# Handelsbanken Finland Småbolag (A9 SEK)

The fund is actively managed and invests in equities mainly issued by small and mid-sized companies in Finland or that have a minimum of 50% of their business operations or market in Finland. As a result, the fund has a currency exposure to these markets. We place particular emphasis on ensuring that the company's strategy concurs with our assessment of what can generate favourable share price performance in equities as well as that the valuations are attractive when we select equities for the fund. The fund is reported as an Article 8 fund pursuant to EU regulation 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR).

23.08.2024

#### **Performance**

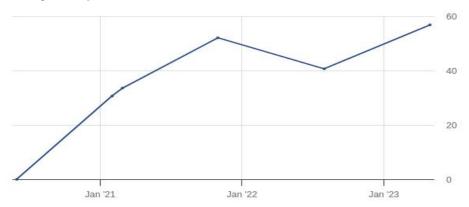
YTD	1 week	1 mth.	3 mån	1 year	5 years	10 years
8.59%	0.56%	-2.17%	-4.88%	8.96%	-	-

## Average performance

Average. perf.	2 years	3 years	5 years	10 years
Fund <sup>1</sup>	8.00%	-0.28%	-	-
Index <sup>2</sup>	6.58%	-0.51%	-	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated on the fund's monthly closing price

# Five years performance



#### **Portfolio**



#### Portfolio manager comments — Q2 2024

Fund performance was positive in Q2 and the fund rose just over 2% in SEK. Market sentiment was significantly affected by expectations of the measures the central banks will be taking to address inflation. The European Central Bank made the first rate cut in the eurozone in June, while the strong economy and persistent inflation in the US has delayed the first rate cut until the autumn. Both central banks are expected to make one or two additional cuts during the year. The US economy remains robust, while the Purchasing Manager's Index in the eurozone shows growth within the service sector but a slowdown in the manufacturing industry, particularly in Germany and France. Employment remains strong, although uncertainty has increased as a result of the geopolitical risks. The construction sector in Finland remains weak but the home mortgage data is showing a slight rise.

The IT sector was the strongest performing sector in the period, while consumer staples

#### **Fund manager**



#### **Jyrki Nyberg**

Experience in the fund industry 1998. Portfolio Manager since 1 March 2021.

Main category Equity Fund

Risk 4

Rate 143.93 (23.08.2024)

Reporting Currency SEK Price/Trade Daily Total Rating  $^{\text{TM}}$ 

Minimum investment 10,000,000 SEK

Monthly savings Traded on the Internet No
Management Fee 0.85%
Entry charge 0%
Exit charge 0%

Fund assets 743 MSEK

Distribution per fund unit - Distribution date -

Fund, date of launch 10.10.2014 Share class, date of 15.01.2020

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### Largest holdings

Konecranes Oyj	8.06%
Metso Corp	7.90%
Stora Enso Oyj Class R	7.56%
Valmet Corp	6.12%
Orion Oyj Class B	4.64%
Kemira Oyj	4.56%
Qt Group PLC	3.84%
Kesko Oyj Class B	3.65%
Terveystalo PLC Ordinary Shares	3.53%
Cargotec Oyj Class B	2.94%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Benchmark index: SIX SRI Finland Small Cap Index NI. The information in the table refers to the benchmark index valid at any given time. In the event the fund has previously had other benchmark indexes, this information can be found in the fund's annual report.

was the weakest. Four portfolio companies issued positive profit warnings, while three issued negative warnings.

The fund added new investments in companies such as Aiforia Technologies, Elisa, Lindex, Orion, Pihlajalinna, Remedy Entertainment and YIT, while holdings in Dovre, Enersense and Oma Säästöpanki were sold.

Bittium, Kemira and Cargotec were the strongest contributors to fund returns, while Metso, Kesko and Kojamo had the most negative impact.

The start of rate cuts from the central banks appear to be supportive for both the economy and the equity market. The situation for consumers in Finland is expected to improve during the year as real incomes increase and interest rates decline. Inflation has already begun to weaken and the profit outlooks for companies are also improving, so we are optimistic about the future.

As of: 11.07.2024

Historical yields are not a guarantee of future returns. A fund can both increase and decrease in value and it is not guaranteed that you will recover the entire invested amount. Note that a fund with risk level 5-7, as stated in the fund's fact sheet (KID), can vary greatly in value due to the fund's composition and management methodology. The prospectus, fund rules and KID are available under each fund. <a href="Summary of investors">Summary of investors</a>' rights.

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