

# Unicorn Outstanding British Companies Fund

June 2022

## Investment Objective

The Unicorn Outstanding British Companies Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of outstanding British companies by taking a long term view of not less than five years. British companies are defined as those which are incorporated or domiciled in the UK or have a significant part of their operations in the UK. At least 80% of the companies that the Fund invests into will be British companies. The Fund can also invest into companies that are not otherwise British companies but are listed on stock exchanges in the UK.

## Investment Policy/Strategy

Outstanding companies are defined as those whose economics and risks are well understood, whose revenues, earnings and cash flows are predictable to a reasonable degree of certainty, which sell products and services into growing markets, which have market leadership positions and lasting competitive strength, which generate high average and incremental returns on invested capital, which convert a high proportion of their earnings into free, distributable cash, which can show a consistent track record of operating performance, which are run by decent, experienced individuals, who manage their businesses with the goal of maximising owner-value, which operate with low core debt, which are not predominantly acquisition-led, and which produce clean, intelligible financial statements. The fund may also invest in smaller companies, including companies quoted on AIM. AIM is the London Stock Exchange's international market for smaller, growing companies. The fund may also invest, at its discretion, in other transferable securities and deposit and cash. The fund may also enter into certain derivative and forward transactions for hedging purposes. The fund invests for the long term and there is no guarantee that any particular return will be achieved, over any period, and investors should note that their capital is always at risk.

## Managers

Fund Manager - Chris Hutchinson

Fund Manager - Max Ormiston

## Fund Commentary

The Outstanding British Companies (OBC) Fund registered a total return of -1.7% in May. By comparison, the IA UK All Companies sector delivered an average total return of +0.1% over the same period. The main reason for the Fund's underperformance relative to its benchmark index was its underweight exposure to the Oil & Gas sector, which performed strongly during May.

The principal contributor during the month was NCC Group, which added +0.4% to overall Fund performance. NCC released a positive trading update, which reported that group revenues in the second half of the year are expected to be substantially higher than the first half-year period. Strong sales growth in its Assurance business, together with a contribution from IPM which was acquired in June 2021, are the key drivers behind this confident outlook.

The principal detractor from Fund performance was Integrafina, which cost -0.5%. Integrafina released interim results which reported modest growth in pre-tax profit of +2.0% to £31.7m for the half-year period. However, management noted that a worsening economic outlook, combined with inflationary cost pressures are likely to weigh on profitability over the remainder of the financial year. Notwithstanding these short-term challenges, Integrafina continues to deliver resilient organic growth in Assets under Direction to over £53 billion on its market leading investment platform. During the month, a holding in Spirent Communications was initiated.

## Cumulative Performance

	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Outstanding British Companies (B -Shares)	-11.9 %	-9.4 %	-6.9 %	0.5 %	89.1 %
Rank	182/253	193/249	233/239	218/230	173/199
Sector Average	-5.9 %	-1.5 %	14.9 %	16.8 %	115.8 %

Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

## Discrete Performance

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Outstanding British Companies (B -Shares)	11.6 %	-12.1 %	21.6 %	-5.3 %	10.2 %
Rank	219/244	208/242	127/238	15/232	185/227
Sector Average	17.2 %	-6.0 %	22.2 %	-11.2 %	14.0 %

Source: Financial Express (Using bid to bid market value, total return)

## Past Performance - 10 Years



31/05/2012 - 31/05/2022 Data from FE2022

Unicorn Asset Management Limited (Unicorn) is an independent, specialist fund management group, established in July 2000.

Unicorn focuses on long term, long only, investment in UK quoted companies and aims to achieve superior absolute returns through the application of traditional, fundamental principles of investment.



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Top 10 Holdings	
Smith & Nephew	5.0%
Renishaw	4.0%
VP Group	3.9%
Curtis Banks	3.8%
Advanced Medical Solutions	3.8%
Tate & Lyle	3.8%
Euromoney	3.8%
Primary Health Properties	3.7%
Sage	3.7%
Arbuthnot Banking	3.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.1%</b>

Top 10 Sectors	
Financial Services	16.8%
Software & Computer Services	11.8%
Health Care	10.6%
Electronic & Electrical	10.0%
Biotech	4.6%
Industrial Products	3.9%
Food Production	3.8%
Media Marketing	3.8%
Cash	3.7%
Property	3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.7%</b>

Fund Facts	
Fund Managers	Chris Hutchinson Max Ormiston
Fund Size	£72m
Launch Date	08 December 2006
Fund Sector	UK All Companies
Number of Holdings	32
Pricing	10:00 Daily
ISAs/JISAs	Available
Dividend Dates	Ex-Div: 30/9 Payment: 30/11

Share Class Information	A – Accumulation	B – Accumulation	O – Accumulation
Initial Charge	5.50%	2.50%	5.50%
On Going Charge	1.57%	0.82%	1.57%
ISIN Code	GB00B1GFWW16	GB00B1GGDH66	GB00BJTMQ891
Sedol Code	B1GFWW1	B1GGDH6	BJTMQ89
Bloomberg Code	UNOBCRA	UNOBCIA	UNOBCOI
MEX ID	U2OBSR	USOBSI	U2AAAE
Initial Investment	£2,500	£100,000	£10,000

Risk Ratios	1yr	3yr
Volatility	10.29	15.14
Alpha	-9.65	-5.63
Beta	0.70	0.67
Sharpe	-0.01	-0.01
Information Ratio	-1.19	-0.65

How to buy the Fund: The fund is available through a number of distributors including	
7IM	HL Vantage
Aegon	Hubwise
Alliance Trust	James Hay
Ascentric/Funds Direct	Novia
Aviva	Nucleus
Bestinvest	Pershing Nexus Funds
Charles Stanley Direct	Standard Life Fundzone
Cofunds	Transact
Fidelity Funds Network	Zurich
Standard Life Elevate	Old Mutual Wealth

All figures within this factsheet have been calculated with reference to 31 May 2022 with exception to the on going charge figure which is based on the annual accounts for the 12 months ended 30 September 2021

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- Unicorn Asset Management do not give out investment advice, we recommend that you contact a financial advisor if you are unsure whether to invest
- Investors should also read the Prospectus and KIID document of the fund before making an investment
- Equities are subject to greater degrees of market risk than other types of investment, such as bonds or money market instruments. You should not invest unless you are prepared to accept a higher degree of risk
- Investing in smaller companies, including AIM companies, can carry greater risks than those usually associated with large capitalisation companies. Smaller companies are likely to be less established and may not have access to the financial resources available to their larger counterparts. The shares of smaller companies are relatively illiquid and under-researched.
- Taxation levels, benefits and reliefs may all vary depending on individual circumstances and are subject to change
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