# BLENHEIM

# ETHICAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

DECEMBER 2024

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the fund is to provide capital growth over time through investments considered by the Investment Manager to be ethical investment choices, across multiple asset classes, as defined in the Ethical Investment Policy, which is published on Margetts.com. A minimum of 70% of the portfolio will be invested in collective investment schemes and overall exposure to equities will be a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 60%.

#### **KEY FACTS**



**AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR**Margetts Fund Management Limited



**INVESTMENT ADVISER** 

Beckett Asset Management Limited



**MANAGERS** 

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**COMPARATOR BENCHMARK** 

IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

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**LAUNCH DATE** 11/01/2021



**DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT DATES** 31/07 and 31/01



FUND SIZE



£93.41m

#### PERFORMANCE1

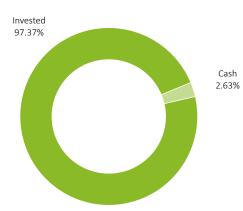
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Comparator Benchmark

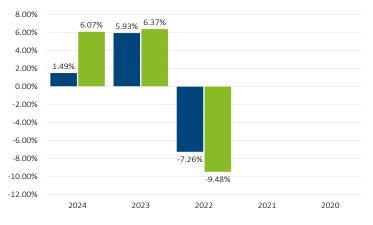
#### **CUMULATIVE PERIODS**



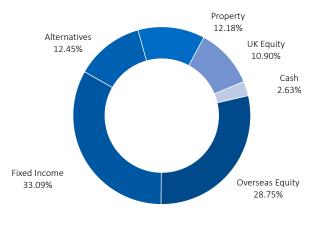
### **FUND BREAKDOWN**



#### **DISCRETE CALENDAR YEARS**



#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



## **AVAILABLE PLATFORMS**













#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

Traditionally, the last month of the year is a strong month for the markets, but that has not happened. The typical Santa rally did not happen; if anything, the shine came off what had generally been very respectable returns for the Equity and Bond markets. In the US, the leading equity index of the top 500 companies was down by  $2.5\%^2$ ; in the UK, the top 100 companies index lost  $1.38\%^2$ . The European market fared slightly better, with the MSCI Europe losing  $0.53\%^2$ . The big surprise was the Japanese market, where the Topix was up by  $3.9\%^2$ . In the Bond markets, the UK and the US 10-year yields increased, ending the month at  $4.565\%^2$  and  $4.57\%^2$ , respectively. The Dollar continued to strengthen across the board, with the DXY ending the month higher by  $2.6\%^2$  and  $1.72\%^2$  against GBP.

The rise in the bond yields alluded to earlier hit the asset class disproportionately harder, and the fund ended the month down by 1.75%¹versus its benchmark of negative 1.05%¹. Whilst the underperformance is disappointing at first glance, structural differences are a major contributor to the different outcomes. The fund is restricted to making ethical/ESG-acceptable investments in line with its mandate, whilst the benchmark does not have such restrictions and has the whole market in which to invest. Looking forward to 2025, as long as the path of interest rates remains on the way down, ESG-type assets, typically long-duration and high-yielding, should become attractive once again. As a result, your managers are cautiously optimistic about the prospects of this fund for the second half of 2025.

#### **HOLDINGS**

Royal London Ethical Bond	14.41%
Janus Henderson Global Sustainable Equity	9.52%
EdenTree Responsible and Sustainable Bond	9.15%
Regnan Global Equity Impact Solutions	7.47%
EdenTree Responsible & Sustainable Short Dated Bond	6.25%
BNY Mellon Sustainable Global Equity Income	5.54%
First Sentier Global Property	5.45%
JPM Global Macro Sustainable	4.72%
Vontobel Sustainable Short Term Bond	4.63%
Redwheel Responsible Global Income	4.28%
Royal London Sustainable Leaders	4.05%
Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity	3.96%
Vontobel Sustainable Strategic Income	3.28%
ARC TIME Social Long Income	2.90%
Janus Henderson UK Responsible Income	2.89%
PRS REIT	2.23%
Aikya Global Emerging Markets	1.94%
Renewables Infrastructure Group	1.70%
Schroder Real Estate Investment Trust	1.61%
Gresham House Energy Storage	1.39%
Cash	2.63%

#### **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

SHARE CLASS	ISIN	OCF	VALUATION POINT	YIELD	PROSPECTIVE YIELD <sup>4</sup>	MINIMUM INVESTMENT
В Асс	GB00BNDQ9H51	0.73%	08:30	2.51%	2.98%	£10,000,000.00
B Inc	GB00BNDQ9G45	0.73%	08:30	2.56%	2.98%	£10,000,000.00
R Acc	GB00BNDQ9K80	0.98%	08:30	2.32%	2.98%	£10,000.00
R Inc	GB00BNDQ9J75	0.98%	08:30	2.38%	2.98%	£10,000.00

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

All data references B Acc shares and is correct as at 31/12/2024 unless otherwise stated.

<sup>1</sup>Charts' data source: FE Fundinfo. All figures are in GBP terms. <sup>2</sup>Source: Bloomberg: 30/11/2024 to 31/12/2024. <sup>3</sup>Source: Morningstar Direct. <sup>4</sup>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 31/12/2024). Any variation in the actual amounts paid will impact the total yield. This impact could be positive or negative.

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