

# **FUND OVERVIEW**

Fund Manager(s) JoJo Chen, Mike Sprot **Fund Size** £1,113.49m Domicile United Kingdom ISA Eligible FTSE Europe ex UK Benchmark Index **Investment Association** IA Europe Excluding Sector **GBP** Currency **Initial Charge** 0.0% Fund Management Fee Z Acc: 0.14%

#### Share Class Z (Accumulation

(FMF):

Unit Launch Date	04.06.13
Minimum Investment	£3,000,000
SEDOL	B8HF4Y5
Mid Price	234.50p
Historic Yield	2.30%

# ROYAL LONDON EUROPE EX UK EQUITY TILT FUND

29.02.24

## Overview

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital and income over the medium term (3 to 5 years), by primarily investing in shares of companies from developed countries in Europe (excluding the UK), and incorporating responsible investment and environmental, social & governance insights into the investment process. The Fund's performance target is to deliver the performance, after the deduction of charges, of the FTSE Europe ex UK Total Return Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods. The Fund will seek to achieve carbon intensity of at least 30% lower than that of the Index whilst also considering a company's ability and willingness to transition and contribute to a lower carbon economy. The benchmark changed from the FTSE Europe ex UK Index (Capital Return) on 9 August 2021. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's investments will predominantly be included in the Index. In addition to the benchmark for the Fund's performance as noted above (the Index), to the Index, the IA Europe excluding UK sector is considered an appropriate benchmark for performance comparison.

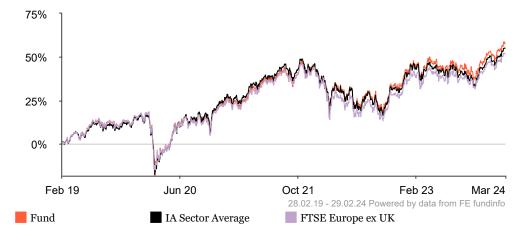
## Year-on-year performance

	31.12.22 to	31.12.21 to	31.12.20 to	31.12.19 to	31.12.18 to
	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21	31.12.20	31.12.19
Share Class Z (Accumulation)	14.0%	-6.6%	16.0%	8.5%	20.7%

## Cumulative Performance (as at 29.02.24)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Class Z (Accumulation)	7.0%	9.0%	10.0%	29.5%	57.9%
IA Sector Average	7.9%	9.3%	8.5%	25.5%	55.1%
FTSE Europe ex UK	7.4%	9.5%	9.9%	26.6%	51.8%
Quartile Ranking	3	3	2	2	2

#### **Performance Chart**



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.

Source: RLAM and FE fundinfo as at 29.02.24. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and gross of taxes, with gross income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes.

#### Fund Manager(s)



**JoJo Chen** Co-manager Fund Manager tenure: 01.11.16



Mike Sprot Co-manager Fund Manager tenure: 01.01.20

#### **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. Reported yields reflect RLAM's current perception of market conventions around timing of bond cash flows.

## **Sector Breakdown**

	Fund
Industrials	18.4%
Financials	18.2%
Health Care	15.7%
Consumer Discretionary	14.0%
Technology	10.7%
Consumer Staples	7.5%
Basic Materials	4.2%
Energy	3.8%
Utilities	3.5%
Telecommunications	3.0%
Real Estate	1.0%

# Geographical Breakdown



# **Top 10 Holdings as at 29.02.24**

No of Holdings	548
Total	26.2%
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC	1.4%
TOTALENERGIES	1.7%
SIEMENS N AG	1.7%
ROCHE HOLDING PAR AG	2.1%
SAP	2.4%
NOVARTIS AG	2.4%
LVMH	2.6%
NESTLE SA	3.2%
ASML HOLDING NV	4.3%
NOVO NORDISK CLASS B	4.4%
	Fund

#### ESG Terms and Definitions

**ESG Integration:** The systematic and explicit inclusion of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into investment analysis and investment decisions.

**Promotes Environmental or Social Factors:** An ESG Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics, provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices.

**Sustainable Fund Objective:** A product that has sustainable investment or a reduction in carbon emissions as its objective.

**Exclusions:** Explicitly prohibits investing in a particular company, sector, business activity, country or region.

#### ESG Metrics Explanation

Carbon Footprint: Exposure to high emitters in the portfolio, expressed in tCO2e/\$M invested. Financed emissions (explained above) are divided by the portfolio value, the same approach for listed companies and private issuers is applied in this metric.

