recently announced that single rather than double digit growth is expected for 2024. This weakness comes after a very strong 2023 – for context, its shares were down around 30% this quarter having risen by 175% last year.

The Japanese semiconductor company, Megachips, is a key supplier to gaming company Nintendo with its chips used in devices such as the Switch. In addition to broader pressure on semiconductor companies it also released weaker results during the quarter. Its share price has followed a similar pattern to Global Unichip, with an outstanding year in 2023 (shares were up more than 80%) followed by weakness during the first quarter 2024 (shares fell by around 25%).

Sensirion is a Swiss developer of high-quality digital microsensors and systems. It announced weaker than expected results for 2023 and weaker guidance for 2024. A decline in sales in 2023 was attributed to weak demand and ongoing inventory correction at customers. Normalization of demand for air quality products, which had been at elevated levels due to the pandemic, has been unhelpful. Its medium-term

outlook remains positive due to structural megatrends underlying the sensor market.

Hypoport, DMG Mori and Douzon Bizon were among the top contributors to relative performance.

Hypoport is a technology company which targets the German financial and property sectors and its platform, Europace is the country's largest business to business lending marketplace for mortgage finance. Interest rates for long-term mortgages in Germany fell during the fourth quarter 2023 which made for a positive end to a very tough period. The company is well placed to benefit as the housing market continues its recovery and volumes begin to normalise.

Continued weakness in the Japanese Yen has been unhelpful for many Japanese businesses but DMG Mori has benefitted from its position as a global leader in the manufacture of machine tools. The majority of its sales are overseas with Japan making up just 11% of orders. It increased guidance during the quarter and demonstrated stable growth in its results for 2023.

Douzon Bizon, the South Korean enterprise resource planning software company performed very strongly with fourth quarter in 2023 results showing recovery in demand for enterprise solutions in South Korea as well as encouraging developments around the integration of AI into its products.

Notable transactions

The Fund made one new purchase during the quarter. Fugro is a geo-data company primarily operating in marine surveying. It has long been associated with oil and gas, however those industries have decreased substantially as a percentage of revenue over the past decade. The company now benefits from a more diverse base that includes renewables, infrastructure and water. Indeed, it expects oil and gas to fall further to less than 25% of revenue despite targeting a doubling of group revenue over the next five years. We think that the company's expertise, services and worldwide coverage are unmatched, and that the market has underrated its ability to thrive whilst also diversifying away from oil and gas. Complete sales during the period included Snow Peak and Outsourcing as both companies are in the process of being acquired.

Market Outlook

We strive to invest with an owner mindset and look to invest in companies with superior, highly aligned, management teams. As well as seeking to uncover new investment opportunities, we analyse existing holdings on an ongoing basis and aim to meet with management teams on at least an annual basis. Already this year we have visited a range of holdings and new ideas across the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Netherlands, Belgium, Shanghai and Taiwan. We are encouraged by our pipeline of new ideas and that existing holdings remain focused on long-term growth as they face their own shorter-term challenges and opportunities. Small international growth companies have been out of favour and have lagged their larger cap peers in recent times. We continue to focus on finding and owning attractive growing businesses and remain confident that their time will come in performance terms.

Transactions from 01 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

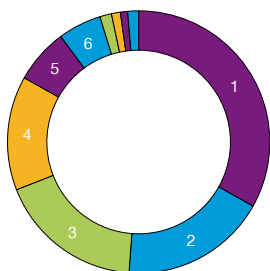
New Purchases

Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Fugro	<p>Fugro is a geo-data company primarily operating in marine surveying. It has transitioned from being heavily reliant on the oil and gas (O&G) industry to diversifying into renewables, infrastructure, and water. This shift, along with investments in capital-light assets like smaller and uncrewed vessels, positions Fugro for strong demand, especially from offshore renewables.</p> <p>Opportunity: The company has significantly diversified its revenue sources, reducing its dependence on oil and gas from 80% to about 35% over a decade. Renewables, infrastructure and water are all sectors that should drive continued growth in this business.</p> <p>Edge: Fugro's competitive advantage comes from a combination of technical expertise, reputation, scale and a fleet of specialised assets.</p> <p>Alignment: It is led by a respected Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who has worked his way up at Fugro, though no anchor shareholder.</p> <p>Scalability: This is a capital intensive and cyclical business. That said, the financial characteristics are improving thanks to its growing recurring revenue streams (for asset monitoring) and diversifying end markets.</p> <p>Sustainability: Fugro's shift towards renewable energy and its potential involvement in emerging areas like carbon capture and offshore hydrogen position it well for sustainable growth. Fugro also has a role to play in assisting society to adapt to increasing violent adverse weather events through its infrastructure business. The declining O&G exposure ironically gives Fugro a degree of resilience as society zigzags towards decarbonisation.</p> <p>Insight: The decent growth potential appears to be underappreciated by the market. Perhaps some of this relates to current sentiment around offshore winds, or the association with the declining O&G exposure. While there are clear uncertainties on how society navigates the energy transition, we feel the broad relevance of Fugro's products and services (along with improving financial strength) make it well placed for the coming years.</p>

