

Better World Fund (£)

29 November 2019

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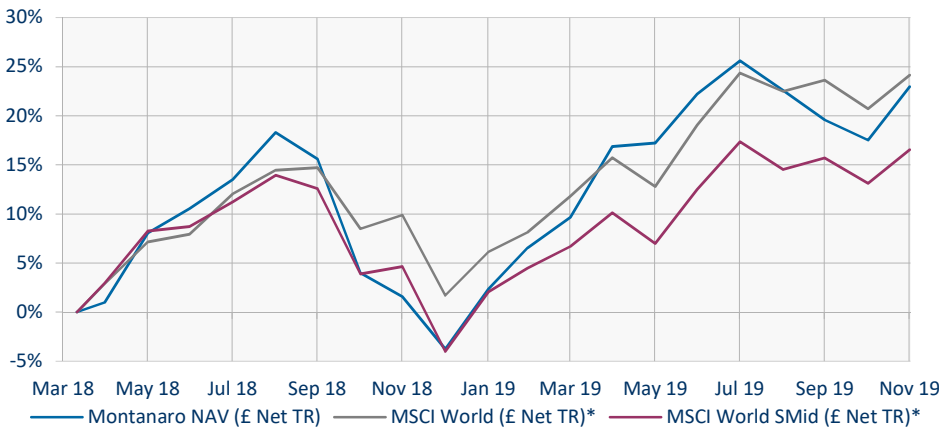
Fund Objective

The Fund will seek to invest in high quality companies whose products, services or behaviour are deemed to make a positive impact on society and which emphasise sound environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. In particular, the Investment Manager will seek to identify profitable and well managed businesses operating in markets that offer attractive structural growth opportunities. The Fund may not invest in companies with material revenue exposure to the manufacturing or supply of weapons, tobacco, gambling, adult entertainment, alcohol, exploration and production oil & coal companies, or any other areas deemed not to meet the Investment Manager's ethical standards.

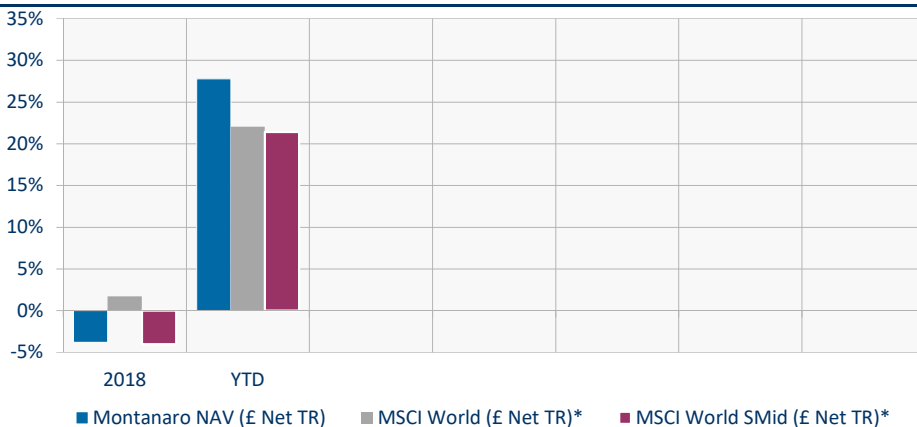
Performance

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	Launch
Fund (TR)†	27.8%	4.6%	0.3%	4.9%	21.1%			23.0%
MSCI World (TR)*	22.0%	2.8%	1.3%	10.1%	13.0%			24.1%
MSCI W. SMid (TR)*	21.4%	3.0%	1.8%	8.9%	11.4%			16.5%
Fund	27.5%	4.6%	0.3%	4.9%	20.8%			22.7%
MSCI World*	19.8%	2.7%	0.9%	9.2%	10.8%			20.2%
MSCI W. SMid*	19.5%	2.9%	1.4%	8.1%	9.5%			13.4%

Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Calendar Year Returns



Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg. NAV to NAV, unrounded.

† Dividends reinvested at ex-date.

*Please note the MSCI World & MSCI World SMid indexes are shown for comparison purposes only.

About Montanaro

Montanaro, an independent specialist asset manager, was established in 1991 to research and invest in quoted Small & MidCap companies. Funds under management are currently £2.4 billion.

Fund Facts

Co-Fund Managers	Charles Montanaro Mark Rogers
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Fund Launch	10 April 2018
Currency	GBP
Class	Distribution
IA Sector	Global
Benchmark	None
Ticker	MONBWFG ID
ISIN	IE00BYWFFF02
Sedol	BYWFFF0
Net Assets	£157 million
NAV	£1.227
No. of Holdings	50
Median Mkt Cap	£3670 million
Cash	0.6%
Legal Status	Irish OEIC
Listing	Irish Stock Exchange
Valuation Time	Daily 4pm Dublin time
Minimum Investment	£1,000
Dealing Time	12pm Dublin time
Dividend Date	Expected Q1
Management Fee	Annual 0.50% Will increase to 0.85% from 1 January 2020
Authorised for marketing in	Ireland, UK, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, France, Netherlands, Italy
Fund ESG Score	6.4

The Fund ESG Score is the weighted average of Montanaro's proprietary company ESG Checklist scores (0-10; 10 is best).

