

ASSET MANAGEMENT

FUND OVERVIEW

Fund Manager(s) Martin Cholwill **Fund Size** £2,198.05m Domicile United Kingdom ISA Available and Eligible FTSE All Share Benchmark Index **Investment Association** IA UK Equity Income Sector

Currency Fund Management Fee M Inc: 0.72% (FMF)*: A Inc: 1.35% M Acc 0.72% Z Inc 0.64%

Unit Launch Date 26.11.12 **Initial Charge** 0.00% Minimum Investment £100,000 **SEDOL** B8Y4ZB9 Mid Price 221.10p Historic Yield 4.21%

Unit Launch Date 05.11.10 **Initial Charge** 0.00% **Minimum Investment** £100,000 SEDOL **B3M9JJ7** Mid Price 854.30p Historic Yield 4.33%

Unit Launch Date 11.04.84 **Initial Charge** 0.00% Minimum Investment £1,000 SEDOL B67N865 Mid Price 806.50p Historic Yield 4.35%

Unit Launch Date 02.12.13 **Initial Charge** 0.00% **Minimum Investment** £25,000,000 SEDOL BG48LT7 Mid Price 128.40p Historic Yield 4.33%

ROYAL LONDON UK EQUITY INCOME FUND

31.12.19









<u>Overview</u>

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over the medium term (3-5 years) by investing at least 80% in the shares of UK medium-sized companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE All-Share Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods. The Fund also aims to produce an income in excess of the Index's income over rolling 3-year periods. For further information on the Fund's index, please refer to the Prospectus.

Year-on-year performance	e				
	31.12.18 to 31.12.19	31.12.17 to 31.12.18	31.12.16 to 31.12.17	31.12.15 to 31.12.16	31.12.14 to 31.12.15
Share Class M (Accumulation)	23.9%	-9.7%	12.8%	11.0%	5.4%
Share Class M (Income)	23.9%	-9.7%	12.8%	11.0%	5.5%
Share Class A (Income)	23.1%	-10.2%	12.1%	10.3%	4.8%
Share Class Z (Income)	24.0%	-9.6%	12.9%	11.0%	5.6%
Sector Average	20.1%	-10.5%	11.3%	8.8%	6.2%
Benchmark Index	19.2%	-9.5%	13.1%	16.8%	1.0%

Cumulative Performance (as at 31.12.19)					
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Class M (Accumulation)	6.9%	9.5%	23.9%	26.2%	47.7%
Share Class M (Income)	6.9%	9.5%	23.9%	26.2%	47.7%
Share Class A (Income)	6.7%	9.2%	23.1%	23.8%	43.1%
Share Class Z (Income)	7.0%	9.6%	24.0%	26.6%	48.3%
Sector Average	7.2%	8.3%	20.1%	19.6%	38.2%
Benchmark Index	4.2%	5.5%	19.2%	22.0%	43.8%
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Performance Chart



Source: RLAM and FE fundinfo as at 31.12.19. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and taxes, with net income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Distribution History (Net)				
	Oct 19	Jul 19	Apr 19	Jan 19
Share Class M (Income)	10.58p	9.02p	8.02p	8.03p
Share Class A (Income)	10.02p	8.55p	7.62p	7.64p
Share Class Z (Income)	1.59p	1.35p	1.20p	1.21p

Table above shows figures as at payment date.

Fund Manager(s)



Martin Cholwill Lead Manager Fund Manager tenure: 01.03.05

Yield Definitions

The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

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Source: RLAM, FE fundinfo and HSBC as at 31.12.19, unless otherwise stated. Yield definitions are shown above.

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For more information concerning the risks of investing, please refer to the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Breakdowns exclude cash and futures.

Fund Commentary

Following the general election result, we believe that there is far greater political visibility in the UK than has been the case for many years. The scale of the Conservative Party victory means that its parliamentary majority should remain intact for the next five years, and therefore some more decisive politics will replace the gridlock. We suspect that, based on current political rhetoric, the government will seek looser ties with Europe, using fiscal stimulus to offset any economic weakness it causes in 2020. The level of sterling means that UK corporate assets continue to look cheap for overseas buyers. Against this background, UK equities could benefit from renewed interest from international investors.

Overall, the fund is underpinned by cautious economic growth assumptions, and its focus on strong market positions, cashflow-backed dividends and robust balance sheets should provide resilience across the spectrum of possible economic outcomes.

During December, the fund was ahead of the FTSE All-Share Index and competitor funds. The largest positive contributors to performance included Dunelm, Close Brothers, Restaurant Group and Marshalls. The strength of Dunelm's share price is reflective of ongoing strong trading and the successful implementation of its new online shopping IT infrastructure. The largest detractors from performance were IG Group and Stobart Group, although neither were material for performance.

During the month, the fund continued to retain its balance between domestic and international earners. The fund used new money to add to a broad range of existing holdings, including Euromoney, BT Group, Aviva, 3i Group and Investec. The purchase of 3i Group followed a positive meeting with management. Its main investment, Action, still appears to have plenty of growth potential and its 3.5% dividend yield could easily grow double-digit over the next few years if the company hits its growth targets.

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Sector Breakdown

	Fund
Financials	25.6%
Industrials	18.4%
Consumer Services	18.1%
Oil & Gas	9.6%
Health Care	9.2%
Consumer Goods	6.8%
Utilities	6.0%
Basic Materials	4.9%
Telecommunications	1.5%

Top 10 Holdings as at 31.12.19

	Fund
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL	5.6%
ASTRAZENECA PLC	4.7%
GLAXOSMITHKLINE	4.4%
BP	3.9%
HSBC HOLDINGS PLC	3.4%
LAND SECURITIES GROUP PLC	3.2%
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	2.8%
RIO TINTO	2.7%
CLOSE BROS GROUP	2.7%
DUNELM GROUP PLC	2.6%
Total	36.0%
No of Holdings	50

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^{*}As at 3 June 2019, RLAM moved to a single, fixed fund management fee (FMF). This change currently applies to Royal London Unit Trust Managers (RLUTM) multi-asset, equity and bond funds.