# Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund



Class R accumulation shares, USD

December 2018

Data as of 30 November 2018

### The fund's aims

The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in the shares of companies listed, quoted or traded in the United States of America.

## Fund update

Following the heavy losses of October, US equities bounced back in November. Although the lower oil price weighed on the performance of the energy sector, it boosted consumer discretionary stocks. Sentiment was supported by what appeared to be the slightly more dovish tone from Fed chair Jerome Powell, who seemed to retreat from his earlier hawkish stance. Although concerns around trade persisted ahead of the G20 negotiations, they weighed on the market less than they had in the previous months. As the market expected, the mid-term elections resulted in the Democrats taking control of the House of Representatives while the Senate remained in Republican hands. Concerns around tariffs are likely to come back to the fore: the election doesn't change the agenda on trade, which remains in President Trump's hands.

The fund outperformed the benchmark over the

month. Stockpicking within semiconductors was particularly helpful, with long positions such as Xilinx supporting returns alongside selected short positions. Our underweight stance in Apple also helped. The replacement cycle for smartphones is slowing, meaning Apple faces the prospect of lower growth in earnings. Our continued negative stance on a large industrial company made a positive contribution over the month. We also saw good performance from recent additions to the fund Delta Airlines and low-cost gym operator Planet Fitness following their pleasing third-quarter numbers. Detractors included some of our holdings in the retailing sector such as Best Buy, Burlington Stores and Nordstrom.

In activity, we took advantage of the rebound in the market to reduce the fund's net exposure. Declining liquidity, increasing tension around trade and the growing chance of recession continue to be our chief concerns. There are still opportunities, however. For instance, we added further to our healthcare holdings such as medical equipment and device maker Medtronic. It has a stronger growth profile than its competitors yet trades on a lower valuation.

### R

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## Composition

### Top 10 long holdings

Microsoft	6.5%
Alphabet	5.0%
Berkshire Hathaway	3.8%
Unitedhealth Group	3.1%
Xilinx	2.6%
Zoetis Inc	2.6%
US Treasury 2.75% 2028	2.6%
Comcast A	2.4%
Cintas Corp	2.4%
Anthem	2.3%
Source: Artemis as at 30 November 2018.	

### Top 10 shorts by sector

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Information Technology	-0.9%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.7%
Information Technology	-0.7%
Information Technology	-0.6%
Financials	-0.5%
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Industrials	-0.5%
Information Technology	-0.5%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.4%
Source: Artemis as at 30 November 2018.	

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#### Fund exposure

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Large > \$20 bn	79.8%	-13.0%	66.8%	92.8%
Mid	24.6%	-11.2%	13.4%	35.8%
Small < \$2 bn	10.5%	-1.4%	9.0%	11.9%
Total	114.9%	-25.7%	89.2%	140.5%
Source: Artemis as at 30 November 2018.				

### Performance

### Cumulative performance

	Since launch	1 year	6 months	3 months	1 month
Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund	41.7%	5.5%	0.7%	-5.4%	2.3%
S&P 500 TR	40.6%	6.3%	3.0%	-4.4%	2.0%

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to the future. 'Since launch' data from 1 April 2016. Source: Lipper Limited, mid to mid in US dollars to 30 November 2018. All figures show total returns with dividends reinvested.

#### Discrete performance to year end

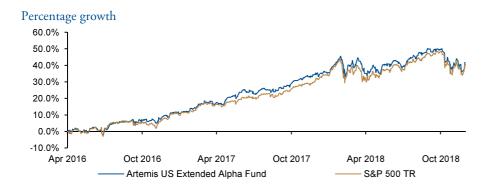
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
12 months to 31 December	22.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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#### Discrete performance to quarter end

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
12 months to 30 September	16.2%	21.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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### Key facts

Fund type	OEIC			
Focus	Capital growth			
Asset class	Equity			
Regional focus	USA			
IA sector	IA North America NR			
SEDOL	BMMV5D2			
ISIN	GB00BMMV5D29			
Туре	Accumulation			
Class currency	USD			
Accumulation date	30 April			
Valuation point (UK business days)	12:00			
Year end	28 February			
Fund launch date	19 September 2014			
Class launch date	1 April 2016			
Class launch price	100c			
SRRI	5			
Fund size (mid basis)	\$2,060.4m			
Source: Artemis as at 30 November 2018				

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### Prices and yield

Mid price	141.70c		
Historic yield	0.00%		
The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past			

as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

### Charges

Initial charge	0%
Ongoing charge	1.57%
Performance fee	20%

The ongoing charge includes the annual management charge of 1.5% and is shown as at the date of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). A performance fee is charged only when the share price outperforms the fund's benchm index by a minimum percentage. A full explanation of the fund's charges can be found in the KIID.

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