

# OVERSEAS EQUITY FUND

DECEMBER 2021

## MANAGER COMMENTARY

November proved to be a volatile month for the markets. To use a football analogy, it was a game of two halves: all major global indices made good progress in the first half of the month. But as the news about the new variant Omicron began to hit the headlines, the gains began to reverse throughout the remainder of November, with the month ending almost flat.

At the time of writing, it has become known that this strain of the virus is the most infectious but, so far, it has had no significant impact on the death rate. However, the biggest concern is that healthcare services may well be overwhelmed by the number of people requiring treatment owing to the virus's infectiousness. It is difficult at this early stage to assess the full impact of Omicron on the global economy. As a result, market participants are likely to stay very cautious in the short term and unwilling to take risks. However, any good news is also likely to have a positive market reaction with the same token.

November proved to be a good month for the fund, with a gain of 0.33%, outperforming its benchmark (The IA Flexible Investment Sector) by 0.74%.

Asset allocation positively impacted the fund's overall return, with Asian and Far Eastern equities by far the best performers, with the first prize going to the fund's holding in The Matthews Asia fund with a return of just over 4%. The fund also benefitted from it's exposure to Japan, with both Goldman Sachs and GAM funds outperforming the Japanese market and contributing positively to its total return.

# HOLDINGS AS AT 30/11/2021

### **US EQUITY**

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Artemis US Extended Alpha	13.2%
Dodge & Cox US Stock Fund	13.0%
Legg mason CB US Sustainable leaders	9.4%
Wellington US Dynamic	7.7%
T. Rowe Price US Smaller Cos	7.6%
Baillie Gifford US Growth Trust	5.3%
EUROPEAN EQUITY	
Carmignac Euro Leaders	4.9%
LF Lightman European Fund I Inc	4.8%
MI Chelverton European Select B Inc	4.8%
ASIA & EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY	
Goldman Sachs Emerging Market Equity Portfolio	4.3%
PGIM Emerging Markets	3.8%
Matthews Asia Ex Japan Dividend	3.0%
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opps	2.4%
JAPANESE EQUITY	
JPM Japan Trust	3.0%
GAM Star Japan	2.9%
GLOBAL EQUITY	
Scottish Mortgage	4.3%
Oakley Capital Investments	3.0%
CASH	2.7%

# **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: 0.63% Fund size as at 30/11/2021: £213.67m

## RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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