

## **Inception Date**

15 December 2003

## **Executive Director**

Dr Sandy Nairn

## **Sub-Advisor**

Goodhart Partners LLP

#### **Year End**

31 December

#### **Total Assets**

£107.6m

# **NAV** per Share

368.2p

# Share Price<sup>1</sup>

276.0p

#### **Discount to NAV**

25.0%

# Turnover<sup>2</sup>

13%

# Gearing (Net)<sup>3</sup>

None

# **Number of Equity Holdings**

23

#### Sub-Advisor's Fee

Equity Securities 0.12% Cash & cash equivalents 0.12%

(Fees are per annum and paid quarterly in arrears based on the quarter end valuation)

## Ongoing Charges<sup>4</sup>

0.9%

#### **Dividends**

Annual

#### **Stock Identifiers**

SEDOL Code – 3386257 TIDM – GOT

ISIN - GB0033862573

## Listing

London Stock Exchange

- Quoted is the mid-market closing price on the London Stock Exchange on 31 October 2024.
- <sup>2</sup> Turnover is calculated by dividing the total of purchases and sales of investments in a year by two, then dividing by the average monthly net assets of the Company in a year.
- <sup>3</sup> The Company has no net gearing.
- Based on expenses for the year to 31 December 2023, including look-through costs.

# **Investment Objective**

The Company's objective is to provide shareholders with an attractive real long-term total return by investing globally in undervalued asset classes. The portfolio is managed without reference to the composition of any stock market index.

# **Investment Approach**

The Company invests in a range of assets across both public and private markets throughout the world. These assets include quoted and unquoted securities, investment companies, funds, debt instruments, cash, short-term deposits or derivatives. No investment in the Company's portfolio may exceed 15% of the Company's total assets at the time of investment. Investments in private markets will not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of total assets at the time of investment. Up to 50% total assets may be invested in bonds, debt instruments, cash or cash equivalents. Occasionally the Company may borrow for investment purposes up to the equivalent of 25% of its total assets. By contrast, the Company's portfolio may from time to time have substantial holdings of debt instruments, cash or short-term deposits.

The investment approach provides the Company with the flexibility to seek out value across asset classes and be pragmatic in its portfolio construction by only investing in assets which the Board considers to be undervalued on an absolute basis, and hold such assets until they achieve their long-term earnings potential or valuation. The portfolio will usually have a high active share, that is to say it will have a very low correlation to the FTSE All-World Index. Portfolio turnover is generally low.

# Philosophy

The Company is a self-managed investment trust. Dr Sandy Nairn acts as full time Executive Director and has day to day responsibility for the management of the portfolio. Goodhart Partners LLP act as Sub-Advisor for the equity portfolio and as strategic partners through which they will introduce the Company to investment opportunities in private markets.

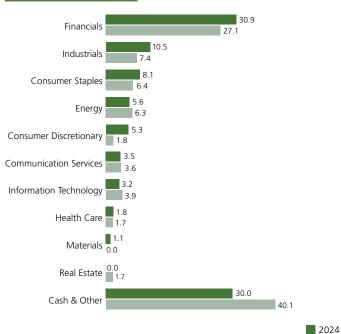
Through disciplined and intensive research, the Executive Director and Sub-Advisor identify stocks which they consider are clearly undervalued. It is their belief that such undervaluation arises because the stock market's investment horizon is too short. The Company buys and holds stocks based on valuation and not by reference to an index weighting. As long-term investors (5 years +), they stress the need for patience in investing.

