F&C North American Fund



Period:

For the 12 months ended 30 April 2013 www.fandc.com



Fund manager: Erik Rubingh

North American Fund

The objective of the Fund is capital growth and income from investing mainly in ordinary shares in the US and Canada.

The Fund will invest in a well-balanced spread of ordinary shares in the US and Canada. The Fund may use traded options and other derivative products and may engage in currency hedging activities in accordance with the relevant regulations. The Fund may also hold convertible stocks and cash where appropriate.

Fund Facts

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Lead Fund Manager	Erik Rubingh		
Deputy Fund Manager	Terry Wood		
Sector	North America		
Benchmark	FTSE AW North America		
Launch date	15 October 1984		
Fund size at 30 April 12	£277.30m		
at 30 April 13	£301.39m		
	£1,000 lump sum,		
Minimum Investments	£50 per month		
	0.00% (1 Acc), 0.90% (2 Acc),		
	1.20% (3 Acc), 1.50% (4 Acc),		
Historic Yield	1.50% (4 Inc)		
Share type	Accumulation/Income		
Number of stocks	183		
Initial charge SC1	5.00%		
Annual charge SC1	1.50%		
	1.99% (1 Acc), 0.81% (2 Acc),		
	0.47% (3 Acc), 0.04% (4 Acc),		
Ongoing charges	0.04% (4 Inc)		
Account dates (interim)	31 October		
(annual)	30 April		
Distribution dates	30 June		

Market Review

The US equity market posted a strong return over the twelve months under review as the impact of quantitative easing and other fiscal stimulus measures helped support the market. However, growth was below trend for much of the year, with confidence taking a hit following a surprise deceleration of the economy in the final quarter of 2012. In September, the Federal Reserve announced a third round of quantitative easing – this time open-ended - in a bid to cushion the economy from the impact of the tax hikes and public spending cuts that were slated to commence in January 2013. This failed to sustain the market's earlier momentum, however, and shares performed disappointingly in the final weeks of the year. A partial resolution of the fiscal cliff issue helped the market start 2013 well and led to the S&P 500 Index ending the period at an all-time high.

Fund Strategy

The North America Fund employs a purely quantitative stock selection approach. We apply a proprietary alpha model and portfolio construction methodology to come to an active portfolio, without being exposed to any particular investment style or specific areas of the market.

During the first half of the period the portfolio was rebalanced a number of times in accordance with our disciplined process. We also completed the transition of the Fund into a new portfolio construction methodology. On the back of this improved incorporation of stock-specific risk in portfolio construction, we expect a better risk/return balance going forward. Among the biggest additions to the portfolio's positions were Cisco Systems, Valero Energy and Amgen Inc. We reduced our positions in Best Buy, Procter & Gamble, General Motors and Pfizer Inc. While the Fund is broadly sector neutral, we do have a significant overweight in food & staples retailing versus an underweight in food, beverage & tobacco within consumer staples. The latter now trades at a very large premium to the rest of the sector and we therefore think that the former represents a better investment opportunity.

Market Outlook

Our quantitative investment process aims to add value relative to the index irrespective of market conditions. Therefore we do not explicitly position the portfolio for particular market conditions.

Summary Fund Performance

Year	Share Class	Highest Share Price (pence)	Lowest Share Price (pence)	Distribution per Share (pence)
2013	1 Accumulation	255.5	215.0	0.0385
2013	2 Accumulation	284.0	238.4	3.0227
2013	3 Accumulation	296.5	248.8	4.0249
2013	4 Accumulation	307.1	257.5	5.2946
2013	4 Income	268.9	225.5	4.6413

Net Asset Value Record

Share Class	Share Type	Net Asset Value as at 30 April 2012 (pence)	Net Asset Value as at 30 April 2013 (pence)
1	Accumulation	212.8	251.9
2	Accumulation	234.1	280.4
3	Accumulation	243.7	292.9
4	Accumulation	251.5	303.6
4	Income	220.2	261.2

Distributions for the period

Share Class (Income/Accumulation)	Distribution paid / payable	Distribution period	Distribution Date
1 Accumulation	0.0385	Final	30/06/2013
2 Accumulation	3.0227	Final	30/06/2013
3 Accumulation	4.0249	Final	30/06/2013
4 Accumulation	5.2946	Final	30/06/2013
4 Income	4.6413	Final	30/06/2013

Top Ten Holdings

As at 30 April 2012	%
Exxon Mobil	4.27
Apple	4.27
Microsoft	3.55
Wells Fargo	2.84
Pfizer	2.81
Occidental Petroleum	2.39
Wal-Mart Stores	2.39
Lowes	2.31
Comcast 'A' Shares (New)	2.20
U.S. Bancorp	2.16
Total	29.19
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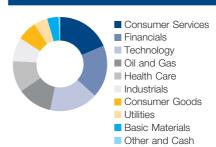
As at 30 April 2013	%
Apple	4.48
Exxon Mobil	4.19
Microsoft	3.13
JPMorgan Chase	3.09
Wells Fargo	3.07
Comcast 'A' Shares	2.51
Philip Morris International	2.07
Discover Financial Services	1.99
Southwest Airlines	1.96
Amgen	1.70
Total	28.19

Portfolio Breakdown

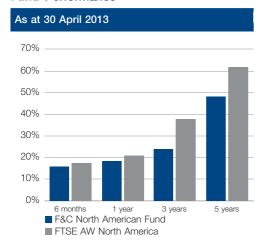
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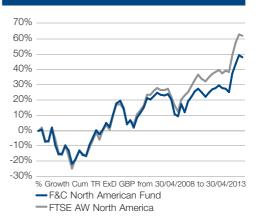
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Fund Performance



As at 30 April 2013



Standardised Performance

30 April 2008 to	30 April 2009 to	30 April 2010 to	30 April 2011 to	30 April 2012 to
30 April 2009	30 April 2010	30 April 2011	30 April 2012	30 April 2013
-12.82%	36.95%	3.50%	1.28%	18.37%

Past Performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper, percentage growth total return (UK net tax), mid to mid, with no initial charges. For past performance data for the full range of F&C Funds visit www.fandc.com

Risk Profile

Currency Risk: your investment may be adversely affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

Derivative Risk: derivative values rise and fall at a greater rate than equities and debt instruments. Losses can be greater than the initial investment.

Report and Accounts

Copies of the annual and half yearly Reports and Accounts for the F&C Investment Funds ICVC, which include this Fund are available free of charge on request to the ACD or can be downloaded from our website **www.fandc.com**.

Other information

The information in this report is designed to enable shareholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the period it covers and the results of those activities at the end of the period. For more information about the activities and performance of the Fund during this and previous periods, please contact the Authorised Corporate Director.

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