

## FUND OVERVIEW



Fund Manager(s)	Steve Bolton
Fund Size	£2,508.17m
Domicile	United Kingdom
ISA	Eligible
Benchmark Index	FTSE World Europe ex UK
Investment Association Sector	IA Europe Excluding UK
Currency	GBP
Initial Charge	0.0%
Fund Management Fee (FMF):	A Acc: 1.10% M Acc: 0.70%

### Share Class M (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date	30.04.10
Minimum Investment	£100,000
SEDOL	B52VBP7
Mid Price	1473.00p
Historic Yield	1.81%

### Share Class A (Accumulation)

Unit Launch Date	10.03.87
Minimum Investment	£1,000
SEDOL	B52DGB4
Mid Price	1361.00p
Historic Yield	1.47%

# ROYAL LONDON EUROPEAN GROWTH FUND

31.03.24

## Overview

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return (combination of capital growth and income) over the medium term (3-5 years) by investing at least 80% in the shares of European companies, not including the UK, listed on European stock exchanges. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, after the deduction of charges, the FTSE Europe ex-UK Total Return GBP Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index. In addition to the benchmark for the Fund's performance as noted above (the "Index"), the IA Europe ex UK sector is considered an appropriate benchmark for performance comparison.

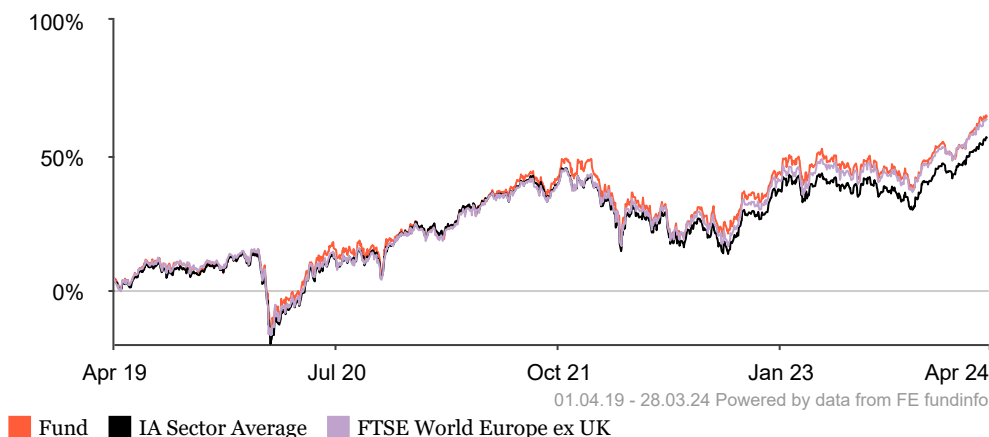
## Year-on-year performance

	31.03.23 to 31.03.24	31.03.22 to 31.03.23	31.03.21 to 31.03.22	31.03.20 to 31.03.21	31.03.19 to 31.03.20
Share Class M (Accumulation)	12.6%	7.6%	8.5%	32.7%	-5.0%
Share Class A (Accumulation)	12.2%	7.2%	8.0%	31.9%	-5.6%

## Cumulative Performance (as at 31.03.24)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Class M (Accumulation)	6.0%	13.9%	12.6%	31.4%	65.7%
Share Class A (Accumulation)	5.9%	13.7%	12.2%	29.9%	61.8%
IA Sector Average	6.4%	15.1%	12.3%	24.6%	57.6%
FTSE World Europe ex UK	6.8%	14.9%	13.8%	31.8%	63.6%
Quartile Ranking	3	3	3	1	2

## Performance Chart



**Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.**

Source: RLAM and FE fundinfo as at 31.03.24. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and gross of taxes, with gross income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes.

Fund performance shown is valued at midday, the benchmark is valued at close of business.

## Fund Manager(s)



### Steve Bolton

Lead Manager

Fund Manager tenure:

01.10.17

## Yield Definitions

The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. Reported yields reflect RLAM's current perception of market conventions around timing of bond cash flows.

## Important Information

This is a financial promotion and is not investment advice.