Ratings



Montanaro is signatory to:



Important Information

All investments are subject to risk and the value of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise due to stock market and currency movements. You may not get back as much as you originally invested.

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Top 10 Holdings

Sartorius Stedim Biotech	3.5%
Ansys Inc	3.5%
Qualys Inc	3.5%
Waters Corp	3.3%
Cochlear Ltd	3.0%
Halma	3.0%
Veeva	2.9%
Nemetschek	2.9%
Amplifon	2.9%
Ryman Healthcare	2.9%
Total	31.3%

Risk Analysis

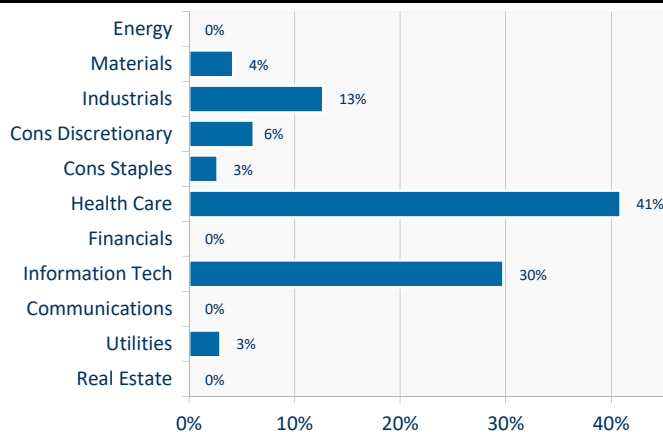
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Portfolio Analysis

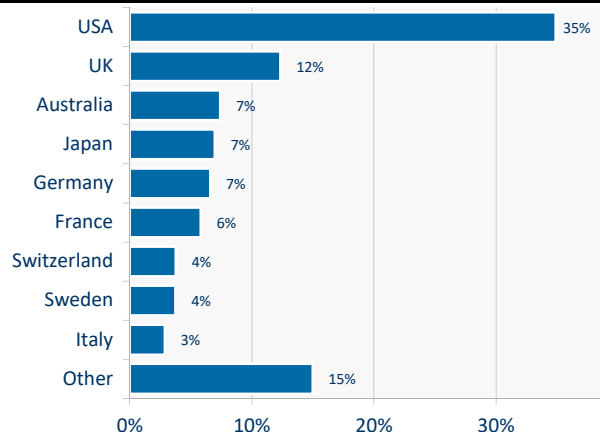
Price / Earnings 20F	29.4
EPS Growth 20F	11.6%
Dividend Yield 20F	1.0%
Dividend Growth 20F	4.0%
Return on Equity 20F	17.3%
EV/EBITDA 20F	22.5
EBIT Margin 20F	25.8%
Net Debt/Equity 20F	-13.5%

Source: Factset consensus estimates

Sector Allocation



Country Allocation (Top 10)



Monthly Commentary

Equity markets enjoyed another positive month in November. In part, this was thanks to the continued support of Central Banks. Despite occasional worries about rising bond yields, which typically hurt growth stocks, the world of ultra-low interest rates seems set to stay. A sign of the times is that Denmark's third largest bank, Jyske Bank, now offers a 10-year fixed-rate mortgage at -0.5% per year. "Borrow more than you pay back". Oh, Brave New World!

In this context, the NAV of the Sterling share class increased by 4.6% in November, an outperformance of 1.8% versus the MSCI World SMidCap Index.

The strongest contribution during the month came from **Ansys**, the engineering simulation software provider, which rose on the back of strong Q3 results and upgraded guidance for the full year. **Ryman Healthcare**, the Builder and operator of retirement villages and care homes in New Zealand, performed strongly after announcing a positive outlook. **Amplifon**, the hearing aid retailer, benefited from a solid set of results.

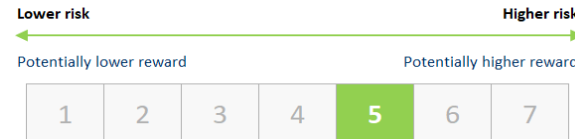
The weakest contribution came from **IDEXX**, the provider of diagnostic testing equipment for pets and livestock, which traded lower after the CEO stepped down following a major cycling accident. **US Ecology**, the environmental services business, declined due to concerns about the trajectory of US economic growth. **Alarm.com**, the cloud-based platform for the connected home, weakened following its Q3 results which, despite being upgraded, pointed to an increase in future CAPEX.

World leaders have met in Madrid to discuss the climate emergency at the UN COP 25 summit. This comes at a time when global carbon emissions are set to rise for the year as a whole. Emissions are already 4% higher than they were in 2015 when the Paris climate agreement was struck. The consequences of this are stark: "If we do not urgently change our way of life we jeopardise life itself", as the UN Secretary General António Guterres succinctly put it.

We firmly believe that investors can help to deliver the change needed to tackle the world's biggest challenges. The Better World Fund makes investments across six themes: Environmental Protection; Low Carbon Economy; Healthcare; Innovative Technology; Nutrition; and Well-being. Each theme allows us to identify companies offering the solutions to these major problems. The future often looks stark, but it is full of opportunity too.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Risk and Reward Profile



These numbers rate how the Fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your investment. In general the potential for higher returns also implies a higher level of risk. However, the lowest category (1) does not mean a risk free investment.

This risk rating is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the fund. The risk rating of the fund may change over time.

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