



# **UK 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 a more challenging month for the Fund with a return of minus 1.14%\* versus its benchmark of negative 0.42%\*. Activity was very much limited during the month, and the only change made was to the Chelverton holding, which was trimmed, and the proceeds were kept in cash. This partial sale, with the inflow of new monies, increased the defensiveness of the portfolio in the face of rising interest rate expectations in the market. At holdings level, Gresham House Multi-Cap Income Fund was the best performer with a return of positive 0.6%. In contrast, the biggest negative performer was the GAM UK Equity Income, with a return of minus 2%. As for the prospects, the managers are unlikely to change their cautious stance in the face of the negative outlook for consumer spending and the economy as the fight against inflation continues.

## HOLDINGS AS AT 30/06/2023

Royal London Sustainable Leaders	14.2%
JOHCM UK Dynamic	14.0%
GAM UK Equity Income	13.8%
Royal London UK Dividend Growth	11.8%
Gresham House multicap Income	9.8%
iShares FTSE 100	9.6%
MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth	9.0%
Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity	5.1%
Trojan Ethical Income	4.1%
ES River and Mercantile UK Equity	1.9%
Chrysalis Inv Comp Ltd	1.3%
CASH	5.4%

#### **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.

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PERFORMANCE	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	Since inception
Fund (B Acc)	-0.43%	0.91%	2.60%		4.44%
Comparator benchmark	-0.73%	1.88%	6.20%	24.07%	4.87%
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (B Acc)	-10.41%				
Comparator benchmark	-9.06%				

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 UK All Companies Valuation point: 8.30am

Launch date: 11 January 2021 Yield B Acc: 2.70%

Prospective Yield<sup>†</sup>: 3.88%

Distribution payment dates: 31 July and 31 January

Ongoing Charges Figure B Acc: 0.64% Fund size as at 30/06/2023: £128.9m

#### RISK WARNINGS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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†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.

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