# BLENHEIM

# OVERSEAS EQUITY FUND

#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

Global equity markets made headway in June, with the United States leading the pack with notable gains in the technology sector because of the AI frenzy. However, it was a different story for the bond markets, especially in the US, as Treasury prices fell on the back of the Fed Chairman warning that monetary policy has not been restrictive for long enough. The 2-year Treasury yields increased by 0.53%, ending the month at 4.88%. In the UK, 10-year Gilt yields surpassed the peak of September 2022 and reached 5.263%. In the equity markets, the top 500 companies index in the US had a much better month ending up 5.43%, narrowly beaten by the performance of the Japanese market Topix index gain of 6.48%. The UK's all companies' return was barely positive, with an increase of 0.14%. *Source of data: Updata Professional* 

June proved to be another good month for the Fund with a return of 1.95%\* versus its benchmark of 0.70%\*. At asset allocation level, the US and Japan were the two most significant positive contributors to performance, in contrast to Asia as the largest detractor. Matthews Asia, which has been underperforming for some time, was sold, and the proceeds were used to increase the Fidelity Asia Special Situations Fund. The US Clearbridge Growth Fund was also trimmed for the same reason as the Mathews Asia, and the proceeds were used to increase the HSBC US Multifactor Fund. These changes maintain the Fund's exposure to the regions but should ultimately lead to better performance at Fund level, without increasing the Fund's overall volatility.

\* Data source: FE Fundinfo, 01/06/2023 to 30/06/2023

## HOLDINGS AS AT 30/06/2023

		TOTAL
US EQUITY		50.0%
Dodge & Cox US Stock Fund	12.66%	
Artemis US Extended Alpha	10.30%	
HSBC Multi-Factor Equity I Inc	7.18%	
Legg mason CB US Sustainable leaders	9.73%	
Threadneedle American Smaller Companies	5.97%	
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	4.14%	
EUROPEAN EQUITY		12.2%
LF Lightman European Fund I Inc	6.16%	
MI Chelverton European Select B Inc	3.43%	
Oakley Capital Investments	2.57%	
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### 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	inception
Fund (B Acc)	1.29%	2.39%	4.16%		-1.11%
Comparator benchmark	0.17%	1.80%	3.29%	14.67%	0.82%
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (B Acc)	-10.2%			-	
Comparator benchmark	-8.98%				

Source: FE Analytics, all data to 30/06/2023. 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 Comparator benchmark: IA Flexible Valuation point: 8.30am Launch date: 11 January 2021 Yield B Acc: 0.71% Prospective Yield†: 1.08% Distribution payment dates: 31 July and 31 January Ongoing Charges Figure B Acc: 0.70% Fund size as at 30/06/2023: £289.2m

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

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<sup>†</sup>Prospective yield is not guaranteed and does not include deductions for expenses, equalisation, or tax. It is calculated using the holdings' expected distributions over the next 12 months (data as at 30 June 2023). Any variation in the actual amounts paid will impact the total yield. This impact could be positive or negative.

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