**Financed Emissions:** The emissions from activities in the real economy that are financed through lending and investment portfolios, expressed in tCO2e. Emissions are attributed to a portfolio based on the portion of the company's value the portfolio holds, and using different accounting values for public and private corporates. We provide financed emissions for scope 1 and 2 emissions.

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity: Portfolio's exposure to carbon-intensive companies, expressed in tCO2e / \$M revenue. Scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions are divided by companies revenues, then multiplied based on portfolio weights (the current value of the investment relative to the current portfolio value). The WACI is calculated as a weighted average sum of the holdings with carbon intensity coverage.

#### **ESG Characteristics Rationale**

The Fund considers environmental, social, governance ("ESG") standards of the companies it invests in alongside financial analysis, and Responsible Investment criteria are applied to provide better and sustainable outcomes for investors. Underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index will be taken to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements. The Fund will seek to achieve an improved ESG profile than the Index by focusing on superior corporate governance, lower social risk and higher social value and superior environmental risk-reward.

ESG Characteristics		
	Yes	No
ESG Integration	<b>✓</b>	
Promotes Environmental or Social Characteristics		<b>✓</b>
Sustainable Fund Objective		~
Additional Exclusions*	<b>✓</b>	

<sup>\*</sup>RLAM has a controversial weapons exclusion across all investments

#### **Our Fund Restrictions**

<b>2</b>	Adult Entertainment		•	High Environmental Impact
Ŧ	Alcohol		22	Human rights Issues
*	Animal Welfare		<b>\$</b>	Nuclear Power
•	Armaments		*	Nuclear Weapons
<b>a</b>	Controversial Weapons			Tobacco
<u>_</u> 3	Fossil Fuels	_		
	Gambling			

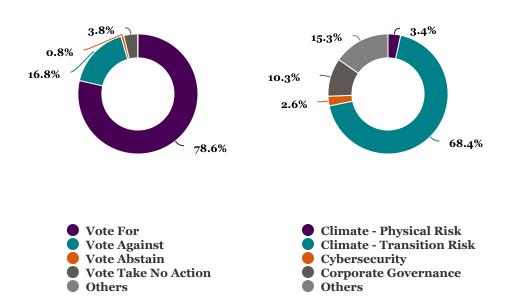
ESG Metrics*			
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Difference
Carbon Footprint	47.2	73.2	-35.5%
Carbon Footprint Coverage	98.2%	98.2%	-
<b>Financed Emissions</b>	64,950.05	-	-
<b>Financed Emissions Coverage</b>	98.2%	-	-
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity	63.0	93.6	-32.7%
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity Coverage	98.4%	98.4%	-

<sup>\*</sup>data as at 31/12/2023

# Fund Stewardship Activity\*

## **Proxy Voting Activity**

# **Engagement Topics**



<sup>\*</sup>Data as at 31st December 2023 for the calendar year 2023. Data includes activity led by the Investment Manager and Responsible Investment teams.

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## **Key Concepts to Understand**

**Efficient Portfolio Management:** A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

## **Fund Risks**

**Investment Risk:** The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

**EPM Techniques:** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Exchange Rate Risk:** Investing in assets denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund means the value of the investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

**Liquidity Risk:** In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding. **Counterparty Risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

#### **Fund Restrictions Definitions**

**Adult Entertainment:** Companies which own or produce adult entertainment services, or engage in the distribution or sale of adult entertainment services.

**Alcohol:** Companies which have involvement in brewing, distillation or sale of alcoholic drinks. **Animal Welfare:** Companies that conduct animal testing (other than for purposes of human or animal health and/or where it is required by law or regulation).

**Armaments:** Companies who manufacture armaments or nuclear weapons or associated products. **Controversial Weapons:** Weapons which have an indiscriminate and disproportional impact on civilians or weapons that are illegal and prohibited by international conventions and treaties.

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Fossil Fuels: Companies involved in the exploration, extraction or refining of oil, or gas, or coal, plus any activity relating to thermal coal.

**Gambling:** Companies who promote irresponsible gambling which includes betting shops, casinos or amusement arcades.

**High Environmental Impact:** Companies which have a high environmental impact, and which have 'no evidence' of appropriate environmental management systems.

**Human Rights Risks:** Companies with a strategic presence operating in countries of concern and which have 'no evidence' of policies or systems to manage human rights risks.

Nuclear Power: Companies who generate energy from Nuclear Power.

**Nuclear Weapons:** Companies that manufacture, nuclear; or are involved in the production of intended-use parts, whole weapons systems, or exclusive delivery platforms.

Tobacco: Companies which are growing, processing or selling tobacco products.