# BLENHEIM

# OVERSEAS EQUITY FUND

## MANAGER COMMENTARY

In August, global inflationary pressures, the war in Eastern Europe, and the high cost of living continued to preoccupy investors' minds. These factors, and the traditional holiday period of unreliable trade volumes, led to a negative month for developed markets equities and government bonds. In the UK, the index of the largest 100 companies lost 1.75% in the month. This negative return was surpassed by S&P 500 losses of 3.96%.

Government bonds did not fare much better, with the ten-year Treasury yields ending the month at 3.132%, having started at 2.605%. The ten-year Gilts suffered bigger losses, with the yields starting at 1.808% and ending the month at 2.803%. Sterling continued to lose ground against the Dollar amongst the political uncertainty, and the eye-watering future energy price caps that were banded around. Starting at \$1.2248, Sterling ended the month at \$1.1622, a loss of 5.11%.

August proved to be a good month for the Fund, with a return of 1.85%\* versus its benchmark of 0.15%\*. All other regions added value to the Fund at the asset allocation level except for European equities. The star performers were the Fund's exposure to the US and emerging markets. The US exposure outperformed the S&P 500 with a positive return of 2.10%. However, the best performing holding by far was the Redwheel Emerging Markets Fund, with a return of 12% in absolute terms. The Fund is currently 50% underweight in Europe. This, together with the quality of the managers held, did limit the losses to no more than 0.50% at Fund level. \*DATA SOURCE: FE ANALYTICS, 01/08/2022 TO 31/08/2022

### HOLDINGS AS AT 31/08/2022

| 110ED11103 A3 A1 31/00/2022                           | TOTAL |
|---|-------|
| US EQUITY   | 56.5% |
| Artemis US Extended Alpha 13.1%                       |       |
| Dodge & Cox US Stock Fund 13.1%                       |       |
| iShares Core S&P 500 ETF 11.4%                        |       |
| Legg mason CB US Sustainable leaders 9.2%             |       |
| Threadneedle American Smaller Companies 5.0%          |       |
| HSBC Multi-Factor Equity I Inc 4.8%                   |       |
| EUROPEAN EQUITY                                       | 9.6%  |
| LF Lightman European Fund I Inc 3.5%                  |       |
| MI Chelverton European Select B Inc 3.3%              |       |
| Oakley Capital Investments 2.8%                       |       |
| ASIA & EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY                        | 16.5% |
| Goldman Sachs Emerging Market Equity Portfolio6.2%    |       |
| Matthews Asia Ex Japan Dividend 3.0%                  |       |
| Redwheel Next Generation Emerging Markets Equity 2.8% |       |
| Fidelity Asia Pacific Opps 2.4%                       |       |
| iShares MSCI China A ETF USD Acc 2.2%                 |       |
| JAPANESE EQUITY                                       | 9.9%  |
| Nomura Japan Strategic Value 5.0%                     |       |
| JPM Japan Trust 4.9%                                  |       |
| CASH  | 7.5%  |

#### 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

|                      | 3m     | 6m     | ıyr    | 3yr  | Since |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| Fund (B Acc)         | 2.13%  | 2.62%  | -4.21% |      | 0.44% |
| Comparator benchmark | -0.58% | -0.57% | -5.90% | 1    | 1.27% |
|                      | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020 | 2021  |

Fund (B Acc)

Comparator benchmark

Source: FE Analytics, all data to 31/08/2022. All figures are in GBP terms.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Authorised Corporate Director (ACD): Margetts Fund Management Ltd Investment Adviser: Beckett Asset Management Ltd Managers: Samantha Owen, Tony Yousefian, Elliot Basford Comparator benchmark: IA Flexible Valuation point: 8.30am Launch date: 11 January 2021 Yield: TBC Distribution payment dates: 31 July and 31 January Ongoing Charges Figure B ACC: 0.70% Fund size as at 31/08/2022: £227.91m

#### **RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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