## **Equitile Resilience Fund**

Monthly Report - December 2023

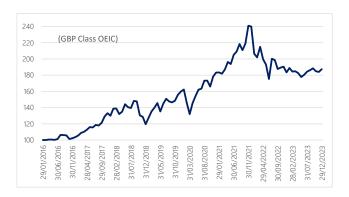


## Comments from your Chief Investment Officer

December saw a continuation of the conflict in the Middle East. The Israeli government continued its bombardment of Gaza and the Houthis continued their attacks on shipping in the Red Sea. Elsewhere sporadic attacks occurred on the Israel-Lebanon border, in Syria and Iraq. Significantly, on the last business day of the year, South Africa filed a case at the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of genocide, in sharp contrast to the US, UK and EU providing unequivocal political and military support for Israel's campaign. It is hard to imagine starker divergence of political positions over a more serious charge.

Except for disruptions to shipping through the Suez Canal, these geopolitical tensions have yet to spill over into financial markets although risks are now growing. In the medium to longer term we are particularly watching the for signs of the US dollar losing its reserve currency status, talk of handing frozen Russian currency reserves to Ukraine are also pushing in this direction. We are also asking ourselves if our assumption that Western multinationals will be the primary beneficiaries of growing middle classes in developing countries remains valid, or if those revenues will be increasingly recycled within the BRICS bloc. At the margin these issues further weigh on our concerns over the lofty valuations of large cap Western technology companies which now seem to require robust earnings growth many years into the future.

During the month we have made only minor adjustments to your portfolio. As we have concerns over both valuation and future growth, we continue holding significant positions in more defensive companies trading on more modest valuations with strong cash generation. Energy, Mining and Aerospace & Defence stocks remain the three largest investment sectors in your portfolio.



Fund Details					
Launch Date	29th February 2016				
ISIN:	GB00BDD1KW29				
Fund Domicile	UK				
Fund Type	UK UCITS OEIC				
Share Class Availability	NOK, EUR, GBP, USD				
Dealing	Daily (11:00am, UK time)				
Pricing	Daily (15:00pm, UK time)				
OCF**	1.00%				
Management Charge*	0.70%				
Subscription Charge	0.00%				
Redemption Charge	0.00%				
AUM (USD)	117 million				
Strategy AUM (USD)	204 million				
Depositary	HSBC				
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Limited				

Net Asse	t Value Metri	ics					GBP Class							
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last NAV	YTD
2023	2.94%	-2.28%	0.19%	-1.28%	-2.63%	1.59%	2.14%	0.97%	1.24%	-1.96%	-0.43%	1.79%	187.32	2.12%
2022	-13.95%	-2.18%	6.39%	-7.12%	-3.31%	-9.18%	14.25%	-0.77%	-5.62%	0.93%	0.65%	-3.73%	183.44	-23.56%
2021	0.14%	-0.82%	2.86%	4.92%	-1.28%	5.84%	2.00%	4.43%	-3.47%	3.89%	9.99%	-0.41%	239.97	31.05%
2020	1.62%	-10.19%	-9.48%	10.25%	5.99%	5.05%	0.78%	6.03%	0.09%	-4.24%	7.37%	2.77%	183.12	14.60%
2019	6.61%	6.12%	3.48%	4.07%	-7.14%	7.03%	4.28%	-2.13%	-0.84%	1.41%	4.81%	2.65%	159.79	33.72%
2018	6.77%	0.07%	-4.88%	2.25%	6.81%	-2.57%	-0.78%	6.31%	-0.40%	-11.65%	-1.38%	-7.08%	119.50	-8.01%
2017	1.83%	3.10%	1.36%	2.30%	2.84%	-0.40%	2.69%	-0.65%	2.84%	6.38%	3.20%	-2.36%	129.91	25.43%
2016		0.00%	0.59%	-0.01%	-0.36%	0.98%	5.13%	-0.23%	-0.36%	-4.19%	0.80%	1.39%	103.57	3.57%
	1 yr:	2.12%	3 yr:	2.29%	Total return:		87.32%		Annualised	return since	inception			8.34%

Top 10 Holdings	
EXXON MOBIL CORP	4.39%
LVMH MOET HENNE	4.17%
CONOCOPHILLIPS	4.08%
TOTALENERGIES SE	3.97%
JAPAN TOBACCO	3.93%
BAE SYSTEMS PLC	3.74%
HERMES INTL	3.72%
EQUINOR ASA	3.57%
CHEVRON CORP	3.37%
L'OREAL	3.34%

Country Allo	cation
United States	32.64%
Britain	18.78%
France	18.28%
Japan	8.55%
Australia	5.10%
Canada	3.82%
Norway	3.57%
Germany	3.28%
Switzerland	1.84%

Industry Exposure						
Energy	23.62%					
Mining	15.28%					
Aerospace & Defense	13.32%					
Luxury Goods	9.73%					
Agriculture	5.85%					
Energy Services	4.22%					
Cosmetics & Toiletries	3.34%					
Power	3.06%					
Financial Services	3.02%					
Retail	2.73%					
Internet Services	2.52%					
Medical & Pharma	2.39%					
Chemicals	2.33%					
Electronics	2.30%					
Diversified Manufacturing	1.12%					

Portfolio Characteristics***							
Average market. Cap (USD bn)	137.6	Equity Ratio	0.40	Sales Growth (5yr)	9%		
Number of Holdings	34	PER Current	19.74	EPS Growth (5yr)	16%		

<sup>\*</sup>A management fee of 0.7% is charged only on AUM below £350 million. A performance fee of 10% of returns, in excess of the high water mark, is charged only on AUM above £350 million.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Ongoing Charges to the Fund, as specified in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for the specific share class.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Weighted average of portfolio

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