# **European Fund**

## 31 May 2021



#### **Fund Objective**

To outperform (after deduction of costs) the MSCI Europe ex UK Index, as stated in sterling, by at least 1.5% per annum over rolling five-year periods.

The manager believes this is an appropriate target given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing. In addition, the manager believes an appropriate performance comparison for this Fund is the Investment Association Europe Excluding UK Sector.

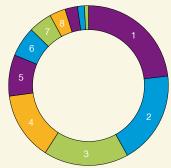
There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period and actual investment returns may differ from this objective, particularly over shorter time periods.

## **Key Information**

Fund Managers	Stephen Paice / Moritz Sitte /
	Chris Davies / Josie Bentley
Launch Date	17 June 1985
Fund Size	£2,472.67m
IA Sector	Europe Excluding UK
Active Share	88%*
Annual Turnover	18%

<sup>\*</sup>Relative to MSCI Europe ex UK Index. Source: Baillie Gifford & Co, MSCI.

## **Geographic Analysis of Total Assets**



23.1%
18.8%
17.2%
13.8%
8.4%
6.1%
4.7%
3.2%
2.5%
1.4%
0.8%

A negative cash position may sometimes occur due to obligations awaiting settlement.

## **Performance**

#### **Periodic Performance**

Class B-Acc (%) 7.5 36.2 19.6 20 Index (%)* 11.2 26.4 9.5 12 Target (%)** 12.1 28.3 11.2 14					
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Target (%)** 12.1 28.3 11.2 14	Class B-Acc (%)	7.5	36.2	19.6	20.7
Target (70)	Index (%)*	11.2	26.4	9.5	12.5
Sector Average (%)*** 11.4 27.6 8.3 11.	Target (%)**	12.1	28.3	11.2	14.2
Scotol / Welage (70)	Sector Average (%)***	11.4	27.6	8.3	11.5
Sector Ranking 125/145 18/143 2/130 3/12	Sector Ranking	125/145	18/143	2/130	3/120

Performance source: StatPro, FE, MSCI, total return in sterling.

## **Investment Proposition**

The Fund aims to produce long-term returns by investing in a concentrated portfolio of European stocks, constructed with little regard for the index. The Fund adopts a long-term time horizon of five years and beyond and positioning is based on bottom up stock selection. We are growth investors and invest in companies that have the potential to grow sustainably over the long-term.

## **Top Ten Holdings**

% of Total Assets
5.1
4.3
3.9
3.8
3.7
3.5
3.5
3.4
3.3
0.0
3.3

Total may not sum due to rounding.

## **Charges and Yield**

	Initial Charge	Ongoing Charge	Historic Yield
Class B-Acc (%)	0.00	0.58	0.00
Class B-Inc (%)	0.00	0.58	0.00

The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period.

#### Annual Discrete Performance

			31/03/18- 31/03/19		
Class B-Acc (%)	29.5	9.9	-2.7	7.7	59.9
Index (%)*	28.4	3.7	3.1	-7.5	34.4
Target (%)**	30.3	5.3	4.6	-6.1	36.4
Sector Average (%	6)*** 23.7	5.6	-1.2	-9.4	39.6

<sup>\*</sup>MSCI Europe ex UK Index.

<sup>\*\*</sup>MSCI Europe ex UK Index +1.5%.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>IA Europe ex UK Sector.

#### **Additional Fund Information**

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Baillie Gifford Overseas Growth Funds ICVC (Investment Company with Variable Capital) which is an umbrella Open-Ended Investment Company. Its Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') is Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.

The yields quoted are historic yields based on distributions paid by the Fund in the previous 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The disruption caused by the Coronavirus to global economies, markets and companies could reduce the distributions paid by the Fund in the future.

The ongoing charge figure may vary from year to year and will exclude the costs of buying and selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are shares of another fund). Further explanation of all the charges and costs relating to this Fund can be found in the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs document which is available through our website, bailliegifford.com.

Active Share is a measure of how actively managed a Fund is and is calculated by taking 100 minus the % of the Fund that overlaps with the comparative index. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the comparative index and an active share of zero indicates a portfolio that tracks the comparative index. We have chosen to show Active Share against the MSCI Europe ex UK Index.

Turnover is calculated by taking the smaller figure of either total purchases or total sales for the month and dividing it by an average market value. The Annual Turnover is then calculated as the sum of the monthly turnover figures for the 12 month period.

#### **Further Information**

Any comments expressed in this factsheet should not be taken as a recommendation or advice.

This factsheet does not provide you with all the facts that you need to make an informed decision about investing in the Fund. You need to read the associated Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document and decide whether to contact an authorised intermediary.

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#### **Target Market**

This Fund is suitable for all investors seeking a Fund that aims to deliver capital growth over a long-term investment horizon. The investor should be prepared to bear losses. This Fund is compatible for mass market distribution. This Fund may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, seeking a regular source of income and investing for less than five years. This Fund does not offer capital protection.

#### **Risk Warnings**

Investment markets can go down as well as up and market conditions can change rapidly. The value of an investment in the Fund, and any income from it, can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount invested.

The specific risks associated with the Fund include:

- Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.
- The Fund's concentrated portfolio relative to similar funds may result in large movements in the share price in the short term.
- The Fund has exposure to foreign currencies and changes in the rates of exchange will cause the value of any investment, and income from it, to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount invested.
- The Fund's share price can be volatile due to movements in the prices of the underlying holdings and the basis on which the Fund is priced.

Further details of the risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Investor Information Document, copies of which are available at bailliegifford.com, or the Prospectus which is available by calling the ACD.

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