

# abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund

Retail Acc GBP



31 January 2023

## Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European equities (company shares).

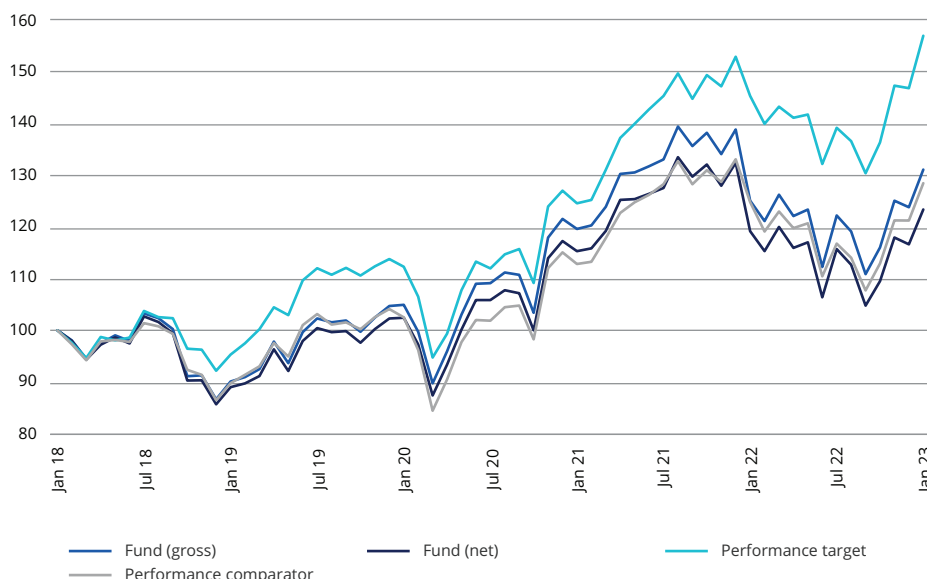
**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

**Performance Comparator:** Investment Association Europe ex UK Equity Sector Average. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries can include the emerging markets of Europe, but excludes the UK.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	5.88	7.27	5.88	4.81	7.71	5.57
Fund (net) (%)	5.78	6.62	5.78	3.52	6.40	4.29
Performance target (%)	6.91	12.79	6.91	8.01	11.81	9.44
Performance comparator (%)	5.96	10.01	5.96	2.93	7.81	5.14

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/1

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund (gross) (%)	4.81	4.60	13.98	16.48	-9.91
Fund (net) (%)	3.52	3.34	12.58	15.09	-10.99
Performance target (%)	8.01	16.68	10.93	17.84	-4.70
Performance comparator (%)	-3.48	8.45	8.37	18.53	-8.83

Performance Data: Share Class Retail Acc GBP.

Benchmark history: Performance comparator - IA Europe ex UK Equity Sector Average

Source: abrdn (Fund & Benchmark) and Morningstar (Sector). Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net/Gross Income Reinvested.

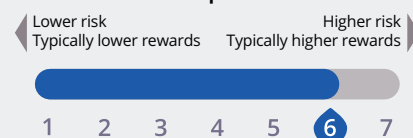
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

**Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.**

## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Jamie Mills OBrien & Sasha Kachanova
Fund launch date	16 November 1998
Share class launch date	16 November 1998
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	abrdn Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£49.8m
Number of holdings	38
Performance target	FTSE World Europe Ex UK +3.00%
Performance comparator	IA Europe ex UK Equity Sector Average
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	0.91%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	4.00%
Annual management charge	1.30%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	1.32%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 500
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	0448387
ISIN	GB0004483870
Bloomberg	STEEQGR LN
Citicode	SL68
Domicile	United Kingdom

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years. See the relevant UCITS Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or PRIIP Key Investor Information Document for details.

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.

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Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view of a company's prospects than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, FTSE World ex UK Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ('tracking error') between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8%. Due to the Fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the Fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the FTSE World ex UK Index over the longer term.

Top Ten Holdings

Novo Nordisk A/S	6.1
ASML Holding NV	5.5
RWE AG	4.6
Neste Oyj	4.1
Schneider Electric SE	3.6
Universal Music Group NV	3.5
Prosus NV	3.4
Siemens AG	3.4
Ferrari NV	3.3
Worldline SA/France	3.3
Assets in top ten holdings	40.8

Country (%)

Germany	20.8
France	20.1
Netherlands	14.5
Denmark	9.4
Finland	8.2
United States of America	4.3
Sweden	4.1
Norway	3.6
Other	14.1
Cash	0.9

Source : abrdn 31/01/2023  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Sector (%)

Industrials	17.2
Financials	15.6
Consumer Discretionary	15.6
Information Technology	15.0
Communication Services	12.4
Utilities	7.7
Health Care	6.7
Energy	5.7
Other	3.3
Cash	0.9

(d) The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

Risk stats

Fund Volatility^ 15.17

Source : abrdn. ^ Three year annualised.

Derivative usage

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as 'Efficient Portfolio Management').
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

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To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website [www.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com) The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 31/12/2022 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

<sup>2</sup>These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, the charges may be less and you should speak to your financial advisor about this.

<sup>3</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 1.30% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds.

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