

TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund

GBP factsheet June 2020

CRUX
ASSET MANAGEMENT

Fund Facts as at 31/05/20

Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth. The Fund will seek to achieve returns that are 2% p.a. in excess of the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index over a rolling three year period, though there is no guarantee that it will do so.

Inception date

25 September 2014 (renamed TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund on 2 December 2019)

Structure

OEIC

Fund Size

£49.2m

Fund Base Currency

GBP

XD Dates

31-Dec, 30-Jun

Dividend Pay Dates

30-Apr, 31-Aug

Market Capitalisation	(%)
> €10bn	67.5%
€1bn-10bn	26.5%
< €1bn	0.3%

Charges (%)	Initial	OCF
A Class (GBP)	Nil	0.88
F Class (GBP)	Nil	0.78

Minimum Investment	
A Share Class	£20,000
F Share Class	£5,000,000

ISIN Numbers (GBP)	
GB00BNY7YH21 (A Acc)	
GB00BNY7K59 (F Acc)	

Top 10 Holdings	%	Top 10 Countries	%	Top 10 Sectors	%
Novo Nordisk	4.3	France	25.3	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	13.5
Ahold Delhaize	4.2	Netherlands	13.0	Telecommunication Services	13.2
Fresenius Medical Care	4.2	Germany	10.6	Health Care Equipment & Services	8.4
Swedish Match	4.0	Sweden	10.4	Banks	7.2
Sanofi	3.7	Switzerland	8.6	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	6.5
Roche	3.7	Ireland	5.4	Capital Goods	6.5
KPN	3.1	Britain	5.0	Insurance	6.1
Smurfit Kappa	2.8	Denmark	4.3	Commercial & Professional Services	5.2
Deutsche Telekom	2.7	Spain	3.5	Energy	4.8
Saint Gobain	2.6	Italy	3.1	Materials	4.7
Total Holdings	45	Cash	5.7		

Source: CRUX Asset Management.

Fund Manager Commentary

Equity markets rose in May, mainly in the second half of the month. Initially investors took cheer from news of a coronavirus treatment drug from Gilead and a possible EU car scrappage scheme, but then became concerned as the US Federal Reserve warned about the negative effects of the virus on the economy and as US-China trade tensions re-surfaced. Share prices then staged a strong recovery on a slew of positive news including announcements on a possible vaccine, airlines hoping to start flying again in June, countries easing lockdowns, and a fairly significant EU stimulus package.

Although many of the fund's bank and other more cyclical companies rallied strongly, this did not fully offset the rally in the wider market at the month-end. Bright spots included Saint Gobain that advanced 25% and recent-purchase Siemens Healthineers that rose 20%. Bank stocks such as ING and BNP rallied sharply at the end of the month. However, several stocks that had held up well this year, trod water such as Roche and Novo Nordisk. Few transactions occurred during the month.

Lockdown restrictions continue to be eased around the globe, and short-haul airlines seem keen to get people flying for their summer holidays. However, the shape of the recovery is still very uncertain with such a significant number of people unemployed or furloughed. The fund has a mix of virus beneficiaries, such as healthcare, food ingredients and several technology platforms, as well as those companies which should see revenues rebound as lockdowns ease such as logistics, aerospace and testing businesses. These stocks have been resilient in previous downturns, but suffered in the restriction of movement during lockdown. Even after the recent rebound, many holdings still trade at a significant discount to both their average and the market valuation which we find encouraging.

Fund Manager Profiles



Richard Pease
Fund Manager

Richard has over three decades of experience in the financial industry. After running funds with the Central Board of Finance and Windsor Investment Management, Richard joined Jupiter Asset Management in 1989 where he started and ran the Jupiter European Fund and several other European vehicles.

In 2001, he helped set up New Star Asset Management where he launched and managed both onshore and offshore European funds. On Henderson Global Investor's acquisition of New Star in April 2009, he became a Director of European Equities. In October 2009, Richard launched the Henderson European Special Situations Fund. Richard joined CRUX in June 2015 following a Scheme of Arrangement that allowed him to merge the Henderson European Special Situations Fund with the TM CRUX European Special Situations Fund. Richard also co-manages the TM CRUX European Fund and the TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund.



James Milne
Fund Manager

James worked at Henderson Global Investors as a European equities fund manager from April 2009 until he joined CRUX in June 2015 with the successful merger of the Henderson European Special Situations Fund and the TM CRUX European Special Situations Fund. James co-manages the TM CRUX European Special Situations Fund, TM CRUX European Fund and the TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund with Richard Pease.

Before Henderson, James previously worked at New Star Asset Management, which he joined in July 2006. James began his career in 2002 at KPMG in London where he qualified as a chartered accountant before moving into corporate finance. He graduated from Magdalen College, Oxford with a double first class degree in Engineering Science.

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