

Investment Objective & Strategy

Rockwood Strategic plc (the "Fund") seeks investments capable of delivering 15% IRRs over a 3-5 year time horizon in publicly listed UK Small companies. The strategy targets 5-8 'core' positions, with the top 10 holdings represent the majority of NAV and a further 10-25 generally more liquid, smaller investments. We have a 'value' investor mindset, are cash-flow focused, and seek proven businesses and opportunities for strategic, operational or management change to unlock shareholder value. The team adopts an 'engaged' approach with its investments, alongside material shareholdings.

Performance %

	3M	12M	36M	48M	60M	72M
Total Shareholder Return	20.8	8.9	56.0	125.6	107.3	233.4
NAV Return	14.6	7.3	58.0	102.2	92.9	177.2
FTSE Small (ex ITs)	8.2	4.1	29.3	24.5	3.4	67.6
FTSE AIM All Share	7.7	0.2	2.5	-11.9	-38.1	-12.6

Financial Year's Performance %

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Shareholder Return	2.4	20.8	15.4	28.2	22.2	59.3
NAV Return	7.1	21.1	5.1	21.4	27.5	44.3
FTSE All-Share Total Return	21.5	10.5	8.4	2.9	13.0	26.7

Investment Manager's Commentary

The portfolio has recovered materially from the risk-off panic, induced by Trump in March and there have been a number of positive stock specific developments which powered fund performance. Market prices generally recovered, as expectations rose of a short period of Middle East disruption and were rewarded with an 'off-ramp' for both Iran and Trump emerging in late June, via a 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the two. This suggests inflationary impacts will be contained (the oil price collapsing in recent weeks) enabling, at least in the UK, interest rates to start falling again, a key driver of small company share performance. Of note, though, the ECB raised interest rates and new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh has started out with more 'hawkish' commentary. On the domestic front, the economy is spluttering, housing market 'flying on vapour' and thus the backdrop for cuts much more likely in our opinion. It pains us to acknowledge yet another change in Prime Minister. Really?! The last experiment of appointing a populist Metropolitan mayor in the biggest role went well. High uncertainty levels persist.

"All hail Elon" was the headline for Q2 2026. The American dream is alive and well as trillionaires are made based on plans to mine asteroids, colonize Mars and create a new 'lunar' economy. You've got to hand it to the man, anyone can be a visionary, but capturing the world's attention and raising billions to finance it, is rarely achieved. Deft 'technical' index negotiations resulted in the massive US passive asset management industry driving a successful IPO, at c.100x sales, of loss-making SpaceX and its unconventional corporate governance, business plan, mix of assets and key man risk. The hype powered mass market engagement with all things 'space' and Rockwood benefitted from a sharply higher move in [Filtronic](#). A tremendous business, with a bright future but it now has a very high valuation and high expectations for transformative growth. We will not succumb to 'Ownership bias' or 'Endowment effect', 'Over confidence' or 'Self attribution' biases and may be accused of the 'Disposition effect' but we decided to fully realise our investment. Filtronic has thus delivered a 220.75% IRR since our purchase in May 2023 (3 year holding period), and generated a £21.1m profit. There isn't a better example of the possible opportunities for investors hiding in the ignored and overlooked arena of UK small companies. We wish the company and all its stakeholders the very best of luck for the future and thank all involved in taking the business and shares to where they are today.

During the quarter we received two successful takeover offers, both from German trade buyers. The premium for [Treatt](#) was 48%, we will realise a 46.5% IRR. Secondly, [Van Elle](#), where the premium was 58.5%, realising an IRR of 12.4%. We attended two 'capital market events' at [James Fisher & Sons](#) and [Eagle Eye Solutions](#). We expect significant new defence contracts in the former to drive the shares much higher in the coming quarters. At the latter, contract win momentum is already underway and the shares rose 46.7%. The penny is finally dropping that [Kooth](#) is highly likely to have an on-going long term relationship with the State of California, rendering the current share valuation ludicrous. It rose 49% in the quarter. It was pleasing to see strong performances from [Flowtech Fluidpower](#) (+38%) and [Pennant International](#) (+38.9%) where at both the fruits of previous restructurings and efforts are starting to emerge. The only notable weak holding during Q2 was [Capital Limited](#), our 'pick 'n' shovels' mining services investment, where concerns over delays at a key client project weighed on sentiment, (-11.4%). We expect material growth from the company in the coming years.

Top Ten Holdings as % of NAV

RM	Education Services	8.5%
Vanquis Banking Group	Financial Services	7.2%
Funding Circle	Financial Services	6.6%
Videndum	Media Equipment	6.1%
Capita	Business Services	6.1%
M&C Saatchi	Media & Communications	5.9%
Restore	Business Services	4.4%
Treatt	Food and Beverages	4.3%
James Fisher & Sons	Industrial Services	4.2%
Capital Limited	Mining Services	4.1%
Total		57.4%
Cash & equivalents	Cash & equivalents	4.1%

Key Risk Considerations

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance, and investors may not get back the original amount invested. Investment in RKW may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years. Shares of RKW may trade at a discount or a premium to Net Asset Value ("NAV") for a variety of reasons. On a sale you could realise less than the NAV and less than you initially invested. RKW's portfolio is focused towards small companies; these may involve a higher degree of risk than larger sized companies.

