# Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies Fund

# Factsheet - March 2020



### **Fund Information**

Fund Manager:	Alistair Currie & David Elton
Historic Yield:	0.60
Sector:	IA UK Small Companies
Fund Size:	£9.41m
Number of Holdings:	35-40
ACD:	Castlefield Fund Partners Limited
Launch Date	01 Jun 2007
Platform Availability	AJ Bell, Ascentric, Aviva, Cofunds, Elevate, FNZ, Hargreaves Lansdown, Novia, Old Mutual, Zurich

# **Share Class Information**

Share Class	General
Min. Investment	£500
Initial Charge	0%
Investment Adviser Fee	0.75%
Ongoing Charge	1.65%
Payment Dates	30 April, 31 October
ISA Eligible	Yes
ISIN	GBOOB1XQNH95
CITI Code	Z583
Bloomberg	PRUKSII:LN

Source of performance data: Financial Express. as at 29/02/2020

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 29/02/2020.

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

# Fund Objective and Strategy

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth. 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 Smaller Companies sector J or to which it may be allocated in future. as determined by that body. Long term means over a minimum investment horizon of five years.

The investment policy is to invest predominantly in the shares of quoted smaller UK companies, including those listed on the Alternative Investment Market. We seek to invest in companies with meaningful employee engagement and employee share ownership.

В	Business & financial	S	Social
Е	Environmental & ecological	Т	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 and sustainability element may be obtained from the Investment Adviser upon request.

Pricing Spread: Bid-Bid ● Data Frequency: Monthly ● Currency: Pounds Sterling



- A Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Company General Income [65.75%]
- **B -** IA UK Smaller Companies [52.84%]

27/02/2015- 28/02/2020. Data from FE 2020

## Cumulative Performance (%)

	1 Mth	3Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund	-6.39	0.87	7.79	15.66	26.56	65.75
Sector	-9.96	-3.08	4.59	7.59	20.84	52.84
Quartile	1	1	2	1	2	2

### Discrete Performance (%)

	2020 YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	-5.89	25.46	-13.84	30.62	9.08
Sector	-9.60	25.34	-11.70	27.18	8.05
Quartile	1	3	3	2	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
Fund	25.46	-13.84	30.62	9.08	18.07

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### Sector Allocation (%)

Consumer Goods	8.36
Consumer Services	8.23
Chemicals	1.23
Financials	16.11
Health Care	7.84
Industrials	28.76
Technology	16.69
Support Services	2.29
Utilities	2.71
Cash	7.78

# Top Ten Holdings (%)

TRISTEL P.L.C.	5.25
INSPIRED ENERGY PLC	4.78
AUGEAN	4.64
TRACSIS PLC	4.63
THE GYM GROUP PLC	3.86
PORVAIR PLC	3.30
AB DYNAMICS PLC	3.29
ALUMASC GROUP PLC	3.23
MATTIOLI WOODS PLC	3.14
STRIX GROUP PLC	2.95

# **Fund Managers**



**Alistair Currie**Partner
BCom (Hons), CA

Prior to joining Castlefield Investment Partners, Alistair managed the UK Smaller Companies Fund at

Premier Fund Managers since October 2003. Previously, as the Head of Small Cap. Investment Team at Edinburgh Fund Managers (EFM). Alistair built a formidable reputation running smaller companies funds. He also had responsibility for over-seeing the team managing all of EFMs' small cap portfolios, including the EFM Balanced Growth Institutional mandates.



Mark Elliott
Partner
BSc (Hons), IMC, Chartered MCSI, CFA

David joined Castlefield after graduating with a firstclass Accounting & Finance degree in 2011. As part

of his degree, he undertook a year long research role for a hedge fund. Now, in addition to his broader portfolio management and research responsibilities, David's role at Castlefield specifically includes lead managing the Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies Fund and AIM IHT portfolios. David is a charter holder (Chartered Financial Analyst) of the CFA Institute, a holder of the CFA UK Investment Management Certificate and CISI Investment Advice Diploma.

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### Important Information

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All data as at 29 February 2020 unless stated otherwise.

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