

Comments from your Chief Investment Officer

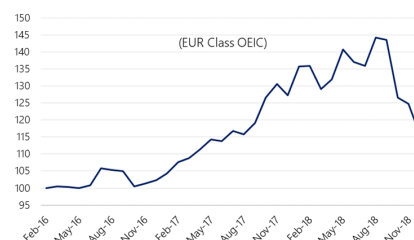
The equity market selloff picked up pace again in December, making Q4 2018 the worst since the 2008 Global Financial Crisis and, by some measures, the worst December stock market performance since 1931. Disappointingly this has resulted in a high single figure percentage loss for your Fund over the full 2018 calendar year.

The bulk of December's selloff was caused by the Federal Reserve's December 19<sup>th</sup> rate hike which, although expected, was accompanied by a relatively hawkish commentary which notably failed to acknowledge either the disinflationary effect of lower oil prices or the tightening of financial conditions caused by recent financial market turbulence.

During the course of the month we reduced your investments in continental Europe to just 4% of your portfolio. The fiscal rigidities associated with Eurozone membership suggest Europe may struggle to deal with the potential downshift in global growth triggered by a slowing Chinese economy.

The US yield curve inverted in December with 5-year Treasury yields falling below 2-year yields. This suggests financial markets are now anticipating a sharp slowdown in US economic activity, perhaps even to recessionary conditions. Although possible, we believe the underlying strength of the US economy remains sufficient to avoid this scenario; this outcome would, however, likely require both progress on US-China trade and a more patient Federal Reserve, which we expect.

NAV since inception



Net Asset Value Metrics		EUR Class												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last NAV	YTD
2018	6.68%	0.08%	-4.96%	2.12%	6.70%	-2.64%	-0.84%	6.17%	-0.51%	-11.74%	-1.46%	-7.23%	115.83	-9.02%
2017	1.96%	3.06%	1.22%	2.20%	2.74%	-0.48%	2.60%	-0.75%	2.86%	6.24%	3.12%	-2.50%	127.32	24.35%
2016			0.51%	-0.14%	-0.44%	0.83%	4.95%	-0.36%	-0.39%	-4.19%	0.73%	1.09%	102.39	2.39%
Annualized return since inception														5.32%

Country Allocation	Top 10 Holdings	Industry Exposure
<p>UNITED STATES BRITAIN AUSTRALIA NETHERLANDS CANADA FRANCE</p>	Halma 3.56%	Software 12.43%
	Intuitive Surgical 3.52%	Financial Services 10.13%
	Roper Technologies 3.48%	Microelectronic Manufacturing 8.89%
	Columbia Sportswear 3.45%	Retail 8.13%
	Visa 3.47%	Cyber Security 6.56%
	Cisco Systems 3.39%	Medical Products 5.67%
Automatic Data Processing 3.40%	Consulting 4.92%	
Alphabet 3.41%	Measurement Technology 3.56%	
Apple 3.36%	Medical Technology 3.52%	
Citrix Systems 3.30%	Diversified Manufacturing 3.48%	
	Sportswear 3.45%	
	Telecommunications 3.39%	
	Consumer Electronics 3.36%	
	Chemicals 3.18%	
	Securities Services 3.06%	
	Pharmaceuticals 2.74%	
	Consumer Products 2.48%	
	Insurance 2.44%	
	Publishing 2.37%	
	Leisure 2.33%	
	Cosmetics 1.85%	
	Simulation Software 1.73%	
	Cash 0.32%	

Portfolio Characteristics\*

Average market. Cap (USD bn)	162.8	Equity Ratio	42.60
Number of Holdings	35	Net Debt/ Op. Cash Flow	0.18
Sales Growth (5yr)	9%	EPS Growth (5yr)	25%

\*Weighted average of portfolio

Key fund facts

The Fund aims to deliver capital growth by investing in the equities of resilient, conservatively financed, well managed companies with a proven track record of innovation and growth.

Fund Details		ISIN: GB00BDD1KV12	
Fund Type	UCITS OEIC	Launch Date	29th February 2016
Management Charge*	0.70%	Depositary	HSBC
Subscription Charge	0.00%	Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC)
Redemption Charge	0.00%	Dealing	Daily (11:00am, UK time)
OCF**	1.03%	Pricing	Daily (15:00pm, UK time)
		Min. Investment	GBP 10,000
		Min. Further Investment	GBP 5,000
		Share Class Availability	NOK, EUR, GBP, USD
		Fund Domicile	UK
		AUM (GBP)	115 million

\*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.

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

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