

## Better World Fund (£)

31 October 2019

Open Ended

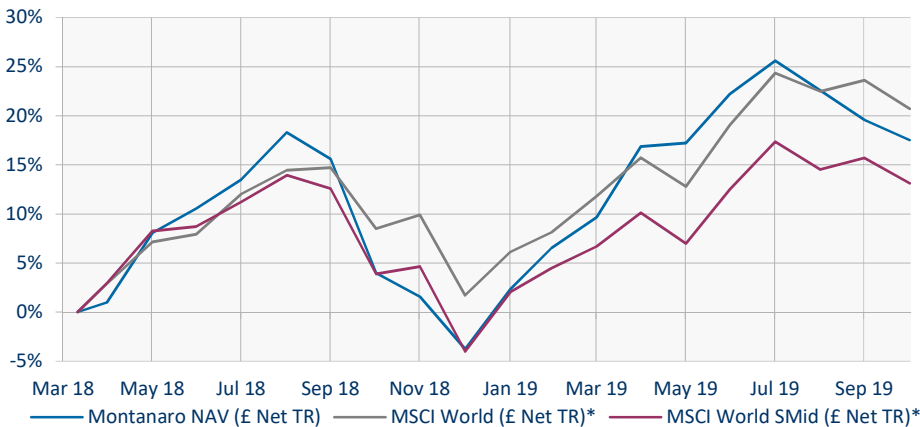
### Fund Objective

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.

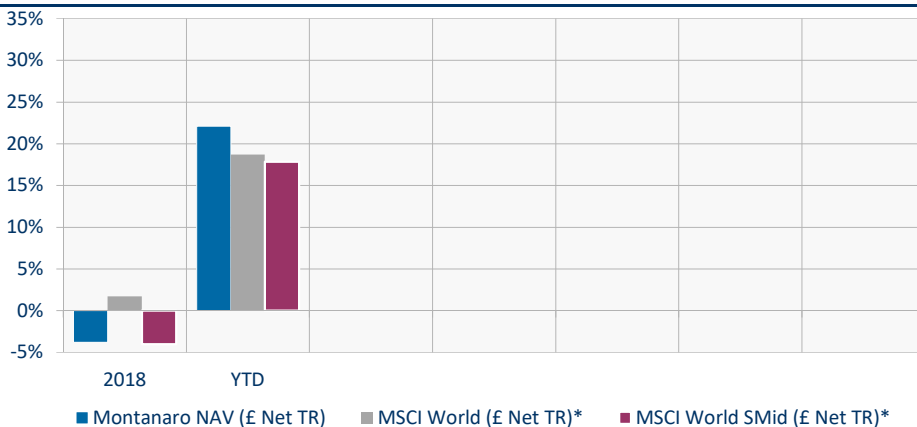
### Performance

	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	Launch
<b>Fund (TR)‡</b>	22.1%	-1.7%	-6.4%	0.6%	13.0%			17.5%
<b>MSCI World (TR)*</b>	18.7%	-2.3%	-2.9%	4.3%	11.3%			20.7%
<b>MSCI W. SMid (TR)*</b>	17.8%	-2.2%	-3.6%	2.7%	8.9%			13.1%
<b>Fund</b>	21.9%	-1.7%	-6.4%	0.6%	12.8%			17.3%
<b>MSCI World*</b>	16.7%	-2.4%	-3.4%	3.3%	9.1%			17.1%
<b>MSCI W. SMid*</b>	16.1%	-2.3%	-4.0%	1.8%	7.0%			10.1%

### 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 £2.2 billion.

### Fund Facts

<b>Co-Fund Managers</b>	Charles Montanaro Mark Rogers
<b>Contact</b>	Ed Heaven
<b>Fund Launch</b>	10 April 2018
<b>Currency</b>	GBP
<b>Class</b>	Distribution
<b>IA Sector</b>	Global
<b>Benchmark</b>	None
<b>Ticker</b>	MONBWFG ID
<b>ISIN</b>	IE00BYWFFF02
<b>Sedol</b>	BYWFFF0
<b>Net Assets</b>	£147 million
<b>NAV</b>	£1.173
<b>No. of Holdings</b>	50
<b>Median Mkt Cap</b>	£3513 million
<b>Cash</b>	7.5%
<b>Legal Status</b>	Irish OEIC
<b>Listing</b>	Irish Stock Exchange
<b>Valuation Time</b>	Daily 4pm Dublin time
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	£1,000
<b>Dealing Time</b>	12pm Dublin time
<b>Dividend Date</b>	Expected Q1
<b>Management Fee</b>	Annual 0.50% Will increase to 0.85% from 1 January 2020
<b>Authorised for marketing in</b>	Ireland, UK, Iceland, Sweden, Finland, France, Netherlands, Italy
<b>Fund ESG Score</b>	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

