

Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Fund

Factsheet - October 2019



Fund Information



Sector:	IA Mixed Investment 40-85
Number of Holdings:	25-35
Historic Yield:	2.30%*

Fund Manager:	Fund Size:
Simon Holman	£26.00m
Launch Date:	
1st February 2018	
ACD:	
Castlefield Fund Partners Limited	
Platform Availability:	
AJ Bell, Aviva, Elevate, FNZ, Novia, Hargreaves Lansdown	

Share Class Information

Share Class	General
Min. Investment	£500
Initial Charge	0%
Investment Adviser Fee	0.50%
Ongoing Charge	1.53%
Payment Dates	Quarterly
ISA Eligible	Yes
ISIN	GB00BYXG3H04

Source: Financial Express, as at 30/09/2019

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment in the fund carries the risk of potential loss of capital.

*Historic Yield reflects the historic dividend income paid from the fund in the preceding 12 months as at 30/09/2019.

Fund Objective and Strategy

The Fund aims to achieve growth in capital and income over the long term. Long term means over a minimum investment horizon of five years.

The Fund will invest mainly in collective investment schemes with exposure to both UK and non-UK equities and fixed income securities. The Fund may also invest in transferable securities (both quoted and unquoted), money market instruments, deposits, warrants, cash and near cash.

In seeking to achieve the stated investment objective, the Investment Adviser uses a responsible investment research process to identify the universe of securities from which the Fund may invest. The four criteria that need to be evidenced by each investment are reflected in the name of the Fund where "B.E.S.T" indicates Business & financial, Environmental & ecological, Social and Transparency & governance, however equal weighting may not be given to each element of these criteria when screening potential investments. The Investment Adviser then supplements this research process by selecting only those investments which, by their nature, are considered to be sustainable in order to meet the investment objective. Sustainable activities are considered to be those necessary to ensure the long term continuity of an activity, system, society or enterprise. Further information on the "B.E.S.T" criteria and the sustainability element may be obtained from the Investment Adviser upon request.

The Fund may invest in shares or units of collective investment schemes which are managed or operated by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. When investing in collective investment schemes, some of the underlying investments of that collective investment scheme may not meet all four elements of the "B.E.S.T." criteria.

The Fund may also use derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management (including hedging). The use of derivatives for these purposes is expected to be limited however it may affect the volatility or risk profile of the Fund although this is not the ACD's intention.



■ A - Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Gen TR in GB [7.89%]
 ■ B - IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares TR in GB [6.52%]

01/02/2018 - 30/09/2019 Data From FE 2019

Cumulative Performance (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	Since Launch
Portfolio Fund	1.11	1.73	6.57	3.40	7.89
Sector	0.90	1.98	6.28	4.20	6.52
Quartile	2	3	2	3	2

Discrete Performance (%)

	2019 YTD	2018	2017	2016	2015
Portfolio Fund	12.95	-	-	-	-
Sector	13.13	-	-	-	-
Quartile	3	-	-	-	-

Discrete Year to Quarter End Performance (%)

	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2014
	Q3 2019	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	Q3 2015
Portfolio Fund	3.40	-	-	-	-

Fund Commentary

The Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Fund returned +1.11% in September, versus +0.90% for its peers in the Investment Association's 40-85% sector.

September saw another month of political drama as the Brexit saga continued to drag on. Sterling reacted positively after Parliament passed legislation to force the government to ask for an extension if it can't agree a deal with the European Union. The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson then responded by suspending Parliament, only for the suspension to be ruled unlawful. Meanwhile, the Bank of England held interest rates at 0.75% with Brexit uncertainty continuing to cloud the outlook for the UK economy. In the US, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 25 basis points as they attempt to prolong the economic expansion in the face of a slowdown in the pace of growth and hiring.

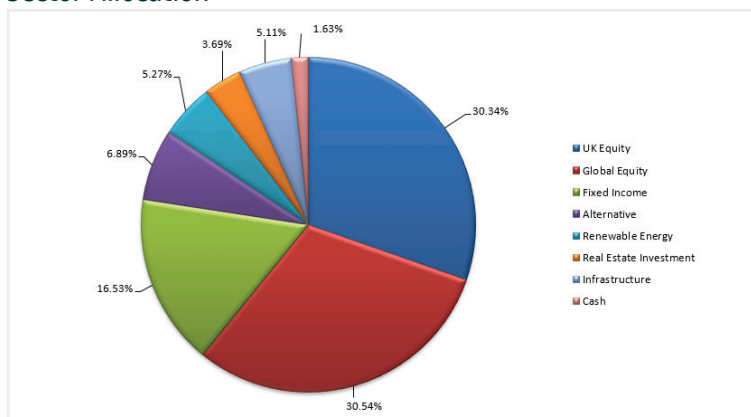
For the second month in a row, Triple Point Social Housing (+13.3%) was amongst the top performance contributors. Triple Point announced interim results and two acquisition updates which were received favourably by the market and attracted positive analyst coverage. The discount to NAV has narrowed to C.9% and the shares have made up much of the ground lost after a difficult period earlier in the year.

Hammerson (+24.9%) had a strong month with investor sentiment improving after a prominent broker upgraded the shares from "neutral" to "buy". The shares are now back above where they were prior to the release of interim results which disappointed the market at the close of July.

The biggest detractor to performance was Greencoat Renewables which gave back some of August's gains after interim results revealed the portfolio generated 555.9GWh in H1. This was 5% below budget due to higher than expected grid curtailment. However, the outlook remains positive with an attractive pipeline of growth opportunities and we are untroubled by temporary fluctuations in generation levels. This outlook includes an agreement to acquire Gortahile, a 20MW wind farm situated in County Laois, from Glenmont Partners. The wind farm was commissioned in August 2010 and its revenues are contracted under the REFIT 1 scheme, providing a long-term guaranteed minimum floor price for the electricity generated. The additional aggregate generating capacity will bring Greencoat Renewable's total installed capacity to 431MW.

There were no new additions or disposals made during the month. Inflows were used to top-up positions in the Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income, Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies, Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability and Sarasin Food & Agriculture Opportunities funds.

Sector Allocation



Top Ten Holdings

1.	Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund	17.23%
2.	First State Stewart Investments Worldwide Fund	9.24%
3.	Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Co.	7.42%
4.	Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund	6.77%
5.	FP Wheb Asset Management Sustainability Fund	6.71%
6.	Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	5.91%
7.	Castlefield Real Return Fund	5.31%
8.	Sarasin Responsible Global Equity Fund	4.87%
9.	Royal London Ethical Bond	3.92%
10.	Edentree Amity Sterling Bond Fund	3.66%

Fund Manager

Simon Holman, Partner, MA Hons, MSc, CFA

Simon Holman is a graduate of Spanish from Edinburgh University and has also completed a Post-graduate Masters qualification in Investment Analysis at Stirling University. He spent several years as an equity analyst and then fund manager at Aegon Asset Management (now known as Kames Capital) before returning home to Cheshire to join Castlefield. Simon combines an investment role (that includes being the lead manager of the Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Fund and co-manager of the Castlefield Real Return Fund) with analysing developments in the ethical investment world. Simon is also a charter holder (Chartered Financial Analyst) of the CFA Institute and has over 10 years industry experience.

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