# BLENHEIM overseas equity fund

# MANAGER COMMENTARY

August was a positive returning month for the fund, achieving a total return of 2.93%<sup>\*</sup> compared with the IA Sector return of 2.28% over the same period. All geographical regions the fund has exposure to achieved a positive return over the month of August, with Japanese equities being the strongest performer. The fund's holding in GAM Star Japan nearly made a double-digit return, ending the month on a positive return of just over 9%. Despite many investor-positive news releases, the biggest detractor for the fund was Oakley Capital Investments, which returned -0.42% for the month, quite at odds to the positive operating performance of the company, and positive news of a share buyback program.

The fund saw a modest amount of activity over the month, with a slight reduction being made to the Asian and Global Emerging Markets exposure being made. This comes as the delta variant continues to put pressure on economies, with economic data offering a conflicting picture when compared with market valuations. Europe is set to be the home for this allocation with ongoing discussions within the fund management team around the required 'style' of positioning given the outlook for European equities.

\*B Acc Shares Total Return, net of OCF. Data provided by FE Analytics.

# HOLDINGS AS AT 31/08/2021

#### **US EQUITY**

First Trust US Equity Income UCITS ETF	10.1%
Artemis US Extended Alpha	9.1%
Legg mason CB US Sustainable leaders	9.1%
Wellington US Dynamic	7.6%
T. Rowe Price US Smaller Cos	7.6%
Dodge & Cox US Stock Fund	7.1%
Baillie Gifford US Growth Trust	5.8%

## **EUROPEAN EQUITY**

LF Lightman European Fund I Inc	5.0%
Carmignac Euro Leaders	5.1%

## ASIA & EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY

PGIM Emerging Markets	3.3%
Goldman Sachs Emerging Market Equity Portfolio	3.8%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opps	2.0%
Matthews Asia Ex Japan Dividend	2.9%
Somerset EM Discovery	1.0%

## JAPANESE EQUITY

GAM Star Japan	3.1%
JPM Japan Trust	3.0%
GLOBAL EQUITY	
Scottish Mortgage	4.1%
Oakley Capital Investments	2.9%
CASH	7.7%

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth over the medium to long term. The fund will be actively managed to invest in a global portfolio of shares domiciled, incorporated or carrying out a significant part of their business outside of the UK.

## PERFORMANCE

The fund has less than a 1 year track record so no past performance is provided.

The IA (Investment Association) Flexible Sector is used as the comparator. This is considered appropriate for investors to use when comparing performance as the sector is made up of funds with a similar strategy as defined by the IA.

## **KEY FACTS**

Authorised Corporate Director (ACD): Margetts Fund Management Ltd Investment Adviser: Beckett Asset Management Ltd Managers: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian, Elliot Basford IA sector: IA Flexible Valuation point: 8.30am Fund launch date: 11 January 2021 Yield: TBC Distribution frequency: Semi-annually Distribution payment dates: 31 July and 31 January Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) B ACC: 0.61% Fund size as at 31.08.2021: £206.21m

## **RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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