

European Opportunities Fund

August 2014

Covering the month of July 2014



Fund Manager: Adrian Bignell

Key facts ¹	
Adrian Bignell	cityWire A
Fund launch date	12 December 2007
Fund size	£137.93m
Legal status	UK authorised ICVC
Yield (Accumulation share class) Historic vield ²	0,42%
Income distribution date	31 December
Accounting period ends	31 October 30 April
Available within an ISA?	Yes

Market commentary

European equity markets have been impacted in July by continued geo-political uncertainties and mixed corporate earnings results. Most continental European stock indices retreated, led by Portugal where Banco Espirito Santo (BES)'s share price collapsed - suffering heavy losses from exposure to its parent company which missed payments on debt obligations - triggering a bailout rescue package. Among industry segments, only technology and healthcare gained ground in July, while all the remaining sectors regressed. The oil & gas sector witnessed the biggest drop in price, amid a new set of economic sanctions against Russia, announced by European and American leaders. But despite prevailing challenges, the macro-environment in Europe is still showing a slow but steady positive momentum, especially in some 'periphery' markets. Latest jobless data showed figures decreasing (albeit modestly) and beating estimates, with very strong employment numbers from Spain. While France and Germany lagged, Purchasing Managers' Index outputs for the rest of Europe recorded the largest monthly increase in business activity since August 2007. Notwithstanding the still low level of inflation, we believe the combination of these factors should set the stage for improving growth in Europe.

Fund strategy

Our strategy is essentially driven by rigorous fundamental analysis and unconstrained stock selection, with the aim of identifying attractive investment opportunities in Continental Europe. We seek companies which we believe can deliver strong returns in the long term, whether due to an effective business model, dominant market position or a successful restructuring story. During July, we reduced the weight of small caps in the portfolio, taking out profits and mitigating liquidity risks. Exposure to large caps has been increased, by adding to existing positions in the financials and energy sectors, where we found attractive valuations suitable with our investment criteria. Latest portfolio positioning makes basic materials the most underweight sector relative to the benchmark, while the largest overweight sector remains industrials.

Investment objective

The Invesco Perpetual European Opportunities Fund aims to achieve capital growth through a portfolio of investments primarily in European companies, excluding the UK. In pursuing this objective, the fund managers may include investments that they consider appropriate which include transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, collective investment schemes, deposits and other permitted investments and transactions as detailed in Appendix 2 of the most recent Prospectus.

Performance							%	growth
	3 months 6	months	1 year	3 years	5 years	ACR*	10 years	ACR*
Fund (Accumulation share class)	-5.27	1.03	10.99	36.44	133.41	18.47	N/A	N/A
IMA Sector *ACR - Annual Compound Return	-4.23	1.25	3.10	25.53	59.06	9.73	N/A	N/A

Standardised rolling 12-month performance					% growth
	30.6.09	30.6.10	30.6.11	30.6.12	30.6.13
	30.6.10	30.6.11	30.6.12	30.6.13	30.6.14
Fund (Accumulation share class)	37.45	40.46	-21.09	36.11	27.99

Past performance is not a guide to future returns. Performance figures are shown in sterling on a mid-to-mid basis, inclusive of net reinvested income and net of the ongoing charge and portfolio transaction costs to 31 July 2014. The figures do not reflect the entry charge paid by individual investors. Chart figures overleaf are as at the end of the relevant month unless otherwise stated. The standardised past performance information is updated on a quarterly basis. Source: Lipper

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Top 10 holdings ¹	%
Leonteq	4.69
Actelion	3.62
Bollore	3.22
Nestle	3.20
Novartis	2.91
Mota-Engil SGPS	2.91
Africa Oil	2.55
Swiss Re	2.51
Total	2.32
Iberdrola	2.31
Total Top 10 Holdings (%)	30.23
Total number of holdings	70

Industry breakdown ^{1,3}	%
Industrials	23.43
Financials	18.88
Consumer Goods	12.87
Health Care	11.98
Oil & Gas	8.94
Consumer Services	6.88
Technology	4.98
Basic Materials	3.34
Utilities	3.32
Telecommunications	1.44
Unit/Investment Trust/Other	0.26
Cash	3.68
Total	100

Country of investment	
breakdown¹	%
Switzerland	21.95
Germany	11.23
Spain	9.34
France	9.01
Norway	6.32
Denmark	6.31
Sweden	5.60
Netherlands	5.44
Finland	4.91
Canada	3.02
Portugal	2.91
Italy	2.71
United States	2.28
Belgium	2.28
Other Countries	3.02
Cash	3.67
Total	100

Five year performance

- Invesco Perpetual European Opportunities Fund (Accumulation share class)
- IMA Europe Excluding UK Sector



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- All fund portfolio figures within this leaflet are as at 31 July 2014 (source: Invesco Perpetual).
- The Historic Yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market price of the fund, as at the date shown. It does not include any entry charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.
- The Industry Classification Benchmark is a joint product of FTSE International Limited and Dow Jones & Company, Inc. and has been licensed for use in our industry sector breakdown.

Investment risks

The value of investments and any income will fluctuate (this may partly be the result of exchange rate fluctuations) and investors may not get back the full amount invested.

The fund may use derivatives (complex instruments) in an attempt to reduce the overall risk of its investments, reduce the costs of investing or generate additional capital or income, although this may not be achieved. The use of such complex instruments may result in greater fluctuations of the value of the fund. The Manager, however, will ensure that the use of derivatives within the fund does not materially alter the overall risk profile of the fund.

Important information

Where Invesco Perpetual has expressed views and opinions, these may change.

For more information on our funds and available share classes, please refer to the most up to date relevant fund and share class-specific Key Investor Information Documents, the Supplementary Information Document, the ICVC ISA Key Features and Terms & Conditions, the latest Annual or Interim Short Reports and the latest Prospectus. This information is available using the contact details shown.

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