Complete Sales

Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Outsourcing	<p>Outsourcing is a staffing company from Japan. The company is in the process of being acquired, and we are recycling the proceeds elsewhere in the portfolio.</p>
Snow Peak	<p>We have chosen to sell the position in Japanese outdoor equipment and apparel retailer Snow Peak. The business recently announced its intention to exit public markets via a private equity backed management buy-out. The shares responded positively and are now trading close to the offer price. Given the limited upside on offer here we are reallocating the holding into higher conviction positions.</p>

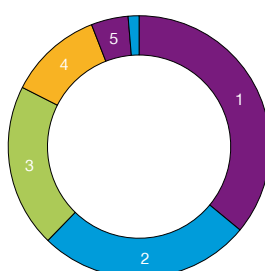
Sector Analysis (%)



1	Information Technology	33.14
2	Industrials	18.04
3	Financials	17.90
4	Consumer Discretionary	14.06
5	Communication Services	6.75
6	Health Care	5.34
7	Materials	1.43
8	Real Estate	1.10
9	Consumer Staples	0.89
10	Cash	1.34

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Geographic Analysis (%)



1	Europe (ex UK)	35.99
2	Developed Asia Pacific	26.29
3	Emerging Markets	20.20
4	UK	11.62
5	North America	4.57
6	Cash	1.34

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Top Ten Holdings

Holdings	Fund %	
1	Hypoport	4.25
2	AirTAC International Group	3.73
3	Addtech	3.70
4	Brunello Cucinelli	3.27
5	Global UniChip	3.26
6	Kinaxis	2.71
7	Reply	2.70
8	Chroma ATE	2.56
9	Alpha FX	2.44
10	DMG Mori	2.35

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Portfolio Characteristics

Number of holdings	86
Number of countries	20
Number of sectors	9
Number of industries	34
Active Share	98%*
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Voting Activity

Votes Cast in Favour	Votes Cast Against	Votes Abstained/Withheld
Companies 16	Companies 2	Companies 3
Resolutions 129	Resolutions 2	Resolutions 4

As long-term investors, the sustainability of our holdings is of paramount importance.

During engagement with Bossard, a leading distributor of industrial fasteners, we were encouraged to hear that the company is proactively thinking about future improvements in the area of climate-related disclosures.

Baillie Gifford will publish its 2023 Investment Activities Stewardship Report in April 2024.

Company Engagement

Engagement Type	Company
Environmental	Aumann AG, Bossard Holding AG, Burford Capital Limited, CellSource Co., Ltd., Fugro N.V., Hypebeast Limited, JADE GROUP, Inc, Kitanotatsujin Corporation, W.A.G payment solutions plc, Wantedlab, Inc., eGuarantee, Inc., istyle Inc.
Governance	ALK-Abello A/S, Bossard Holding AG, Burford Capital Limited, CellSource Co., Ltd., DMG Mori Co., Ltd., GA technologies Co., Ltd., Infomart Corporation, JADE GROUP, Inc, Nayax Ltd., OPTEX GROUP Company, Limited, Wantedlab, Inc., WealthNavi Inc., eGuarantee, Inc.
Strategy	GA technologies Co., Ltd., Nayax Ltd.

Votes Cast in Favour

Companies	Voting Rationale
Alk-Abello, Appier Group Inc, CellSource Co., Ltd., DMG Mori, Douzone Bizon Co Ltd, GA Technologies, HMS Networks, Hanatour Service, Infomart Corp, KH Neochem, Koh Young Technology, Optex Co Ltd, PVR Inox Ltd, Park Systems, Wantedlab, Wealthnavi Inc	We voted in favour of routine proposals at the aforementioned meeting(s).

Votes Cast Against

Company	Meeting Details	Resolution(s)	Voting Rationale
Alk-Abello	AGM 03/14/24	4	We opposed the remuneration report due to ongoing concerns with a lack of disclosure of performance targets.
CellSource Co., Ltd.	AGM 01/25/24	2	We opposed the plan to issue share acquisition rights to outside partners because we believe that this has the potential to create conflicts of interest.

