

Investment Objective

The Unicorn UK Growth Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth through investment in a portfolio of UK Companies. UK Companies are defined as those which are incorporated or domiciled in the UK or have a significant part of their operations in the UK.

Investment Policy/Strategy

The fund may also invest in smaller companies including companies quoted on the AIM stock exchange. AIM is the London Stock Exchange's international market for smaller, growing companies. The fund may also invest, at its discretion, in other transferable securities and deposits and cash. The fund may also enter into certain derivative and forward transactions for hedging purposes. The fund invests for the long term and there is no guarantee that any particular return will be achieved, over any period, and investors should note that their capital is always at risk.

Managers

Fund Manager - Fraser Mackersie

Fund Manager - Alex Game

Fund Commentary

The UK Growth Fund recorded a total return of -3.3% in October, compared to the average total return from the IA UK All Companies sector of +0.3% over the same period.

The largest detractor was Iomart, which cost 0.7% in overall Fund performance terms. Iomart released a disappointing trading update, which reported on a low single-digit decline in recurring revenues due to an increase in customer churn rates, alongside a drop in non-recurring revenues. Another notable detractor was Victorian Plumbing, which cost 0.6% in overall Fund performance terms. Victoria Plumbing released a full year trading update during the month, which highlighted 29% year-on-year sales growth which, although impressive, was slightly below market expectations due to a slowing of growth during the second half as lockdown restriction eased. The sales shortfall was more than offset by a strong gross margin performance.

The largest contributor was Hotel Chocolat, which added 0.6% in overall Fund performance terms. Hotel Chocolat, a multi-channel chocolate retailer, released very strong full year results, while management also highlighted that performance in the current financial year remained positive.

During the month, the position in DiscoverIE was exited in full following a period of exceptionally strong share price performance and a significant re-rating in the valuation of the company. A position was initiated in Renishaw, a high quality manufacturing business, at an attractive valuation relative to its historic averages as a result of recent share price underperformance.

Unicorn Asset Management Limited (Unicorn) is an independent, specialist fund management group, established in July 2000.

Unicorn focuses on long term, long only, investment in UK quoted companies and aims to achieve superior absolute returns through the application of traditional, fundamental principles of investment.



Cumulative Performance

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
UK Growth (B -Shares)	20.5 %	42.7 %	45.5 %	92.2 %	258.9 %
Rank	27/251	49/251	22/241	9/229	12/200
Sector Average	15.1 %	37.2 %	24.1 %	38.3 %	122.0 %

Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

Discrete Performance

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
UK Growth (B -Shares)	-2.1 %	33.9 %	-16.6 %	32.4 %	17.2 %
Rank	61/248	12/243	212/237	3/231	36/224
Sector Average	-6.0 %	22.2 %	-11.2 %	14.0 %	10.8 %

Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

Past Performance - 10 Years



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Top 10 Holdings	
Alpha FX	4.0%
Alpha Financial Markets	3.4%
Frontier Developments	3.3%
Hotel Chocolat	2.7%
Microlise Group	2.6%
The Fulham Shore	2.4%
Restore	2.4%
Breedon	2.3%
Howden Joinery	2.3%
Macfarlane	2.2%
Total	27.6%

Top 10 Sectors	
Software & Computer Services	20.6%
Consumer Retail	15.0%
Financial Services	11.8%
Consulting Services	5.6%
Food Production	4.6%
Cash	4.5%
Industrial Products	4.4%
Travel & Leisure	4.3%
Business Support	4.0%
Engineering	3.9%
Total	78.7%

Fund Facts	
Fund Managers	Fraser Mackersie Alex Game
Fund Size	£148m
Launch Date	31 December 2001
Fund Sector	UK All Companies
Number of Holdings	49
Pricing	10:00 Daily
ISAs/JISAs	Available
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 30/9 Payment: 30/11

Share Class Information			
	A - Income	B - Income	O - Income
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge	1.64%	0.89%	1.64%
ISIN Code	GB0031269250	GB0031217937	GB00BJTMQ784
Sedol Code	3126925	3121793	BJTMQ78
Bloomberg Code	UNFRSAI	UNFRSBI	UNFROIN
MEX ID	U2FAS	U2FSAA	U2AAAC
Initial Investment	£2,500	£100,000	£10,000

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	11.23	20.03
Alpha	17.30	5.91
Beta	0.69	0.96
Sharpe	3.35	0.44
Information Ratio	0.90	0.53

How to buy the Fund: The fund is available through a number of distributors including	
7IM	HL Vantage
Aegon	Hubwise
Alliance Trust	James Hay
Ascentric/Funds Direct	Novia
Aviva	Nucleus
Bestinvest	Pershing Nexus Funds
Charles Stanley Direct	Standard Life Fundzone
Cofunds	Transact
Fidelity Funds Network	Zurich
Standard Life Elevate	Old Mutual Wealth

All figures within this factsheet have been calculated with reference to 31 October 2021 with exception to the on going charge figure which is based on the annual accounts for the 12 months ended 30 September 2020

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- Unicorn Asset Management do not give out investment advice, we recommend that you contact a financial advisor if you are unsure whether to invest
- Investors should also read the Prospectus and KIID document of the fund before making an investment
- Equities are subject to greater degrees of market risk than other types of investment, such as bonds or money market instruments. You should not invest unless you are prepared to accept a higher degree of risk
- Investing in smaller companies, including AIM companies, can carry greater risks than those usually associated with large capitalisation companies. Smaller companies are likely to be less established and may not have access to the financial resources available to their larger counterparts. The shares of smaller companies are relatively illiquid and under-researched.
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