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# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve long term growth in capital and income by developing a focussed portfolio of high quality listed companies from around the world.

## INVESTMENT POLICY

- Fundamental research driven
- Considering long term performance, strength of management and administration, allocation of capital, return on investment over time, cash flow and balance sheet strength
- Predominantly high quality, larger capitalisation companies (but does not preclude small and mid cap)
- Long term investment horizon
- Larger high conviction positions for a focussed portfolio
- No specific target sector or geographic region
- Companies may include indirect operational exposure to Emerging Markets
- May also take limited direct Emerging Market exposure
- No benchmark orientation
- No leverage

#### **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager	Gerrit Smit
Launch Date	16 August 2013
Total AUM	\$102.6m
Dealing Deadline	Every Wednesday by 3pm (Irish time)
Pricing	Every Friday
Fund Type	UCITS

Fund Performance (net of fees) %						
	Class A USD	Class B USD	Class C GBP	Class D GBP		
One Month	2.7%	2.7%	4.1%	4.1%		
Year To Date	2.5%	2.9%	6.2%	6.6%		
One Year	5.4%	5.9%	5.9%	6.4%		
Since Launch	9.7%	10.3%	7.0%	7.7%		

### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT

As September lived up to its status as often being the weakest month in the year, October also lived up to its own status as often being the most volatile month in the year. It started off very weak, performing by -5.9% by the middle of the month (MSCI AC index). It then recovered by +7.0%, ending the month at +0.7%. We have not seen such an extreme level of volatility for a long time.

We ascribe the initial market deterioration to the weakening European economy, worsened further by the reverse Russian sanctions and other other political tensions. Against this, the US company reporting season has delivered earnings growth outweighing consensus expectations by a ratio of 2:1 thus far. The Bank of Japan's announcement of an aggressive QE programme to stimulate their economy heightened investors' risks of not being in the market.

We have been holding Becton Dickinson as a quality global medical devices manufacturer and distributor since inception. It made its way back into our top ten holdings in October. This was achieved through good price performance following the announcement of their intended acquisition of CareFusion. Whilst the latter is a manufacturer and distributor of medical products mainly in the US, Becton Dickinson will distribute their products world wide through its own global distribution network. These synergies are expected to generate double digit earnings growth in the first financial year following completion of the deal.

Top 10 Holdings	% of Fund
Walt Disney	5.7%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	5.0%
Visa	5.0%
L Brands	4.6%
AIA	4.6%
Becton Dickinson	4.6%
3M	4.6%
Wells Fargo	4.6%
Google	4.5%
International Flavors & Fragrances	4.4%
Total	47.6%

Class	ISIN	Currency	Price	Distributing	UK Reporting	Annual Management Charge	Maximum Total Expense Ratio	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Subsequent Investment
Class A	IEooBCLYMB94	USD	\$109.72	No	No	1.25%	1.75%	\$50,000	\$25,000
Class B	IE00BCLYMC02	USD	\$110.31	No	No	0.75%	1.25%	\$5,000,000	\$25,000
Class C	IEooBCLYMD19	GBP	£106.89	Yes	Yes	1.25%	1.75%	£35,000	£15,000
Class D	IEooBCLYMF33	GBP	£107.66	Yes	Yes	0.75%	1.25%	£3,500,000	£15,000



Sector Exposure	% of Fund
Consumer Staples	30.5%
Consumer Discretionary	17.2%
Technology	16.5%
Financials	11.8%
Industrials	10.8%
Health Care	8.8%
Materials	4.4%
Cash	0.0%
Total	100.0%

Regional Breakdown	% of Fund
United States	59.1%
Continental Europe	26.1%
UK	10.2%
Asia Pacific	4.6%
Cash	0.0%
Total	100.0%

# **RISK FACTORS**

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