Votes Abstained

Company	Meeting Details	Resolution(s)	Voting Rationale
Douzone Bizon Co Ltd	AGM 03/21/24	3	We abstained on the change to the retirement allowance system due to a lack of compelling rationale.
Companies	Voting Rationale		
Douzone Bizon Co Ltd, Park Systems, Wantedlab	We abstained on the financial statements as the annual report, including the auditor's opinion, was not disclosed ahead of the voting deadline.		

Votes Withheld

We did not withhold on any resolutions during the period.

Votes Not Cast

Companies	Voting Rationale
Outsourcing	We did not vote due to selling out of the stock.
Snow Peak	We did not vote due to selling out.

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ASPEED Technology	2.26
Games Workshop	2.13
Avanza Bank	2.12
Sensirion	1.90
CreditAccess Grameen	1.90
Docebo	1.86
Technogym	1.86
HMS Industrial Networks	1.84
Nayax	1.76
Netwealth	1.75
Maytronics	1.73
Burford Capital	1.65
MegaChips	1.61
Bossard	1.56
Koh Young Technology	1.41
RakSul	1.37
Paradox Interactive	1.37
Tsugami	1.34
ALK-Abello	1.26
Infomart	1.26
KH Neochem	1.25
Park Systems	1.16
Douzone Bizon Co	1.12
KATITAS	1.10
Bengo4.com	1.10
Trustpilot Group	1.08
Fugro NV	1.04
Jade Group Inc	0.97
WealthNavi	0.93
Optex	0.91
GA Technologies	0.91
Johnson Electric	0.90
eGuarantee	0.89
u-blox	0.87
Melexis	0.85
Appier Group	0.85

Asset Name	Fund %
Hanatour Service	0.84
Sansan	0.82
Oxford Nanopore Tech	0.79
tonies	0.78
Victoria	0.77
Volpara Health Technologies	0.75
Iriso Electronics	0.73
Keywords Studios	0.71
Kamakura Shinsho	0.71
IndiaMART	0.66
JMDC	0.62
Xvivo Perfusion	0.56
WAG Payment Solutions	0.56
dotdigital	0.56
Nanoform Finland	0.51
Team 17 Digital Limited	0.47
New Work	0.47
Aumann	0.45
freee K.K	0.44
Shima Seiki Mfg.	0.42
PVR Limited	0.41
TCI Co	0.41
Kitanotatsujin	0.38
GMO Financial Gate	0.38
istyle	0.37
Molten Ventures	0.36
VNV Global	0.34
Anicom	0.33
AUTO1	0.32
CellSource	0.30
CellaVision	0.28
Inter Action Corporation	0.24
Collectis	0.19
Vulcan Energy	0.18
Wantedlab	0.17
Storytel	0.16
Demae-Can	0.13
Veganz Group	0.10
Hypebeast	0.09
ANGLE	0.08
Cash	1.34
Total	100.00

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Important Information and Fund Risks

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As with all mutual funds, the value of an investment in the Fund could decline, so you could lose money. The most significant risks of an investment in the Baillie Gifford International Smaller Companies Fund are, Small-and Medium Capitalization Securities Risk, Growth Stock Risk, Investment Style Risk, Long-Term Investment Strategy Risk, Non-U.S. Investment Risk and Asia Risk. The shares of small-and medium -capitalization companies can be more volatile than larger companies. This can be more evident during market downturns as they may have potentially reduced liquidity and shorter operating histories. The prices of growth stocks can be based largely on expectations of future earnings and can decline significantly in reaction to negative news. The Fund is managed on a bottom-up basis and stock selection is likely to be the main driver of investment returns. Returns are unlikely to track the movements of the benchmark. The Fund is managed on a long-term outlook, meaning that the Fund managers look for investments that they think will make returns over a number of years, rather than over shorter time periods. Non-U.S. securities are subject to additional risks, including less liquidity, increased volatility, less transparency, withholding or other taxes and increased vulnerability to adverse changes in local and global economic conditions. Some Asian securities may be less liquid than US or other foreign securities. They can be affected by high inflation, currency fluctuations, political instability and less efficient markets. Many Asian economies are dependent on international trade and only a few industries and can be badly affected by trade barriers. There can be less regulation and possible fluctuation in value due to adverse political conditions. Other Fund risks include: Conflicts of Interest Risk, Currency Risk, Emerging Markets Risk, Equity Securities Risk, Environmental, Social and Governance Risk, Focused Investment Risk, Geographic Focus Risk, Government and Regulatory Risk, Information Technology Risk, Initial Public Offering Risk, Japan Risk, Liquidity Risk, Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk, Market Risk, New and Smaller-Sized Funds Risks, Service Provider Risk, Settlement Risk and Valuation Risk.

For more information about these and other risks of an investment in the Fund, see "Principal Investment Risks" and "Additional Investment Strategies" in the prospectus.

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