

# Artemis UK Special Situations Fund R Acc

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Morningstar Analyst Rating

Bronze

14 Dec 2016  
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**Morningstar Category**  
UK Flex-Cap Equity

**Category Index**  
FTSE AllSh TR GBP

**Total Assets**  
969.53  
Mil GBP

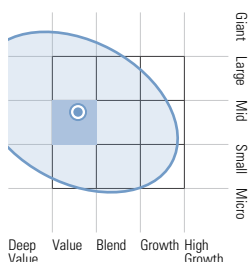
**Current Yield %**  
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**Inception Date**  
09/03/00

**Domicile/Currency**  
GBR/GBP

**Morningstar Rating**  
★★

### Equity Style Map

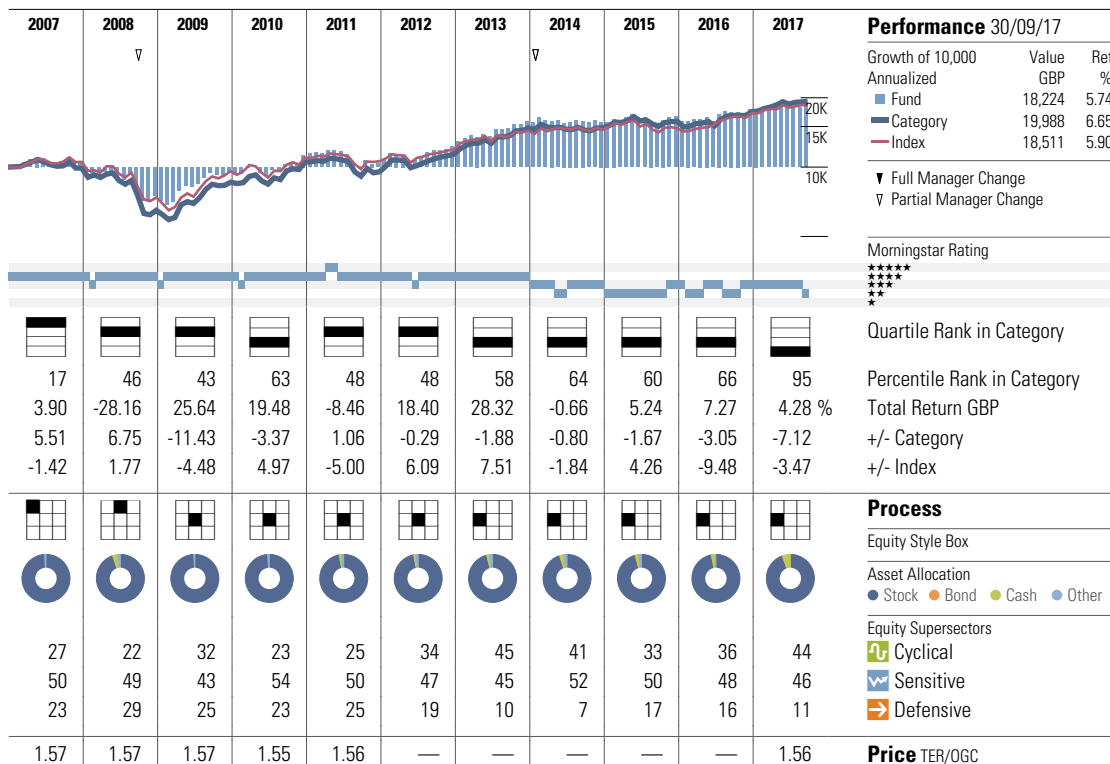


### People

Derek Stuart	03/00
Andy Gray	01/14
<b>Total Named Managers</b>	<b>2</b>

### Morningstar Pillars

Process	Positive
Performance	Neutral
People	Positive
Parent	Positive
Price	Neutral



### Analyst View

Samuel Meakin, Analyst

## Our conviction has lessened, but we still believe the fund has merit.

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14 Dec, 2016 | We still hold this fund in good regard, but our conviction in its relative merits has lessened.

The fund has been managed by Derek Stuart since its inception in early 2000. Stuart has around 25 years of industry experience and has managed various UK-equity mandates, from equity income to mid-caps and small caps, during his career. He is supported by comanager Andy Gray, who joined Stuart on this mandate in 2013 and also manages the Artemis VCT.

The managers seek out-of-favour stocks and companies undergoing internal change, the potential for which is unrecognised by the market. The focus on self-help and turnaround situations leads the fund to have a value bias relative to the index and peers in the UK Flex-Cap Equity Morningstar Category. The portfolio also features a mid- and small-cap bias.

Although Stuart has stuck to the self-help philosophy throughout his tenure, there have been some changes to the structure of the portfolio over time, such as the steady reduction of small-caps since the early years and the increase in the technology sector weighting since Gray became comanager.

Stuart has built a significant margin of

outperformance versus the FTSE All-Share Index and the category average over the entirety of his tenure. However, a large proportion of these active returns came in the first few years of the fund's life, when it had a larger small-cap allocation. Returns over more-recent time periods have been less impressive, especially when compared with a number of funds following a similar special situations strategy, an area of the market that has become more competitive.

Our attribution analysis indicates that, when accounting for the fund's style bias relative to the broader category average, the managers have continued to demonstrate some positive stock selection over the period of weaker relative performance. While this supports a positive view, we no longer believe the fund merits our highest rating relative to its competitors. The fund is therefore lowered to a Morningstar Analyst Rating of Bronze.

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	2015	2016	2017
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 Silver			
 Bronze			
Neutral			
Negative			
Under Review			
Not Ratable			

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#### People

The overall quality of a fund's investment team is a significant key to its ability to deliver superior performance relative to its benchmark and/or peers. Evaluating a fund's investment team requires that analysts assess several relevant items including how key decisions are made.

#### Parent

We believe the parent organization is of utmost importance in evaluating funds. The fund's management set the tone for key elements of our evaluation, including capacity management, risk management, recruitment and retention of talent, and incentive pay. Beyond these operational areas, we prefer firms that have a culture of stewardship and put investors first to those that are too heavily weighted to salesmanship.

#### Process

We look for funds with a performance objective and investment process (for both security selection and portfolio construction) that is sensible, clearly defined, and repeatable. In addition, the portfolio should be constructed in a manner that is consistent with the investment process and performance objective.

#### Performance

We do not believe past performance is necessarily predictive of future results, and this factor accordingly receives a relatively small weighting in our evaluation process. In particular, we strive not to anchor on short-term performance. However, we do believe that the evaluation of long-term return and risk patterns is vital to determining if a fund is delivering to our expectations.

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