

Investment Objective

The Unicorn Mastertrust Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth by primarily investing in a range of listed investment companies.

Investment Policy/Strategy

The investment companies themselves invest around the world. Investment companies are companies that can invest in a portfolio of assets. Their shares are listed on a stock exchange, in the same way as a normal company. The fund will choose investment companies which the Manager believes have good potential to grow and which are attractively priced. The fund may also invest, at its discretion, in other transferable securities, deposits, cash and near cash and units of eligible collective investment schemes. 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.

Manager

Peter Walls

Fund Commentary

The Outstanding British Companies Fund registered a total return of +2.1% in July, outperforming the IA UK All Companies sector average total return of +1.3% over the same period.

The top contributor during the month was Dechra Pharmaceuticals, which added +0.5% in Fund performance terms. Dechra reported that trading was ahead of expectations, benefiting from strong revenue growth of +22% in its North American veterinary pharmaceuticals business. The next largest contributor was Spirax-Sarco Engineering, which added +0.4% to overall Fund performance, despite an absence of company specific news.

The largest detractor was Smith & Nephew, which cost -0.2% in Fund performance terms. Smith & Nephew's interim results were released during July and, although trading in the first half of its financial year was strong, the company's management team has adopted a cautious approach to the second-half of the financial year, which caused short term share price weakness.

During the month a new position was initiated in Tate & Lyle, a global provider of specialty ingredients and solutions for manufacturers of food and beverage products.

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
Mastertrust (B -Shares)	8.5 %	35.9 %	26.7 %	73.0 %	167.5 %
Rank	67/156	4/154	35/135	13/110	8/80
Sector Average	7.6 %	19.5 %	21.6 %	45.3 %	95.0 %

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

Discrete Performance

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Mastertrust (B -Shares)	9.1 %	18.1 %	-6.3 %	19.3 %	18.2 %
Rank	44/145	47/137	59/127	7/113	33/107
Sector Average	6.7 %	15.7 %	-6.7 %	11.2 %	13.8 %

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

Past Performance - 10 Years



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Top 10 Holdings	
Blackrock World Mining Trust	3.2%
Herald Investment Trust	3.0%
Alliance Trust	3.0%
North Atlantic Smaller Companies	2.8%
Oakley Capital Investments	2.8%
Harbourvest Global Private Equity	2.8%
Gresham House Strategic	2.7%
Henderson Smaller Companies	2.5%
Avi Global Trust	2.4%
Strategic Equity Capital	2.4%
Total	27.6%

Fund Facts	
Fund Manager	Peter Walls
Fund Size	£128m
Launch Date	31 December 2001
Fund Sector	Active Managed
Number of Holdings	56
Pricing	10:00 Daily
ISAs/JISAs	Available
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 30/9 Payment: 30/11

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	12.44	17.96
Alpha	6.03	-1.59
Beta	1.49	1.58
Sharpe	2.49	0.27
Information Ratio	2.18	0.15

Top 10 Sectors	
Investment Trusts	96.7%
Cash	3.3%
Total	100.0%

Share Class Information			
	A - Income	B - Income	O - Income
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge*	1.60%	0.85%	1.58%
ISIN Code	GB0031269367	GB0031218018	GB00BJTMQ677
Sedol Code	3126936	3121801	BJTMQ67
Bloomberg Code	UNMSTAI	UNMSTAI	UNMSTAI
MEX ID	U2MA	U2MSAA	U2AAAD
Initial Investment	£2,500	£100,000	£10,000

*excludes the charges for the underlying investment trusts

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

All figures within this factsheet have been calculated with reference to 31 July 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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