

# 29 February 2024

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SCOTTISH WIDOWS

# Scottish Widows UK Equity Income A Acc

96.4%

2.4%

0.5%

0.5%

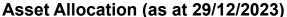
0.3%

## **Fund Objective**

To provide income together with capital growth by investing in shares of UK companies. Investments are selected by the Investment Adviser which, collectively, aim to deliver an income of 110% of the dividend yield of the FTSE All-Share Index (the "Index") on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees, and outperform the Index by 1.25%\* per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees. The FTSE All-Share Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the UK equity market. For further information on this fund's policy and objectives, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document or the Prospectus. These documents can be accessed via the following link:

'KIID' 'Prospectus'

'ESG Metrics'





## Sector Breakdown (as at 29/12/2023)



## Regional Breakdown (as at 29/12/2023)





The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

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## **Information Statement**

Scottish Widows produce Environmental, Social and Governance themed fund metrics. Selected data can be found using the ESG metric link.

As at 29th February 2024, 3 Year historic yield of Share Class A: 3.92%, 110% FTSE All Share Yield: 3.84%.

## **Basic Fund Information**

| Fund Launch Date | 16/10/1970             |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Fund Size        | £264.9m                |
| Target Benchmark | FTSE All Share Index + |
|                  | 1.25%                  |
| ISIN             | GB0031643561           |
| MEX ID           | LBINCA                 |
| SEDOL            | 3164356                |
| Manager Name     | Ashley Lester          |
| Manager Since    | 06/12/2019             |
| Yield            |                        |
|                  |                        |

## **Top Ten Holdings**

#### (as at 29/12/2023)

| SHELL PLC EUR0.07                             | 7.5%  |
|---|-------|
| ASTRAZENECA PLC ORDINARY USD0.25              | 6.7%  |
| HSBC HOLDINGS PLC USD0.50<br>(LONDON LISTING) | 6.4%  |
| UNILEVER PLC ORDINARY 3 1/9P                  | 4.0%  |
| BP PLC ORDINARY USD0.25                       | 3.5%  |
| RIO TINTO PLC ORDINARY 10P                    | 3.0%  |
| GLAXOSMITHKLINE GBP0.3125                     | 2.9%  |
| RELX PLC ORDINARY 14.4397P                    | 2.5%  |
| DIAGEO PLC ORDINARY 28 101/108P (UK LISTING)  | 2.3%  |
| NATIONAL GRID PLC ORDINARY<br>11.395P         | 2.0%  |
| TOTAL   | 40.8% |
|   |       |

## **Past Performance**



UK Equity Income

Benchmark

The returns shown in the performance table illustrate past performance of the Fund and its benchmark index. The outperformance target is applied to the index and we illustrate it in the figures from 7th August 2019 onwards. Prior to this date the Fund aimed to outperform its benchmark.

As at 29th February 2024, the Fund's running yield was 3.92% and the target dividend yield it aims to outperform was 3.84%.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### **Discrete Performance**

|   | 31/12/2022 -<br>31/12/2023 |       |       |        | 31/12/2018 -<br>31/12/2019 |
|---|----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------------------------|
| Scottish Widows UK<br>Equity Income A Acc | 8.3%                       | -2.3% | 16.3% | -12.9% | 12.1%                      |
| Benchmark                                 | 9.3%                       | 1.6%  | 19.8% | -8.7%  | 19.8%                      |

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

#### **Cumulative Performance**

|   | 31/01/2024 -<br>29/02/2024 |      |       |       | 28/02/2019 -<br>29/02/2024 |  |  |
|---|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Scottish Widows UK<br>Equity Income A Acc | -0.5%                      | 3.1% | -0.1% | 18.9% | 12.2%                      |  |  |
| Benchmark                                 | 0.3%                       | 3.7% | 1.8%  | 30.0% | 35.2%                      |  |  |

Source: FE fundinfo as at 29/02/2024

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

## **Fund Rating Information**

Overall Morningstar Rating Morningstar Medalist Rating FE fundinfo Crown Rating

Neutral

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

#### Other Information

The views, opinions and forecasts expressed in this document are those of the fund manager. Investment markets and conditions can change rapidly and as such the views expressed should not be taken as statement of fact, nor should reliance be placed on these views when making investment decisions.

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## **Quarterly Fund Manager Review**

UK equities rose over the quarter. UK small and mid-cap indices outperformed the broader market as domestically focused stocks performed very strongly. This occurred as hopes built further that interest rates may have peaked and amid a continued pick-up in overseas "inbound" bids for smaller UK companies. Some of the large internationally exposed and economically sensitive areas of the market also performed well, especially in the industrial and financial sectors. More generally, however, larger companies were held back as sterling performed strongly against a weak US dollar. UK inflation moderated more than expected over the period with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealing that the consumer prices index had dropped to 3.9% in November. This contributed to hopes that the Bank of England may have finished its series of interest rate hikes. Meanwhile, revised data from the ONS revealed UK GDP fell in Q3, having previously showed zero growth. Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt announced an Autumn Statement that contained more policy measures than many had expected. Key initiatives included the extension of the 100% capital expenditure allowance, which allows companies to deduct expenditure on plants and machinery from taxable income.

#### **Ashley Lester 31/12/2023**

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