

## UK FOUITY FUND

### MANAGER COMMENTARY

December proved to be a negative month for equities. In the United States, the S&P 500 ended the month down by 6.07% at 3839. The UK's largest 100 companies index fared a little better and was down only 1.61% for the month. The biggest news to hit the headlines in December was the Chinese government's reversal of the Zero Covid policy, but it didn't help their equity market, which ended the month with a loss of 3.075%, as measured by the China Shanghai index.

It was the same story of negative returns in the government bonds world, with the US 10-year Treasury yields increasing from 3.62% to 3.831%. In the UK, 10-year Gilts started the month at 3.084% and ended at 3.669%. Sterling proved relatively stable in the FX markets, rising a mere 0.36% against the Dollar.

In December, the Fund ended the month slightly negative with a return of minus 0.39%\*, outperforming its benchmark of negative 1.75%\*. At holdings level, after months of misery, Chrysalis was by far the star performer, with a return of 12.5%. In collectives, J O Hambro UK Dynamic fund had a very good month with a return of circa 1.5%. The Fund's overweight position to income-oriented, large-cap, recession-resilient companies with strong balance sheets is beginning to pay dividends. Your managers expect this to continue for the foreseeable future, especially as the economic prospects for the UK are set to worsen over the coming months.

\*Data: FF Trustnet, to 30 December 2022

# HOLDINGS AS AT 31/12/2022

| JOHCM UK Dynamic                    | 14.1% |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| GAM UK Equity Income                | 13.9% |
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders    | 13.9% |
| Royal London UK Dividend Growth     | 12.0% |
| l Shares FTSE 100                   | 12.0% |
| Gresham House multicap Income       | 10.0% |
| MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth      | 8.9%  |
| Trojan Ethical Income               | 4.0%  |
| Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity | 3.0%  |
| ES River and Mercantile UK Equity   | 2.0%  |
| Chrysalis Inv Comp Ltd              | 1.8%  |
| CASH                                | 4.4%  |

#### **OBJECTIVE**

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

### **PERFORMANCE**

|                      | 3m    | 6m    | 1yr     | 3yr   | Since inception |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----------------|
| Fund (B Acc)         | 8.86% | 1.68% | -10.41% |       | 3.50%           |
| Comparator benchmark | 9.71% | 4.24% | -9.06%  | 0.22% | 2.93%           |
|                      | 2017  | 2018  | 2019    | 2020  | 2021            |

Fund (B Acc)

Comparator benchmark

Source: FE Analytics, all data to 30/12/2022.

All figures are in GBP terms.

#### **KFY 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 UK All Companies

Valuation point: 8.30am Launch date: 11 January 2021

Yield: 1.5%

Distribution payment dates: 31 July and 31 January

Ongoing Charges Figure B ACC: 0.64% Fund size as at 31/12/2022: £121.13m

## RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Risk factors should be taken into account and understood, including (but not limited to) currency movements, market risk, liquidity risk, concentration risk, lack of certainty risk, inflation risk, performance risk, local market risk and credit risk. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested. The information on this factsheet is intended to provide information only and should not be interpreted as advice. Current fund prices and the latest copy of the prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents can be found at Margetts.com. Margetts Fund Management Ltd is the operator of the fund. This document is issued and approved by Beckett Asset Management Ltd. The opinions stated are those of Beckett Asset Management Ltd, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.