

## Unicorn funds receive clutch of awards as expansion continues with two Junior Fund Managers joining

Unicorn Asset Management is pleased to report that it has received more industry accolades in recognition of the consistent, top quartile performance of its Unicorn UK Income and Unicorn UK Growth Funds and also announces the arrival of two Junior Fund Managers, following their appointment in March 2014.

The Unicorn UK Income Fund has been named Best Larger UK Income Growth Fund in the Money Observer Fund Awards 2014, as well as being awarded the What Investment Best Equity Income Fund 2014. The Fund also received recognition from Lipper earlier this year by being named Best Equity Income Fund in Lipper's 2014 Fund Awards.

The Unicorn UK Growth Fund (recently renamed from Unicorn Free Spirit Fund) has been named Best Smaller UK Growth Fund in the Money Observer Fund Awards 2014.

Both the Unicorn UK Income Fund and the UK Growth Fund are in the top quartile of their sectors (UK Equity Income and UK All Companies respectively) over one, three and five years.

The Unicorn UK Income Fund is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> out of 53 funds since launch in 2004 and the Unicorn UK Growth Fund is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 228 funds since launch in 2002, as at 30 June 2014.

The Unicorn AIM VCT has also received an Award, having been named What Investment Best VCT 2014.

Paul Harwood, Chairman of the Unicorn Investment Committee commented, "These Awards and the Funds' performance illustrate the strength of the Unicorn investment process employed by its focused and well-resourced investment team, which has almost 100 years' combined experience."

Unicorn's fund management resource has also now been increased with two Junior Fund Managers joining the Company in late June, having been appointed in March 2014. Alex Game has joined from Stanhope Capital where he worked as a Client Advisor and Max Ormiston has joined from Brewin Dolphin where he was an Investment Manager.

Fraser Mackersey, co-manager of the Unicorn UK Income Fund commented "UK investing is where Unicorn's strength and experience lies and we're delighted that these Awards recognise this fact. Alex and Max have further strengthened the investment team – they will be working closely with the senior Fund Managers across the Unicorn fund range and supporting the Investment Committee with wider research."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

### **Unicorn Asset Management**

Unicorn Asset Management was established in 2000 and is an independently owned and managed company. It specialises in investing in UK small and mid-cap companies, AIM and fledgling markets.

Unicorn operates a team based approach to investment management and its experienced, committed and well-resourced investment team has almost 100 years' of combined experience. Unicorn is focused on being the 'best not the biggest' and its funds aim to deliver long term outperformance. Unlike many investment firms Unicorn is majority owned by its directors and managers, adding incentive to ensure the funds constantly perform.

As at 30 June 2014, Unicorn managed £960 million in a range of funds designed to satisfy a variety of investor requirements, including UK Income, UK Growth, UK Smaller Companies, an investment trust and an AIM focused VCT.

### **Paul Harwood**

Paul was a cofounder of Unicorn in 2000 and is Chairman of the Unicorn Investment Committee. Paul has over 40 years' investment experience.

Before joining Unicorn Paul held positions at Phillips & Drew, Richards Longstaff and Mercury Asset Management/Merrill Lynch, where he was a Director, Joint Head of the European Equity Investment Team and latterly the Head of the UK Smaller Companies Team.

### **Fraser Mackersie, Fund Manager**

Fraser is co-manager of the Unicorn UK Income Fund and lead manager of the Unicorn UK Growth Fund and has been actively involved in managing these funds since he joined the firm in 2008.

Fraser qualified as a Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA) in October 2006 having graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Economics and Management from the University of St. Andrews in 2003. He then spent two years with F&C Asset Management plc before joining Unicorn.

### **Simon Moon, Fund Manager**

Simon is co-manager of the Unicorn UK Income Fund and lead manager of the Unicorn UK Smaller Companies Fund and has been actively involved in managing these funds since he joined the firm in 2008.

Prior to joining Unicorn, Simon worked at JM Finn & Co (Stockbrokers) as a Researcher. He is a member of the Securities and Investment Institute and the CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants).

### **Chris Hutchinson, Director & Senior Fund Manager**

Chris is the lead manager of the Unicorn AIM VCT and has been a member of the Unicorn Investment Committee since he joined the firm in 2005.

Prior to joining Unicorn Chris was a Fund Manager at Montanaro Investment Managers for over eight years where he specialised in UK smaller companies.

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