# Unicorn Outstanding British Companies Fund Unicorn Outstanding British Companies **April 2021**



#### **Investment Objective**

The Unicorn Outstanding British Companies Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of outstanding British companies by taking a long term view of not less than five years.

British companies are defined as those which are incorporated or domiciled in the UK or have a significant part of their operations in the UK. At least 80% of the companies that the Fund invests into will be British companies. The Fund can also invest into companies that are not otherwise British companies but are listed on stock exchanges in the UK.

### **Investment Policy/Strategy**

Outstanding companies are defined as those whose economics and risks are well understood, whose revenues, earnings and cash flows are predictable to a reasonable degree of certainty, which sell products and services into growing markets, which have market leadership positions and lasting competitive strength, which generate high average and incremental returns on invested capital, which convert a high proportion of their earnings into free, distributable cash, which can show a consistent track record of operating performance, which are run by decent, experienced individuals, who manage their businesses with the goal of maximising owner-value, which operate with low core debt, which are not predominantly acquisition-led, and which produce clean, intelligible financial statements. The fund may also invest in smaller companies, including companies quoted on AIM.AIM is the London Stock Exchange's international market for smaller, growing companies. The fund may also invest, at its discretion, in other transferable securities and deposit sand cash. 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.

### **Managers**

Fund Manager - Chris Hutchinson Fund Manager - Max Ormiston

#### **Fund Commentary**

The Outstanding British Companies Fund registered a total return of +1.0% in March, compared to the IA UK All Companies sector average total return of +3.0% over the same period.

The principal contributors during March were Tristel and Curtis Banks Group, each adding +0.5% to overall Fund performance, despite an absence of trading related news flow.

The principal detractor was Abcam, which cost -0.7% in overall Fund performance terms. The company released resilient interim results during the month under review. Abcam delivered first half revenues of £137.1m, which represents growth of +8.3%. Profits were down year-on-year however, reflecting planned investments to support the group's long term growth strategy. During the month, a number of existing holdings were topped up in order to take advantage of general share price weakness.

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
Outstanding British Companies (B -Shares)	3.7 %	18.7 %	5.4 %	23.4 %	109.7 %
Rank	184/239	235/239	195/231	196/218	73/192
Sector Average	5.8 %	38.0 %	14.7 %	38.9 %	93.0 %

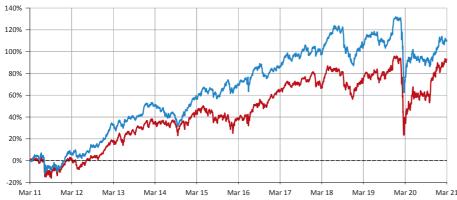
Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

## **Discrete Performance**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Outstanding British Companies (B -Shares)	-12.1 %	21.6 %	-5.3 %	10.2 %	4.2 %
Rank	201/237	127/234	15/229	181/223	185/216
Sector Average	-6.0 %	22.2 %	-11.2 %	14.0 %	10.8 %

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

#### Past Performance - 10 Years



- A -Unicorn Outstanding British Companies B in GB [109.73%]
- B -IA UK All Companies TR in GB [93.03%]

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the full amount of their original investment.

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Top 10 Holdings	
Tristel	6.4%
Keystone Law	5.2%
Renishaw	4.4%
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	4.2%
RWS Holdings	4.2%
Curtis Banks	4.1%
British American Tobacco	4.0%
Advanced Medical Solutions	4.0%
Sage	4.0%
Primary Health Properties	3.9%
Total	44.4%

Fund Facts		
Fund Managers	Chris Hutchinson	
	Max Ormiston	
Fund Size	£130m	
Launch Date	08 December 2006	
Fund Sector	UK All Companies	
Number of Holdings	25	
Pricing	10:00 Daily	
ISAs/JISAs	Available	
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 30/9	
	Payment: 30/11	

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	11.54	15.06
Alpha	0.23	-1.21
Beta	0.48	0.68
Sharpe	1.37	0.00
Information Ratio	-1.39	-0.24

Top 10 Sectors	
Health Care	15.6%
Financial Services	14.4%
Software & Computer Services	7.6%
Cash	7.1%
Electronic & Electrical	6.8%
Biotech	5.6%
Business Support	5.2%
Pharmaceuticals	4.2%
Consulting Services	4.2%
Tobacco	4.0%
Total	74.7%

Share Class Information			
	A – Accumulation	B – Accumulation	O – Accumulation
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge	1.59%	0.84%	1.59%
ISIN Code	GB00B1GFWW16	GB00B1GGDH66	GB00BJTMQ891
Sedol Code	B1GFWW1	B1GGDH6	BJTMQ89
Bloomberg Code	UNOBCRA	UNOBCIA	UNOBCOI
MEX ID	U2OBSR	USOBSI	U2AAAE
Initial Investment	£2,500	£100,000	£10,000

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		
Standard Life Elevate	Old Mutual Wealth		

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