

# LIONTRUST

## SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

KEY INVESTOR  
INFORMATION  
DOCUMENT

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

Liontrust Special Situations Fund is an Authorised Unit Trust and categorised as a UCITS scheme. This document is based upon the A Inc class (ISIN: GB00B87GRQ11). This Fund is managed by Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, a subsidiary of Liontrust Asset Management PLC.

### Objective

- The Fund aims to deliver capital growth over the long term (5 years or more).

### Policy

- The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the benchmark(s) in the performance table by virtue of the fact that it uses the benchmark(s) for performance comparison purposes. The benchmark(s) are not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the benchmark.
- The Fund will invest at least 90% of its assets in companies which are incorporated, domiciled or conduct significant business in the United Kingdom (UK).
- The Fund will typically invest 90% (minimum 80%) of its assets in equities or equity related derivatives but may also invest in collective investment schemes (up to 10% of Fund assets), corporate debt securities, other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and deposits.
- The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes. Please refer to the Derivatives sections in the prospectus for further details.

### Recommendation

- This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

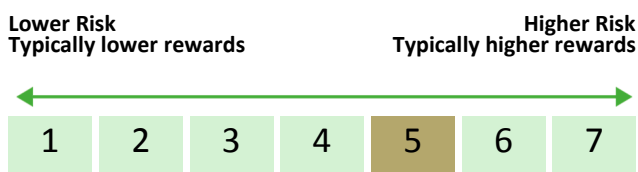
### How to buy

- You may buy or sell units on a daily basis (but not weekends or Bank Holidays). Orders must be received by 11:59am for execution at 12:00 midday valuation point on the same day. Further details can be found at [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk). The Fund is dual priced; it has an offer (buying) price and a bid (selling) price and the difference between these (bid-offer spread) is dependent on the underlying holdings. This means the price investors buying and selling receive is reflective of the underlying transaction costs related to the subscription or redemption to avoid any dilution in the fund's value for existing investors. For a fuller explanation, please visit [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk).

### Investment process

- A fundamental principle of competitive markets is that profits regress to the mean. The fund managers believe the secret to successful investing is to identify those few companies that have a durable Economic Advantage which allows them to defy this principle and sustain a higher than average level of profitability for longer than expected.
- Economic Advantage is the collection of distinctive characteristics of a company that competitors struggle to reproduce even if those competitors have understood the benefits arising from those characteristics. In the fund managers' experience, the hardest to replicate characteristics fall into the following three categories of intangible assets:
  - Intellectual property
  - Strong distribution channels
  - Significant recurring business
- Other less powerful but nonetheless important intangible strengths include: franchises and licenses; good customer databases and relationships; effective procedures and formats; strong brands and company culture. These intangible assets produce barriers to competition, protect margins and are capable, in the opinion of the fund managers, of reaping a financial advantage in the form of cash flow returns in excess of the cost of capital. The market rewards excess profitability, particularly when it is higher than consensus expectations.
- To be included in portfolios, companies must possess at least one of the main advantages: intellectual property, strong distribution or recurring business (at least 70% of annual turnover).
- Every smaller company held in the Economic Advantage funds has at least 3% of its equity held by senior management and main board directors. Companies are also assessed for employee ownership below the senior management and board and changes in equity ownership are monitored.

## Risk and reward profile



- This Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is based on historical data and may not be relied upon to gauge the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The SRRI shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.
- The lowest category (1) does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund's risk and reward category has been calculated using the methodology set by the European Commission. It is based upon the rate by which the Fund or a representative fund or index's value has moved up and down in the past.
- The Fund is categorised 5 primarily for its exposure to UK equities.
- The SRRI may not fully take into account the following risks:
  - that a company may fail thus reducing its value within the Fund;
  - overseas investments may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of the Fund.
- The Fund may, under certain circumstances, invest in derivatives, but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility. Derivatives are used to protect against currencies, credit and interest rate moves or for investment purposes. There is a risk that losses could be made on derivative positions or that the counterparties could fail to complete on transactions. The use of derivatives may create leverage or gearing resulting in potentially greater volatility or fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund. A relatively small movement in the value of a derivative's underlying investment may have a larger impact, positive or negative, on the value of a fund than if the underlying investment was held instead. The use of derivative contracts may help us to control Fund volatility in both up and

down markets by hedging against the general market.