# **Top 10 Equity Holdings and Portfolio Composition**

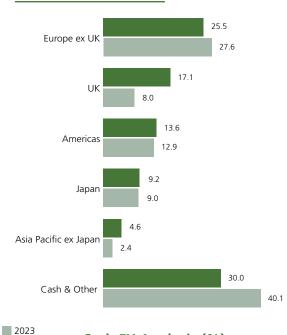
Company	Sector	Country	Market Value	% of Net Assets
Templeton European Long-Short Equity Fund	Financials	Cayman Islands	15,063,994	14.0
AVI Japan Special Situations Fund	Financials	Japan	8,177,728	7.6
Volunteer Park Capital Fund SCSp	Financials	Luxembourg	7,754,894	7.2
Unilever	Consumer Staples	United Kingdom	3,641,958	3.4
TotalEnergies	Energy	France	3,436,184	3.2
Alibaba	Consumer Discretionary	Hong Kong	2,885,727	2.7
Qinetiq	Industrials	United Kingdom	2,754,000	2.6
Imperial Brands	Consumer Staples	United Kingdom	2,629,733	2.4
ENI	Energy	Italy	2,539,730	2.4
Tesco	Consumer Staples	United Kingdom	2,420,278	2.2
Total Top 10 Equity Holdings				47.7
13 Other Equity Holdings				22.3
RBS International US\$ notice account				9.8
Goldman Sachs US\$ Liquid Reserves Fund				7.0
JPMorgan US\$ Liquidity LVNAV Fund				7.0
Other cash accounts				5.8
Other current assets/(liabilities)				0.4
Total Assets				100.0



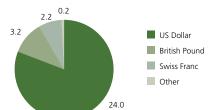




# Regional Analysis (%)



# Cash FX Analysis (%)



# **Performance Data**

# Past performance is no guide to future performance.

# Periodic Performance\* (%)

							Since inception
	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	p.a
Share Price	-6.4	-5.5	-4.9	-2.0	0.4	0.5	6.9
Net Asset Value (NAV) per share	0.1	-2.2	0.8	2.6	6.1	4.9	8.1
FTSE All-World Index	1.9	2.5	25.6	15.1	8.3	11.7	10.5
FTSE World Government Bond Index	-1.5	0.3	7.0	2.7	-3.0	-1.5	2.4
AIC Flexible Investment Sector	-1.1	-2.8	8.2	-1.7	-3.8	1.5	6.9

# Discrete Performance\* (%)

	31 October 23 31 October 24	31 October 22 31 October 23	31 October 21 31 October 22	31 October 20 31 October 21	31 October 19 31 October 20
Share Price	-4.9%	1.0%	5.5%	17.7%	-13.9%
Net Asset Value (NAV) per share	0.8%	4.5%	13.4%	17.3%	-9.1%
FTSE All-World Index	25.6%	5.5%	-4.2%	29.9%	5.3%
FTSE World Government Bond Index	7.0%	-1.5%	-13.4%	-2.6%	4.0%
AIC Flexible Investment Sector	8.2%	-10.8%	-7.9%	31.0%	-7.6%

<sup>\*</sup> Inception date 15 Dec 2003. Share Price NAV and FTSE All-World Index total returns are sourced from LSEG Datastream. Share price returns are calculated on a closing mid price basis. All dividends are reinvested at the ex-dividend date. Returns shown in the table alongside for periods greater than 12 months are annualised. The FTSE All-World Index figures are included for reference purposes only.

# **Dividends**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total	5.0p	5.0p	5.0p	6.0p	7.5p



# **Risk Warnings**

The Company is listed on the London Stock Exchange. As a result, the value of the shares and any income derived from them can fall as well as rise, and investors may not get back the full value of their investment. As the Company invests in overseas securities, fluctuations in exchange rates may also cause the value of the shares (and any income from them) to fall as well as rise. The Company can borrow money to make further investments. This is known as 'gearing'. The effect of gearing can enhance returns in a rising market, but if the value of the investments falls, any borrowing will increase the amount of the loss. The Company can buy back and cancel its own shares. The risks from borrowing referred to above, are increased when a Company buys back and cancels its shares. The Company's portfolio is likely to be more concentrated than that of other companies and the share price and NAV are therefore likely to be more volatile than other more diversified portfolios. The Company charges 70% of management fees and finance costs related to borrowings to capital and 30% to income. With the exception of costs that are incidental to the acquisition or disposal of investments, which are charged to capital, all other expenses are charged to income. Where income is low, expenses may exceed the total income received and capital value would be reduced. Stocks held in the fund may decrease in price or may not increase in price as anticipated if they continue to be undervalued by the stock market or if the factors that the Board or Sub-Advisor believe will cause the stock price to increase do not occur. The investment style may perform better or worse than equity funds that follow other approaches. The Company may also invest a substantial portion of its assets in debt instruments, cash or cash equivalents. Fixed Income Securities may be affected by changes in expectations of inflation, changes in interest rates and the credit rating of the issuer. Holding cash balances can protect against losses in falling equity markets,

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