

Investment Objective

The Unicorn UK Income Fund aims to provide an income by investing in 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, 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 at least 80% in UK companies which are quoted companies with a bias towards small and medium sized companies (those with a market value of less than £4 billion). Some of the companies in which the Fund invests may be quoted on AIM. AIM is the London Stock Exchange's international market for smaller, growing companies.

Managers

Fraser Mackersie
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Fund Commentary

The UK Income Fund recorded a total return of -1.0% in November, compared to an average total return of -2.0% from the IA UK Equity Income sector over the same period.

Brewin Dolphin was the only notable detractor during the period, costing the Fund 0.4% in overall performance terms. Brewin Dolphin released full year results during the month for its financial year ended 30 September 2021, which highlighted that increased costs including; salaries, national insurance, IT systems and depreciation, have resulted in reduced profit forecasts for the current financial year.

The largest contributor was Telecom Plus, which added 0.7% in Fund performance terms. Telecom Plus released interim results during the month, which reported on a period of resilient trading. The company's growth outlook has also improved materially as a number of loss-making competitors in the retail energy market have failed in recent months, thereby improving Telecom Plus' prospects for growth.

A number of holdings were initiated during the month as the transfer of the equity assets of the Acorn Income Fund completed. The new holdings were; Chesnara, STV Group, Curtis Banks, Ocean Wilsons, Alumasc, Topps Tiles, Braemar Shipping and Warpaint. The transferred assets were long-term holdings within the Acorn Income Fund, which was an investment company managed along similar lines to the UK Income Fund. The new holdings improve the aggregate dividend yield of the Fund.

The Fund also participated in the initial public offering of shares in Stelrad during the month. Stelrad is a leading manufacturer of steel panel radiators in Europe.

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 Income (B -Shares)	10.8 %	17.0 %	22.9 %	36.5 %	181.0 %
Rank	61/86	33/84	14/84	11/76	4/67
Sector Average	13.0 %	17.1 %	15.8 %	24.9 %	109.5 %

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

Discrete Performance

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
UK Income (B -Shares)	-11.8 %	31.3 %	-15.3 %	21.4 %	0.5 %
Rank	44/84	4/84	73/82	4/77	71/75
Sector Average	-10.7 %	20.1 %	-10.5 %	11.3 %	8.8 %

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

Past Performance - 10 Years



Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the full amount of their original investment.

Top 10 Holdings	
Telecom Plus	5.4%
Londonmetric Property	5.2%
Phoenix Holdings	4.7%
Brewin Dolphin Holdings	4.4%
Polar Capital Holdings	3.9%
Sabre Insurance	3.9%
Primary Health Properties	3.4%
James Halstead	3.1%
Regional Reit Ltd	3.0%
B&M European Value	3.0%
Total	40.0%

Fund Facts	
Fund Managers	Fraser Mackersie Simon Moon
Fund Size	£506 m
Launch Date	24 May 2004
Fund Sector	UK Equity Income
Number of Holdings	47
Pricing	10:00 Daily
ISAs/JISAs	Available
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 31/3, 30/6, 30/9, 31/12 Payment: 31/5, 31/8, 30/11, 28/2

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	8.61	18.91
Alpha	4.29	2.51
Beta	0.76	0.96
Sharpe	1.35	0.25
Information Ratio	0.17	0.27

Top 10 Sectors	
Financial Services	18.2%
Property	12.7%
Building & Construction	11.5%
Insurance	11.0%
Engineering	10.1%
Consumer Retail	5.5%
Communications	5.4%
Logistics & Transportation	4.1%
Software & Computer Services	3.9%
Cash	3.6%
Total	86.0%

Share Class Information			
	Retail 'A'	Institutional 'B'	Overseas 'O'
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge	1.56%	0.81%	1.56%
Historic Yield	3.71%	3.70%	3.71%
ISIN Code - Income	GB00B00Z1S94	GB00B00Z1R87	GB00BJTMQB29
- Accumulation	GB00B9XQFW49	GB00B9XQFY62	GB00BJTMQ909
Sedol Code - Income	B00Z1S9	B00Z1R8	BJTMQB2
- Accumulation	B9XQFW4	B9XQFY6	BJTMQ90
Bloomberg - Income	UNIINKA	UNIINKB	UNUKIOI
- Accumulation	UNIINAA	UNIINBA	UNUKIOA
MEX ID - Income	U2INA	U2INB	U2AAAG
- Accumulation	U2RTAC	U2RTAD	U2AAAB
Initial Investment	£2,500	£100,000	£10,000

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 30 November 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.
- Taxation levels, benefits and reliefs may all vary depending on individual circumstances and are subject to change
- Opinions expressed in this factsheet are subject to change without notice.
- A key objective of the Fund is to provide income, therefore, some or all of the annual management charge is taken from capital rather than income. This can reduce the potential for capital growth.
- Unicorn Asset Management Limited are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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