BLENHEIM

OVERSEAS EQUITY FUND

DECEMBER 2023

MANAGER COMMENTARY

December proved to be a positive month for investors, ending the year optimistically on the basis that we have reached the peak of the current interest rate cycle. All the US, UK, Japanese, and European policymakers kept the rates the same, and the consensus is now firmly pointing to material interest rate cuts in 2024. This optimism was driven by inflation continuing to fall. The latest US inflation figures were in line with expectations, and the UK figure was sharply lower than the markets' estimates. An early Santa rally was further boosted by Jerome Powel's extremely dovish comments and the fact that the possibility of rate cuts was discussed at the last Fed meeting. In the US, the S&P 500 was up by 3.81%; in the UK, the all-companies index was up by 3.35%, while the top 100 companies index returned 2.70%. This is the second month in a row where small and medium-sized stocks have outperformed the large-cap. In the fixed income world, the 10-year US Treasury yields rallied by 8.6%, but this was dwarfed by the rally in the 10-year UK gilts yields rally of 14.5%. The value of Sterling against the Dollar was almost unchanged, with a gain of 0.22%, whilst the Dollar index, as measured by the DXY, ended the month at 101.33, down 1.87%. *Data source: Updata Analytics Pro, 01/12/2023 to 29/12/2023*

December was a good month for the Fund with a return of 4.79%*, outperforming its benchmark of 3.98%*. Except for Chinese equities, all the other asset classes contributed positively to the Fund's total return. Here, European Equities had the most significant positive impact, with a return of just over 6%, and emerging markets equities' return of just under 3% added the least to the total return. In contrast, Chinese equities had a negative return of 4.5%, detracting the most from the performance. At the holdings level, Scottish Mortgage had the best return for the month, up by just under 12%, followed by the CT US American Smaller Companies Fund's return of 11.5%. The Fund's overweight position in Japanese equities also paid off, with Nomura's Japan Value Fund up by just under 4.5% for the month. In contrast, the FSSA All China Equity Fund dampened the Fund's overall performance with a negative return of just under 5%. There were no changes to the holdings during the month. *Source: FE Fundinfo, 30/11/2023 to 29/12/2023*

HOLDINGS AS AT 29/12/2023

		TOTAL
US EQUITY		**53.0%**
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	23.35%	
Artemis US Extended Alpha	10.33%	
Threadneedle American Smaller Companies	9.30%	
Dodge & Cox US Stock Fund	6.43%	
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	3.58%	
EUROPEAN EQUITY		**12.6%**
WS Lightman European	6.57%	
MI Chelverton European Select	3.51%	
Oakley Capital Investments	2.49%	
ASIA & EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY		**19.4%**
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opps	7.56%	
Redwheel Next Generation Emerging Markets Equity	4.67%	
Aikya Global Emerging Markets	4.50%	
FSSA All China	2.69%	
JAPANESE EQUITY		**13.6%**
Nomura Japan Strategic Value	7.01%	
Arcus Japan Relative Institutional	4.99%	
JPM Japan Trust	1.55%	
CASH	1.50%	

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	1yr	3yr	Since inception
Fund (B Acc)	5.01%	6.62%	9.17%		5.44%
Comparator benchmark	5.27%	5.18%	7.08%	8.47%	6.05%

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (B Acc)	-10.2%				
Comparator benchmark	-8.98%				

Source: FE Fundinfo, to 29 December 2023. 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 CFA
Comparator benchmark: IA Flexible
Valuation point: 8.30am
Launch date: 11 January 2021
ISIN B Acc: GB00BNDQ8Z68
Yield B Acc: 0.88%
Prospective Yield†: 1.36%
Distribution payment dates: 31 July and 31 January
Ongoing Charges Figure B Acc: 0.70%
Fund size as at 31/12/2023: £319m

RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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†Prospective yield is not guaranteed and does not include deductions for expenses and tax. It is calculated using the holdings' expected distributions over the next 12 months (data as at 29 December 2023). Any variation in the actual amounts paid will impact the total yield. This impact could be positive or negative.

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