





# **WS Montanaro Better World Fund**

# 31 October 2024

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## **Open-Ended Investment Company**

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#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

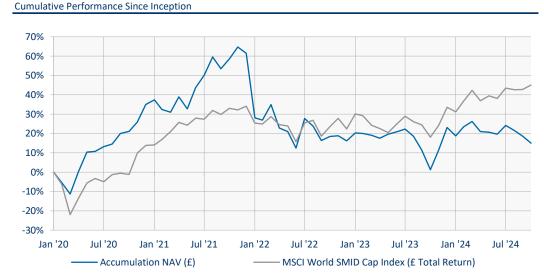
To achieve capital growth over any five year period, after all costs and charges have been taken, by investing in companies which make a positive impact on society or the environment. To invest at least 60% of the Fund in the shares of small and medium sized companies in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom and United States, including Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs); that have a market capitalisation (the total value of the company) which is less than the largest company by value in the MSCI World SMID (Small and Medium) Cap Index. The Fund may also invest up to 40% in larger sized companies. The Investment Manager will invest in companies which, in its opinion, make a positive impact on society or the environment, deriving at least 50% of their revenue from themes which the Investment Manager considers contribute to these impacts, such as (but not limited to) environmental protection, low carbon economy, health care, nutrition, innovative technologies and well-being.

## Performance

Cumulative Retu	ırns								
	YTD	1M	3M	6M	12M	3Y	5Y	10Y	Launch
Accumulation (£)	-6.6%	-3.1%	-7.4%	-5.0%	13.6%	-27.5%	N/A	N/A	15.0%
MSCI World SMID (£ TR)	8.6%	1.6%	1.1%	6.0%	22.8%	9.0%	N/A	N/A	45.1%

#### Calendar Year Returns

	2023	2022	2021	
Accumulation (£)	6.0%	-28.1%	19.6%	
MSCI World SMID (£ TR)	9.1%	-8.7%	17.8%	



Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg. NAV to NAV

#### **Key Information**

Fund Launch	January 2020
ACD	Waystone Management

(UK) Limited

**Depositary** BNY Mellon

Transfer Agent Waystone Management

(UK) Limited

Legal Status OEIC

Domicile UK

Valuation Time Daily 12pm (London)

Dealing Cut-Off Time Daily 11.59am (London)

## **Fund Facts**

Co Fund Manager	Mark Rogers
Co Fund Manager	Adam Montanaro
Fund Specialist	Ed Heaven
Comparator Benchmark	MSCI World SMID Can

Fund Size £81.1 million

No.of Holdings 50
Median Mkt Cap £4.

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Cash 1.5% Forecast Yield 25F\* 1.3%

\*Calculated as the weighted average forecast yield on the Portfolio.

## ESG

Carbon Intensity 37.8
Water Intensity 968,186.2
Waste Intensity 6.4
Fund ESG Score\* 6.3

## Risk & Reward Profile



Accumulation Class

- •This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. As the fund has less than 5 years price history, this calculation incorporates the volatility of an appropriate benchmark index. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains.
- •The fund has been classed as 6 because its volatility has been measured as above average to high.
- •This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this fund.
- •The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time. Number 1 on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

## **Important Information**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. 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.

For further information please see the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID) available on the Link website

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

#### Top 10 Holdings\* American Water Works 3.6% Veeva 3.3% Halma 3.0% Ansys Inc 2.9% Balchem 2.7% Icon 2.7% Badger Meter 2.6% Bio Techne 2.6% Sartorius Stedim Biotech 2.6% Tyler Technologies 2.4%

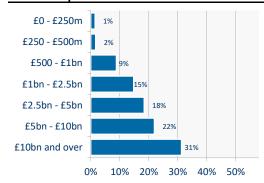
\*Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg as at 31/10/24

## Portfolio Analysis\*

Price / Earnings 25F	25.8
EPS Growth 25F	13.5%
Dividend Growth 25F	7.3%
Return on Equity 25F	13.9%
EV/EBITDA 25F	19.4
EBIT Margin 25F	24.8%
Net Debt/Equity 25F	2.0%

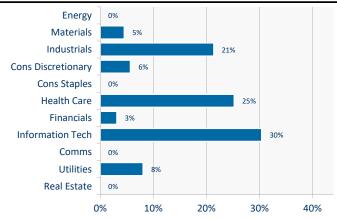
\*Source: Montanaro, Factset as at 31/10/24

## Market Capitalisation Allocation\*



\*Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg as at 31/10/24

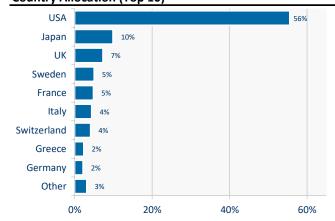
## Sector Allocation\*



28.3%

\*Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg as at 31/10/24

## Country Allocation (Top 10)\*



\*Source: Montanaro, Bloomberg as at 31/10/24

#### **Share Class Information**

	Ticker	ISIN	SEDOL	Launch	NAV	Ongoing Charge	Annual AMC	Perf Fee	High Water Mark	Initial Charge	Minimum Investment	SRRI
GBP A Accumulation	LFMBWAS LN	GB00BJRCFP12	BJRCFP1	31/01/2020	114.97p	1.00%	0.85%	Nil	N/A	N/A	£1,000	6
GBP B Income	LFMBWBG LN	GB00BMW2NP33	BMW2NP3	27/08/2020	99.68p	0.80%	0.65%	Nil	N/A	N/A	£50m	6

## **Our Impact Team**



Adam Montanaro
Co Fund Manager



Mark Rogers
Co Fund Manager



**Ed Heaven** Head of Sustainable Investment



Kate Hewitt ESG & Impact Analyst



Manroop Bal Analyst



Harriet Topham
ESG & Impact Analyst

## **Platforms**

7IM ♦ AJ Bell ♦ Aviva ♦ FNZ Wealth ♦ Novia ♦ Pershing Nexus ♦ Transact ♦ Zurich ♦ Embark ♦ Ascentric ♦ Hargreaves Lansdown ♦ Allfunds ♦ Fidelity ♦ Nucleus ♦ Old Mutual ♦ James Hay ♦ Raymond James

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