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**Top 10 Holdings**

Sartorius Stedim Biotech	3.5%
Ansys Inc	3.2%
Qualys Inc	3.1%
Waters Corp	2.8%
Cochlear Ltd	2.7%
Solaredge Technologies	2.7%
Amplifon	2.6%
Ryman Healthcare	2.6%
Halma	2.5%
Belimo Holding	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.2%</b>

**Risk Analysis**

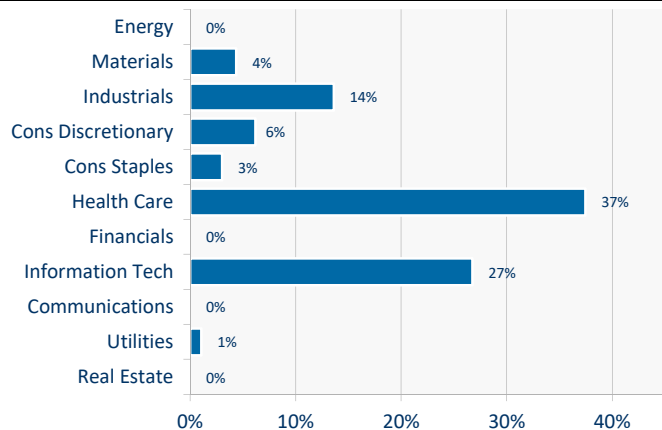
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**Portfolio Analysis**

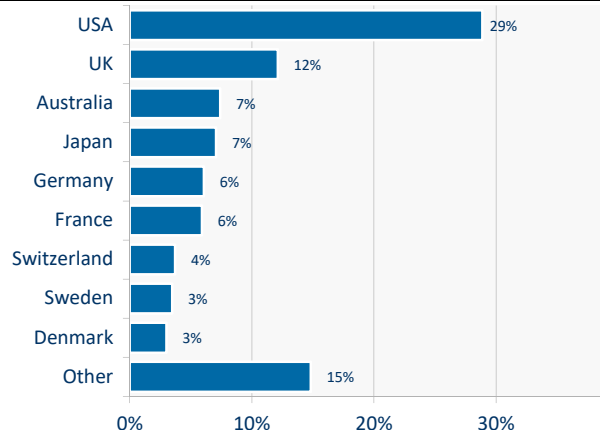
Price / Earnings 20F	27.6
EPS Growth 20F	11.8%
Dividend Yield 20F	1.2%
Dividend Growth 20F	4.0%
Return on Equity 20F	17.2%
EV/EBITDA 20F	21.1
EBIT Margin 20F	23.5%
Net Debt/Equity 20F	-4.9%

Source: Factset consensus estimates

**Sector Allocation**



**Country Allocation (Top 10)**



**Monthly Commentary**

Easing political tensions provided support to equity markets in October. As President Trump celebrated a “Phase One Trade Deal” with China, the UK stepped back from the apparent precipice of a “no deal” Brexit. Meanwhile, Central Banks reiterated their dovish stances as Mario Draghi, the architect of Europe’s “whatever it takes” stimulus strategy, stepped aside for Christine Lagarde. Within this context, the focus on sustainability challenges continued to grow. Climate change protests became truly global, encompassing stakeholder frustration at a perceived lack of action from governments and businesses. Pressure increased on investors to align investments with companies providing solutions to such problems.

In this context, the NAV of the sterling share class declined by 1.7% in October, an outperformance of 0.6% versus the MSCI World SMidCap Index. Absolute returns were impacted by the strength of sterling during the month.

The strongest contribution in October came from **IDP Education**, the leading English qualification testing business, which recovered after a period of under-performance. **Qualys**, the leading provider of cloud-based cybersecurity software, reported strong growth in Q3. **Polypipe**, the supplier of sustainable water and climate management solutions that are replacing cement alternatives, rose as fears of a “no deal” Brexit receded.

The weakest contribution came from **Chr Hansen**, the supplier of bioscience based natural ingredients, which declined after the company lowered 2019/20 guidance beyond their long-term targets. **Waters Corp**, the US analytical testing company, suffered due to concerns about weaker economic growth in China. **Veeva**, the US healthcare software provider, reported slight weaker margins in its quarterly set of results.

As Martin Wolf noted in the FT, “climate policy is dangling between the cynicism of Donald Trump and the radicalism of Greta Thunberg”. Investors need to respond to both, recognising the urgent need for action and the political void left by the world’s largest superpower. The US has now officially pulled out of the Paris climate agreement, a significant blow to the global pact that aims to limit global warming to below 2C.

Clouds are also hovering over the investment landscape. Geopolitical risks remain and growth is slowing across the world. While the monetary backdrop remains supportive, Central Banks do not have much left in the toolkit. In our opinion, we remain in a period in which investors will continue to favour companies with strong balances sheets and healthy cash flows, such as those within our Fund.

**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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