



WAVERTON
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

EUROPEAN DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND A GBP

FUND FACTSHEET - AS AT 30 APRIL 2018

OBJECTIVES

FUND AIM

The investment objective is to generate income and capital growth by investing in a concentrated portfolio of equities selected from European markets. Overwhelmingly, but not exclusively, the managers invest in companies that are at the larger end of the capitalisation scale.

INVESTMENT STYLE

The Fund invests in wealth creating companies at attractive valuations. Building concentrated portfolios from the bottom up, unconstrained by the composition of the Fund's benchmark index, the managers seek to make a small number of long-term investments, primarily in growing companies, with strong management and operating in favourable business environments.

PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



Risk Warning: Past performance is no guide to future performance. The value of holdings may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back their initial investment.

Important information: Performance displayed is for the Retail Share Class. Performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis and does not take into account any initial fees.

Performance is displayed net of fees and assumes income is reinvested.

Period	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception Nov 05
Portfolio (%)	4.3	2.0	1.3	13.5	49.0	99.1	193.3
Benchmark (%)	3.9	-2.2	-1.1	6.3	29.3	57.6	139.1
Morningstar Peer Group (%)	3.8	-2.2	-0.8	7.3	33.0	63.4	177.3
Quartile	2	1	1	1	1	1	2

DISCRETE CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Period	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund (%)	18.9	26.8	9.4	0.2	35.4
Benchmark (%)	15.8	18.6	5.1	-0.7	25.3

STANDARDISED PERFORMANCE

Period 1 year to	30/04/2018	30/04/2017	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014
Fund (%)	13.5	27.4	3.1	9.0	22.6

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

COUNTRY		SECTOR		TOP 10 HOLDINGS	
Sweden	17.3%	Industrials	24.3%	Novartis AG CHF0.50 (Regd)	4.3%
Germany	17.0%	Materials	15.6%	Linde AG NPV (ASD 24/10/2017)	4.0%
France	12.8%	Health Care	15.5%	Eramet €3.05	3.7%
Portugal	11.7%	Consumer Staples	9.0%	Kongsberg Gruppen ASA NOK 1.25	3.6%
Finland	8.0%	Financials	7.3%	Swedish Match AB SEK1.2	3.5%
Switzerland	7.5%	Consumer Discretionary	7.0%	Deutsche Telekom AG (Regd)	3.5%
Denmark	5.7%	Telecommunication Services	6.6%	Galp Energia SGPS SA €1	3.4%
Italy	5.6%	Energy	6.0%	Metso Oyj	3.3%
Other	5.5%	Utilities	3.4%	Novo Nordisk AS DKK0.2 Series B	3.3%
Spain	5.1%	Cash	5.3%	Muenchener Rueckvers (Regd)	3.1%
Norway	3.8%	Total	100.0%	Total	35.8%
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COMMENTARY

The Fund rose by 4.3% in April and the market by 3.9%. The last week of April and the first week of May are very busy for companies reporting their first quarter results. As at month end around 40% of Europe (including the UK) by market cap had reported and earnings per share growth had slowed to 0% year-on-year. This does not come as a total surprise, given the euro strength but does explain why the market is finding it difficult to make new highs. Excluding financials, where we are heavily underweight, EPS would have been up 6%. Excluding resources, where we are overweight, earnings would have fallen 4%.

Natural resource stocks are not our natural hunting ground on the basis Earnings Visibility is often a challenge. However in the case of the French miner Eramet (+29%), Madame Bories (installed as CEO a year ago) won us over by her plan to improve the company's profitability. She is delivering on the plan, and the rest of the market is beginning to believe her. While we also had good performance from Metso (+16%), Handelsbanken (-8.5%) fell on results which underwhelmed; we remain committed holders on the basis that this is one of few European banks that aims to create wealth for its shareholders.

Our investment process is overwhelmingly bottom up. We are often invited to comment on the state of European politics, but do not perceive there to be meaningful value add derived from second guessing political outcomes. We invest for the very long term (10 years) in companies in a Continent where the political cycle for most countries is more like three years. We invest in companies and in managements who we have a 'through-the-cycle' trust in, and who will play the political ball that is in front of them far better than any fund manager that we are aware of, including us!

The noise being created by President Trump's trade rhetoric reminds us of the US government's protectionist instincts around the light vehicle tyre industry in 2014, and of the impotence of politicians in dealing with it. At the time, the politicians reacted to the fact that aftermarket tyre imports to the US had reached 61% (excluding Mexico & Canada). In order to boost domestic production the White House imposed stiff import duties against China who were seen as the chief culprit as they had 24% of the light vehicle replacement market. By last year their share of the market had indeed plummeted to 5%, but not to the benefit of local producers. Other countries (mainly Thailand, Indonesia and other ASEAN countries) stepped in to fill the gap. Imports remain at 61% of the market! Ironically this week the European Commission has imposed anti-dumping tariffs on Chinese replacement truck and bus tyres, initially for a period of 6 months. It is therefore entirely logical to us that the share prices of European tyre makers are largely unchanged and we remain uninvested in the sector.

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FUND DETAILS

FUND FACTS

Launch Date	14th November 2005
Morningstar Category	Europe Ex-UK Large Cap Equity
Benchmark	MSCI Europe ex UK TR
Fund Size	£45.0m
No. of Holdings	34
Domicile	Luxembourg
Sedol	BD5NVQ7
Bloomberg Code	ZENEINR:LX
Fund Type	SICAV
Base Currency	GBP
Other Currencies	None
Ex Dividend Dates	20-Feb 2017 (1.02p), 19-Jul 2017 (3.75p)

RISK STATISTICS

3Y Annualised	
Fund Volatility (%)	10.0
Index Volatility (%)	11.2
Sharpe Ratio	1.3
Information Ratio	1.1
Tracking Error	4.8
Alpha (%)	7.9
Beta	0.8
Active Share (% - Current)	88.8

FUND INFORMATION

Share class	ISIN	Minimum	AMC	INC/ACC	NAV	Historic yield (%)	Ongoing charge (%)
A GBP	LU0968447606	1,000,000 GBP	0.75%	INC	2.02	2.49%	1.01%
L GBP	LU0968447515	500,000 GBP	1.00%	INC	1.91	2.49%	1.30%

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