Key Facts as at 30 June 2026

Manager	Richard Staveley
Year end	March
NAV £m	179.2
Share price (Mid)	313p
NAV per share	305.32p
Premium to NAV	2.5%
No. of holdings	26
Net cash	£7.4m
AMC	1%
Performance fee	10% over 6% p.a. hurdle
Total fee cap	3%
Bloomberg Ticker	RKW.LN
ISIN / Sedol	GB00BRRD5L66 / BRRD5L6

Issuance and Filtronic proceeds were recycled into a number of existing holdings, of note [Focusrite](#), stake now 5.1% and 3 new holdings, the main being [Stelrad](#), the U.K.'s leading radiator manufacturer. Well run by an established, aligned management team, end markets are cyclically depressed, yet underlying profitability has been improving and the operationally geared recovery opportunity is significant, on a PE of 9.5x.

Holding Information

- Richard Staveley is a Non-Executive Director at Chesterfield Special Cylinders
- Investment Advisory Group ("IAG") member Jamie Brooke is a Non-Executive Director at Flowtech Fluidpower and Chairman of Titon Holdings.
- Nick Mills is a Non-Executive Director at Trifast

Fund Management Team



Richard Staveley has been the lead manager of Rockwood Strategic for over 6 years. He was also lead fund manager of Majedie UK Small Companies, River & Mercantile UK Small Companies, and Société Générale UK Small Companies, all after he had qualified as a Chartered Accountant at PWC. He is a CFA Charterholder and has 27 years small company fund management experience.



Nicholas Mills has over a decade of investment experience having joined Harwood Capital LLP in 2019 after spending 5 years at Gabelli Asset Management in New York. He acted primarily as a Research Analyst covering the multi-industrial space and also gained experience in Merger Arbitrage strategies and Closed End Funds. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Boston College's Carroll School of Management. He also works on North Atlantic Small Companies IT and is Co-Fund Manager of Oryx International Growth Limited. He currently sits on the Boards of Niox Group Plc, Trifast Plc and Hargreaves Services Plc.

Other Features

- 'Skin in the Game' - Christopher Mills (CIO and Founder of Harwood) and Richard Staveley own c.15% of the issued share capital of Rockwood Strategic plc.
- Premium listing on the London Stock Exchange.
- Investment universe of >500 UK small companies, majority below £250m market capitalisation at point of purchase.
- Focused portfolio, majority of capital in top ten 10 holdings.
- Ability to hold up to 15% in private companies or instruments.
- There is significant information on the Investment Opportunity, Philosophy and Process on the website www.rockwoodstrategic.com
- The website also hosts recordings of recent video interviews with the manager and the latest Fund Presentation.

Investment Advisory Group (>200 years combined experience)

Christopher Mills; Founder of Harwood Capital, JO Hambro Capital Management and Harwood Wealth. CEO North Atlantic Smaller Companies IT, Executive Director of Oryx International Growth Fund Ltd, >45 years investment experience

Adam Parker; Co-Founder of Majedie Asset Management, formerly at Mercury Asset Management, >35 years UK small companies fund management experience (Oxford, Chemistry).

Jamie Brooke; Formerly Hannover, Lombard Odier, Henderson Global, Gartmore, 3i and Deloitte (ACA), >30 years UK small companies investment experience. NED at Flowtech Fluidpower, Titon Holdings and Chapel Down plc. Director Kelso Plc (Oxford, Maths).

Rupert Dyson; Founder of Edale Capital LLP, formerly Sloane Robinson and Invesco, >30 years European equities investing experience (Bristol, History).

Yuri Khodjamirian; Formerly an analyst and fund manager at Majedie Asset Management, >15 years UK and Global equities experience. CIO Tema ETFs and founder of www.snippet.finance (Cambridge & LSE, Economics and Bioscience Enterprise).

Richard Pease; >40 years of fund management experience incl. Head of European Equities with Jupiter Asset Management, New Star Asset Management and Henderson. Founded Crux Asset Management (Durham, General Arts).

Board Directors

Noel Lamb (Chairman), Ken Lever, Paul Dudley, Sangita Shah

Company History

- Initially listed as NewMediaSpark in 1999 into the heights of the TMT boom, the company's tech-biased investment portfolio was gradually exited in the years that followed.
- In 2015 it adopted a new investment strategy focused on UK publicly listed small companies and renamed Gresham House Strategic plc. Richard Staveley joined as Fund Manager in 2019.
- In October 2021 Harwood Capital was appointed as investment manager and in April 2022 the company was re-named Rockwood Strategic plc and re-started actively investing under the returning lead fund manager, Richard Staveley.
- In September 2022 the company migrated from the AIM to the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange.
- In October 2023 the company effected a share sub-division on a 10-for-1 basis.

How to Invest

Investors can access the strategy on the London Stock Exchange (ticker: RKW).

Prospective investors can buy shares through their wealth manager, financial adviser, investment platform or stockbroker.

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Important Information

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