- The Fund may encounter liquidity constraints from time to time. The spread between the price you buy and sell shares will reflect the less liquid nature of the underlying holdings.
- The Fund may invest in companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) which is primarily for emerging or smaller companies. The rules are less demanding than those of the official List of the London Stock Exchange and therefore companies listed on AIM may carry a greater risk than a company with a full listing.
- The Fund will invest in smaller companies and may invest a small proportion (less than 10%) of the Fund in unlisted securities. There may be liquidity constraints in these securities from time to time, i.e. in certain circumstances, the fund may not be able to sell a position for full value or at all in the short term. This may affect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.
- The Fund may have both Hedged and Unhedged share classes available. The Hedged share classes use forward foreign exchange contracts to protect returns in the base currency of the Fund.
- Outside of normal conditions, the Fund may hold higher levels of cash which may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks). A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.
- Counterparty Risk: any derivative contract, including FX hedging, may be at risk if the counterparty fails.
- ESG Risk: there may be limitations to the availability, completeness or accuracy of ESG information from third-party providers, or inconsistencies in the consideration of ESG factors across different third party data providers, given the evolving nature of ESG.
- For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the prospectus which may be obtained from Liontrust (address overleaf) or online at [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk).

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### Charges for this fund

- The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	2.00%
Exit charge	None

- This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

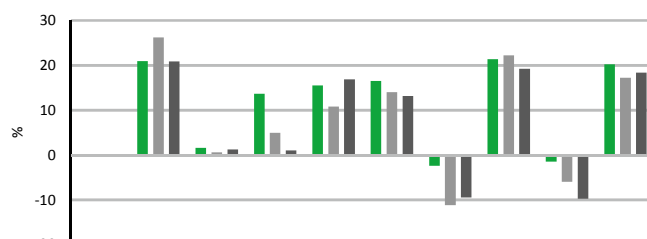
Charges taken from the Fund over the year	
Ongoing charges	1.06%

Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific circumstances	
Performance fee	None

### Past performance

- Past performance is not a guide to future performance. It has been calculated on the basis that any distributable income of the Fund has been reinvested. The past performance shown in the chart takes into account all charges except entry and exit charges.
- The Fund launch date is 10 November 2005.
- The A Inc share class launch date is 17 December 2012.
- The base currency of the Fund is pounds sterling.

- The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less – you can find this out from your financial adviser or fund platform if you are not using a financial adviser.
- The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses as at 31 December 2021. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:
  - portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the UCITS when buying or selling units/shares in another collective investment undertaking.
- For more information about charges, please see the Charges and Expenses section of the Fund's prospectus, which is available electronically at [www.liontrust.co.uk](http://www.liontrust.co.uk).



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
■ Liontrust Special Situations A Inc		20.9	1.6	13.6	15.5	16.5	-2.4	21.3	-1.5	20.2
■ IA UK All Companies		26.2	0.6	4.9	10.8	14.0	-11.2	22.2	-6.0	17.2
■ FTSE All Share		20.8	1.2	1.0	16.8	13.1	-9.5	19.2	-9.8	18.3

### Practical information

Authorisation	This Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.
Trustee	Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd.
Investment Adviser	Liontrust Investment Partners LLP.
Further information	Copies of the prospectus and the latest annual and half-yearly reports, which are the primary source of additional information, are available, without charge, from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ. They are also available electronically at <a href="http://www.liontrust.co.uk">www.liontrust.co.uk</a> .
Taxation	UK tax legislation may have an impact upon your own personal tax position.
Fund prices and other information	The Fund's last published price is available from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at <a href="http://www.liontrust.co.uk">www.liontrust.co.uk</a> or by writing to us at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ or by telephoning 0344 892 0349 during business hours (9.00am – 5.00pm).
Remuneration	Information on the current remuneration policy of the Fund, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, is available at <a href="http://www.liontrust.co.uk">www.liontrust.co.uk</a> . A paper copy of this information is available free of charge upon request from Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ.