


Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Opportunities Fund

Factsheet - January 2020



Fund Information

	Fund Manager:
	Mark Elliott
Historic Yield:	Sector:
3.00%*	IA UK All Companies
Fund Size	Number of Holdings:
£20.46m	30-40
ACD:	
Castlefield Fund Partners Limited	
Launch Date:	
1st June 2007	
Platform Availability	
Aegon, AJ Bell, Aviva, Elevate, Fidelity, FNZ, Hargreaves Lansdown, James Hay, Novia, Old Mutual, Zurich	
Active Share Calculation**	89.70%

**Active Share calculation measures how much the portfolio holdings differ to the benchmark. i.e. A portfolio identical to benchmark would have a 0% active share. Source : FactSet

Share Class Information

Share Class	General
Min. Investment	£500
Initial Charge	0%
Investment Adviser Fee	0.75%
Ongoing Charge	1.12%
Payment Dates	Quarterly
ISA Eligible	Yes
ISIN	GB00B8J7Y492
CITI CODE	G74X
Bloomberg	CONBRU0:LN

Holdings within other share classes of the Fund previously active were converted to the 'General Income Class' reflected within the document as of 1st July 2019.

*Historic Yield reflects the historic dividend income paid from the fund in the preceding 12 months as at 31/12/2019.

Fund Objective and Strategy

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily for long term capital growth from a portfolio of investments which is superior to the median performance of all of the funds forming the official peer group of which the Fund is a part. 'Peer group' is defined as being the Investment Association sector to which the Fund has been allocated (currently being the UK All Companies Sector) or to which it may be allocated in future, as determined by that body. The ACD's investment policy is actively to invest in those companies, primarily within the UK, where the Investment Adviser believes there are above average opportunities for growth. Long term means over a minimum investment horizon of five years.

B	Business & financial	S	Social
E	Environmental & ecological	T	Transparency & governance

The investment adviser uses a responsible investment process to identify securities in 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.

*Further information on the 'B.E.S.T' criteria may be obtained from the Investment Adviser upon request.



Cumulative Performance (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
UK Opps	4.40	6.10	7.29	17.07	27.50	42.21
Sector	3.81	7.11	8.19	22.32	23.84	43.91
Quartile	2	3	2	4	2	3

Discrete Performance (%)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
UK Opps	17.07	-0.80	9.79	3.82	7.44
Sector	22.32	-11.19	13.99	10.82	4.86
Quartile	4	1	4	4	2

Discrete Year to Quarter End Performance (%)

	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2015	Q4 2014
	Q4 2019	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2015
UK Opps	17.07	-0.80	9.79	3.82	7.44

Source of performance data: Financial Express as at 31/12/2019

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

Fund Commentary

The Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Opportunities Fund returned +4.40% in December, ahead of its sector peers in the Investment Association's UK All Companies sector which returned +3.81% and the broad-based index which returned +3.32%. UK equities were propped up by the UK Election result towards the middle of the month which saw Boris Johnson maintain his leadership, a clear victory for the Conservative party, winning a decisive majority. The result was seen as an end to some uncertainty surrounding Brexit, as it is clear that under Boris' control, Brexit will "get done".

The biggest contributor to performance was business sales and brokerage business, K3 Capital Group (+63.16%), following a positive trading update in December. Revenues were substantially ahead and the group also received a boost to sentiment from the election result, which alleviated concerns about continued delays to a Brexit agreement that had weighed on the share price earlier in the year. Recent addition, Impax Asset Management was the second biggest contributor to performance following a pleasing results announcement. Assets under management (AUM) increased 21% to £15.1bn, with revenue and profit before tax increasing by 12% and 29%, respectively. The Group also announced a new dividend policy, increasing the dividend pay-out to between 55-80% of adjusted profit after tax. Following the results announcement, we met with the management team at our Manchester office where we were able to discuss future plans for growth.

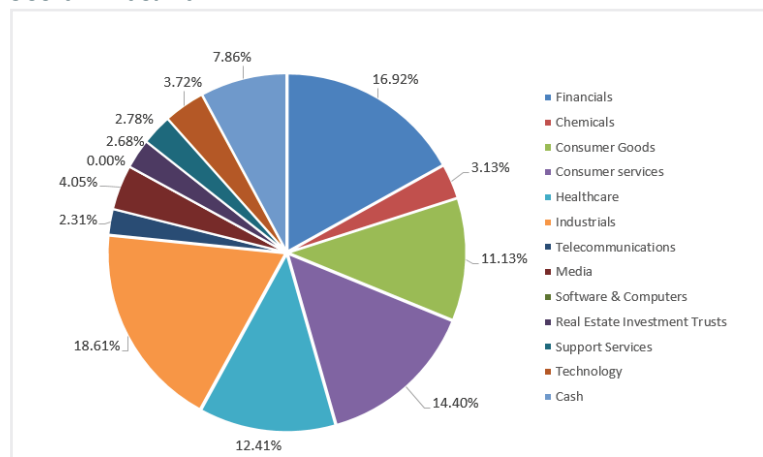
Language and intellectual property support provider, RWS Group was the biggest detractor to performance. Despite reporting a 46% increase in pre-tax profit for FY19, the Group noted that trading for its early current-year performance post the end of September, whilst in line with expectations has been dampened by the stronger pound (with over 90% of revenues derived outside of the UK). Consumer goods group, Unilever was also a laggard in the final month with shares moving -4.9% lower, following a warning of economic slowdown in South Asia and that sales growth for 2019 will be below its 3-5% guidance.

2019 has been a transitional year for the fund as we moved to a sustainability mandate from the 1st November 2019, meaning all of our single-strategy equity funds are under the B.E.S.T Sustainable banner, enhancing our offering for investors who wish to reflect their values through their investments. The B.E.S.T Sustainable process applies a 'blended' approach which combines negative screening principles whilst also considering positive sustainability trends and companies which are involved in developing and delivering sustainable products and services. Whilst the new mandate has only been in place for a short period of time, we are extremely pleased with the progress of the fund this far and are encouraged to see the investment case of the new holdings play out.

Source: Castlefield Investment Partners, FE Analytics, London Stock Exchange, RWS and Impax 3rd January 2020

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Sector Allocation



Top Ten Holdings

1.	Hikma Pharmaceuticals	4.97%
2.	RWS Holdings	4.83%
3.	RELX	4.05%
4.	Smith & Nephew	3.99%
5.	Whitbread	3.82%
6.	Cineworld	3.75%
7.	Avast	3.72%
8.	K3 Capital	3.69%
9.	Unilever	3.51%
10.	Clinigen	3.45%

Fund Manager

Mark Elliott, Partner, MChem (Hons), CFA, Chartered MCSI

Mark was one of the founding members of the Castlefield investment management business, having previously worked with the other co-founders within the institutional investment and fund management division of private bank, Brown Shipley. In addition to being the lead manager of the Castlefield B.E.S.T UK Opportunities Fund, Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund and the Castlefield Real Return Fund, Mark is also responsible for managing segregated accounts for the firm's discretionary clients. A charter holder (Chartered Financial Analyst) of the CFA Institute as well as an individually Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI), Mark has over 15 years industry experience.

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