

Comments from your Chief Investment Officer

NAV since inception

The global economy and hence financial markets have been buffeted by a series of interconnected negative events during April. The tentative signs of a negotiated peace in Ukraine, which seemed possible last month, have come to nothing. Instead, positions on both sides have hardened with, worryingly, a growing risk of NATO or at least NATO members getting drawn into the conflict. In addition, large economically important parts of China have been placed under another lock down over fears of a resurgence of the Covid-19 virus. Both these events have come together to add additional upward pressure on global inflation. Europe's attempts to decouple from Russian exports together with Ukraine's diminished agricultural output are causing shortages in energy, metals and agricultural commodities. At the same time, China's lockdown is causing supply disruption in finished goods. As a result, the global economy is suffering both input and output price inflation simultaneously with curtailed activity. In short, the world economy has, at least temporarily, turned stagflationary.



Against this backdrop we have made some adjustments to your portfolio by further increasing your exposure to the mining and energy sectors and trimming your investments in the semiconductor sectors. Anglo American, the diversified mining company is now your third largest investment.

Against the negative macroeconomic and geopolitical backdrop, equity markets and your portfolio valuations have declined during April. Nevertheless, the underlying businesses in which you are invested have continued progressing at a healthy rate. So far in the Q1 reporting season, 77% of portfolio holdings have exceed expectations with their financial performance. Q1 2022 average revenue growth currently stands at 17.9% year-on-year, which is still above the six year historic average for your fund. Portfolio constituents are also generally reporting that they are working well in partnership with their suppliers to outmanoeuvre input disruptions.

Net Asset Value Metrics														EUR Class	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last NAV	YTD	
2022	-13.32%	-2.60%	5.42%	-6.52%									210.73	-16.80%	
2021	1.63%	0.89%	5.10%	2.66%	-0.06%	6.02%	2.84%	3.64%	-3.66%	5.69%	9.10%	1.04%	253.28	40.24%	
2020	1.52%	-10.17%	-5.09%	12.18%	2.16%	3.79%	2.20%	6.58%	-1.67%	-3.50%	8.06%	2.61%	180.61	17.98%	
2019	6.48%	6.02%	3.38%	3.95%	-6.99%	6.68%	4.15%	-2.21%	-0.92%	1.34%	4.71%	2.54%	153.08	32.16%	
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%	
	1 yr:	5.46%	3 yr:	49.98%	Total return:			110.73%	Annualised return since inception					12.85%	

Country Allocation	Top 10 Holdings	Industry Exposure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNITED STATES FRANCE BRITAIN NETHERLANDS JAPAN TAIWAN SWITZERLAND AUSTRALIA CANADA NORWAY 	Apple	4.90%	Microelectronic Manufacturing	12.92%
	Nvidia	4.51%	Microelectronic Equipment	10.94%
	Anglo American	4.35%	Simulation Software	10.13%
	Broadcom	4.31%	Software	9.21%
	ASML Holding	4.04%	Medical Technology	9.20%
	Cadence Design	3.99%	Luxury Goods	6.71%
	Microsoft	3.87%	Mining	5.67%
	LVMH	3.80%	Consumer Electronics	4.90%
	Synopsys	3.50%	Telecommunications	4.31%
	Alphabet	3.36%	Consulting	3.22%
			Food and Beverage	3.19%
			Financial Services	3.12%
			Diversified Manufacturing	2.93%
			Cyber Security	2.73%
			Retail	2.48%
			Construction	2.04%
			Cloud Computing	1.82%
			Transportation	1.16%
			Measurement Technology	0.71%
			Consulting	0.59%
			Energy	0.58%
			Cash	1.40%

Portfolio Characteristics*

Average market. Cap (USD bn)	393.6	Equity Ratio	45.74
Number of Holdings	40	Net Debt/ Op. Cash Flow	0.11
Sales Growth (5Yr)	15%	EPS Growth (5Yr)	47%

*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	UK UCITS OEIC	Launch Date	29th February 2016	Share Class Availability	NOK, EUR, GBP, USD
Management Charge*	0.70%	Depository	HSBC	Fund Domicile	UK
Subscription Charge	0.00%	Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC)	AUM (USD)	168 million
Redemption Charge	0.00%	Dealing	Daily (11:00am, UK time)	Strategy AUM (USD)	290 million
OCF**	0.98%	Pricing	Daily (15:00pm, UK time)		

*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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