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Source: RLAM, FE fundinfo and HSBC as at 31.03.24, unless otherwise stated. Yield definitions are shown above.

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Breakdowns exclude cash and futures.

## Fund Commentary

March saw strong performance from risk assets with equity markets around the world rising reflecting an anticipation that the US economy will continue to experience a soft landing coupled with hopes that interest rates will be able to decline later this year. Markets were also underpinned by the stimulus that is being provided to build out of US infrastructure and the hope AI will make a meaningful difference to the efficiency and growth potential of corporates. In Europe the equity market appreciated by 3.7%, helped by an encouraging corporate reporting season and growing amount of corporate activity in the form of mergers and acquisitions. Overall, the best performing sectors during March included the banks and energy, which are both geared into global economy, whilst consumer discretionary underperformed reflecting its defensive characteristics.

During the month the Trust underperformed the benchmark and was ranked in the third quartile when compared with the peer group. The main detractor was logistics company DHL, whose shares fell after they gave a cautious outlook, noting subdued activity levels. Bank shares were strong during March with investments in ING, Santander and UBS all adding to performance.

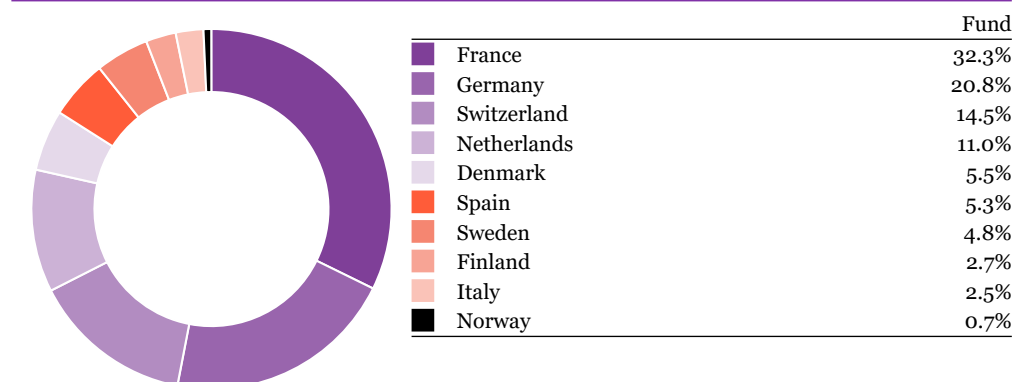
In the period the Trust sold out its positions in Infineon and DSV as we believe the current shares prices are fair given the opportunity in each. The proceeds were invested across the rest of the portfolio as well as starting new positions in Bankinter and Prysmian. Bankinter is well run Spanish bank focussed on improving returns. Prysmian manufacture cables and benefit from the need to connect renewable energy infrastructure to electricity grids.

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## Sector Breakdown

	Fund
Industrials	20.5%
Consumer Discretionary	17.0%
Financials	16.5%
Health Care	14.5%
Technology	11.1%
Basic Materials	6.5%
Energy	4.2%
Consumer Staples	3.9%
Telecommunications	3.4%
Utilities	2.5%

## Geographical Breakdown



## Top 10 Holdings as at 31.03.24

	Fund
NOVO NORDISK CLASS B	5.1%
LVMH	4.9%
ASML HOLDING NV	4.8%
SAP	4.3%
TOTALENERGIES	4.2%
NESTLE SA	3.9%
ROCHE HOLDING PAR AG	3.8%
SIEMENS N AG	3.6%
AXA SA	3.4%
UBS GROUP AG	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.3%</b>
<b>No of Holdings</b>	<b>50</b>

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## Key Concepts to Understand

**Total Return:** A total return is a combination of capital growth and income. Capital growth is defined as the rise in an investment's value over time and income as the payment an investment generates, such as dividends or bond coupons.

**Rolling 5 Year Period:** A rolling 5-year period is any period of five years, no matter which day you start on.

**Efficient Portfolio Management:** A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

## Fund Risks

**Investment Risk:** The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

**EPM Techniques:** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Exchange Rate Risk:** Investing in assets denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund means the value of the investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

**Liquidity Risk:** In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

**Counterparty Risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.