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Scottish Widows European Select Growth A Acc

Fund Objective

To provide capital growth through investment in a select portfolio, typically 45 to 60 holdings, of Continental European shares. The benchmark index for the Fund is the MSCI Europe ex UK Index (the "Index"). The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Adviser who chooses investments with the aim of outperforming the Index by 3% per annum on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees. The MSCI Europe ex UK Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the European equities market, excluding the UK. For further information on this fund's policy and objectives, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document or the Prospectus. These documents can be accessed via the following link:

'KIID'
'Prospectus'
'Fund Changes'
'ESG Metrics'

This document is provided for the purpose of information only. This factsheet is intended for individuals who are familiar with investment terminology. Please contact your financial adviser if you need an explanation of the terms used. This material should not be relied upon as sufficient information to support an investment decision. The portfolio data on this factsheet is updated on a quarterly basis.

Information Statement

Shareholders have voted to merge this Fund with the Global Select Growth Fund. The effective date of the merger is 24 June 2024. Further details included on our Fund Change webpage. Please see fund changes link.

Scottish Widows produce Environmental, Social and Governance themed fund metrics. Selected data can be found using the ESG metric link.

Basic Fund Information

Fund Launch Date	14/02/1986
Fund Size	£245.2m
Target Benchmark	MSCI Europe ex UK Index + 3%
ISIN	GB0031610784
MEX ID	SWPEUA
SEDOL	3161078
Manager Name	Martin Skanberg
Manager Since	08/11/2019
Yield	Historic 1.9%

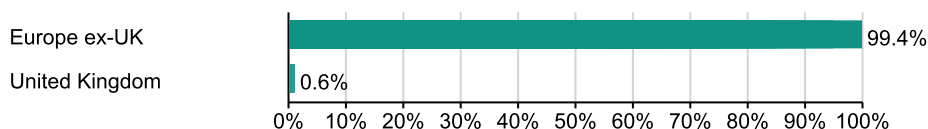
Asset Allocation (as at 28/03/2024)



Sector Breakdown (as at 28/03/2024)



Regional Breakdown (as at 28/03/2024)



Top Ten Holdings

(as at 28/03/2024)

ASML HOLDING NV EUR0.09 (POST SPLIT)	7.1%
ROCHE HOLDING AG NPV	4.4%
SAAB AB SEK16 SERIES 'B'	4.2%
AIRBUS SE EUR1 (FRENCH LISTING)	4.2%
COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE RICHEMONT SA CHF1 (REGISTERED)	3.4%
KNORR-BREMSE AG NPV	3.1%
INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES AG NPV	2.6%
SANDOZ GROUP AG CHF0.05	2.6%
KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS NV EUR0.20	2.4%
INTESA SANPAOLO SPA EUR0.52	2.3%
TOTAL	36.3%

The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

Past Performance



■ European Select Growth
■ Benchmark

The returns shown in the performance table illustrate past performance of the Fund and its benchmark index. The outperformance target is applied to the index and we illustrate it in the figures from 7th August 2019 onwards. Prior to this date the Fund aimed to outperform its benchmark.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

Discrete Performance

	31/03/2023 - 31/03/2024	31/03/2022 - 31/03/2023	31/03/2021 - 31/03/2022	31/03/2020 - 31/03/2021	31/03/2019 - 31/03/2020
Scottish Widows European Select Growth A Acc	6.7%	1.6%	5.9%	37.8%	-11.4%
Benchmark	16.0%	11.9%	8.6%	37.5%	-6.5%

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

Cumulative Performance

	30/04/2024 - 31/05/2024	29/02/2024 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2023 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2021 - 31/05/2024	31/05/2019 - 31/05/2024
Scottish Widows European Select Growth A Acc	4.0%	7.2%	9.9%	13.2%	37.4%
Benchmark	3.7%	5.8%	20.3%	35.0%	81.1%

Source: FE fundinfo as at 31/05/2024

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

Quarterly Fund Manager Review

Eurozone shares posted a strong gain in Q1. The information technology sector led the charge amid ongoing optimism over demand for AI-related technologies. Other top gaining sectors included financials, consumer discretionary and industrials. Improvements in the economic outlook boosted more economically sensitive stocks while banks were supported by some announcements of improvements to shareholder returns. By contrast, utilities, consumer staples and real estate were the main laggards. Over the quarter there were signs of improving business activity in the eurozone. The flash eurozone purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 49.9 in March compared to 49.2 in February. This signals that business activity is almost at stable levels. (PMI data is based on surveys of companies in the manufacturing and service sectors. A reading above 50 indicates growth while below 50 indicates contraction). Eurozone inflation continued to cool in the quarter. The annual inflation rate (consumer price index) was 2.6% in February, down from 2.8% in January. In February, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde sought to downplay the chances of an imminent interest rate cut. She told the European Parliament that the central bank does not want to run the risk of reversing any cuts.

Martin Skanberg 31/03/2024

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Fund Rating Information

Overall Morningstar Rating
Morningstar Medalist Rating
FE fundinfo Crown Rating

Neutral

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Other Information

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