

31 July 2021

GBP I Distributing CLASS

## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Global Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	10 December 2014
Share Class Inception	10 August 2018
Share Class	GBP I Distributing Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap. Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCGLIGD
ISIN	IE00BF2T2J22
Number of Holdings	20-25
Liquidity	Daily at NAV
Annual Management Fee	0.80%
Minimum Investment	\$500,000
Benchmark	MSCI World Index (Net) £
Number of Stocks	25
Net Exposure	98.4%
Fund Size	\$3.22 billion
Strategy Size	\$12.68 billion*
Active Share	92.2%

\*Based on estimates and is not official

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital with lower than market volatility by investing primarily in equity and similar securities issued by high quality companies listed on Recognised Markets in countries which are members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD").

## Investment Process

- Investment philosophy: Growth drives returns; quality protects against downside; valuation matters
- Focused "total immersion" bottom-up analysis of selected "high confidence pool" of stocks
- Concentrated global equity long-only strategy with 20-25 high quality growth companies
- Benchmark agnostic, unconstrained portfolio construction; high active share

## Performance Analysis

	Fund %	Benchmark %	Relative Return %
1 Month	2.18	1.07	1.11
3 Months	5.63	4.28	1.35
YTD	11.57	13.02	-1.45
1 Year	22.41	27.30	-4.89
Annualised Since Inception*	12.96	11.55	1.41

\*Inception date 10/8/18.

Past performance results are no indication of future results.

## Calendar Year Performance

	Fund %	Benchmark %	Relative Return %
2019	23.82	22.74	1.08
2020	14.18	12.32	1.86

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## Risk Analysis

Since Inception*	Fund	Benchmark
Tracking Error	4.96	
Standard Deviation	12.73	14.38
Information Ratio	0.96	---
Sharpe Ratio**	1.19	0.73
Upside Market Capture	101.07	100.00
Downside Market Capture	75.49	100.00
Batting Average	0.66	

\*USD I share class

\*\*Sharpe ratio calculated using Bloomberg US Generic Govt. 3 Month Yield

## Fund Ratings\*

Morningstar Analyst Rating™

Silver

Morningstar Sustainability Rating™



Morningstar Low Carbon Designation™

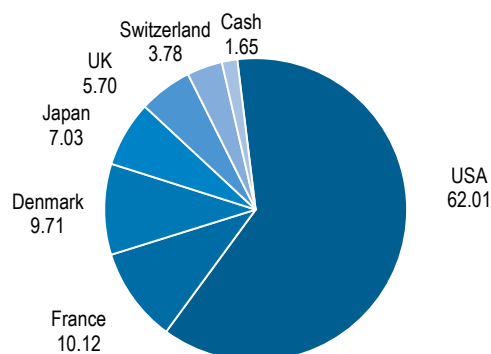
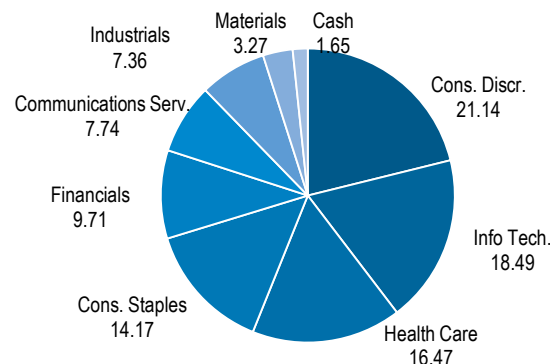


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**Geographic Allocation (%)**

**Sector Allocation (%)**

**Top 5 Holdings**

	Portfolio Weight
Alphabet	7.74%
CME Group	6.80%
EssilorLuxottica	6.60%
Mastercard	5.98%
Booking Holdings	5.46%

**Investment Team**

Michael Boyd  
 Giles Warren  
 Bojana Bidovec  
 Orlaith O'Connor

**Monthly Contributors / Detractors**

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ Alphabet	0.73%
+ Novo Nordisk	0.46%
+ Nike	0.36%
- Reckitt Benckiser	-0.43%
- Yum China	-0.30%
- Fanuc	-0.27%

**YTD Contributors / Detractors**

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ Alphabet	3.47%
+ Illumina	1.45%
+ Novo Nordisk	1.36%
- MarketAxess	-0.47%
- Reckitt Benckiser	-0.43%
- Fanuc	-0.37%

**Manager Commentary**

The top contributors to performance year to date were **Alphabet**, **Illumina** and **Novo Nordisk**.

**Alphabet** reported another quarter of exceptional growth. In Q2, organic revenue grew 57% and operating margin almost doubled to 31%. This growth reflected the lapping of the impact of COVID-19, elevated consumer activity online, broad-based increases in advertiser spending and "excellent ongoing execution". **Illumina** is the leader in gene sequencing technology, ahead of competition in terms of cost and accuracy. Its clinical markets, including oncology, reproductive health and genetic disease testing, are expanding as reimbursement increases, patient awareness grows and more sequencing applications enter the clinic. Ramping population sequencing programs are contributing to the robust growth in the research business. Q2 revenue grew 78%. **Novo Nordisk** is the leader in the global diabetes and obesity markets with shares of 29% and 67% respectively. **Wegovy**, its once weekly injection obesity drug, that can reduce body weight by as much as 18%, had a very promising launch in June. It also initiated a Phase 3 programme for its compound semaglutide as a possible treatment for Alzheimer's.

The top detractors year to date were **MarketAxess**, **Reckitt Benckiser** and **Fanuc**.

**MarketAxess** is the leading electronic bond trading platform and a beneficiary of the secular trend of increasing penetration of electronic trading in global credit markets. Lower interest rate volatility in 2021 has temporarily put pressure on its volumes, revenues and market share and the stock has drifted off following a very strong performance in 2020. **Reckitt Benckiser** is the world's leading consumer health and hygiene company and benefits from secular trends such as the pressure on state-funded health and resulting increase in self-care, increased life expectancy, focus on well-being, and growing global population. Q2 results suffered from tough comparisons with the same period in 2020 when the business benefited from strong, pandemic-related demand for its hygiene products. **Fanuc** is a Japanese company that manufactures robots and pioneered the automation of machine tools and the development of computer numeric controls for factory automation. It is well-placed to benefit from increasing automation across industries, a trend accelerated by COVID-19. The stock, in tandem with the Nikkei index, has lagged a strong global equity market.

\*Returns expressed in U.S. Dollars

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