

# **EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund**

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



Gill Lakin Fund manager

#### Fund manager's commentary

Currency movements contributed to gains for global equity and bond markets of 2.88% and 0.22% respectively in sterling as the pound fell 1.81% against the dollar. The pound weakened as UK headline inflation fell in March for the second consecutive month and figures showed a first-quarter economic growth slowdown. Investors concluded an early Bank of England base rate rise was less likely although weather-related weakness in economic data may prove transitory. UK equities outperformed, rising 6.77%. The EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund's UK equity fund allocation increased through additions to the Schroder Recovery holding. Aberforth UK Smaller Companies was the best performer, rising 7.36% while UK smaller companies rose 5.73%. Oil prices rose 7.78% in sterling as Middle East political risks increased following US military intervention in Syria and growing expectations that President Trump would not endorse the Iran nuclear accord. Sterling hedging helped GLG Japan CoreAlpha, which returned 6.05%, outperforming the 2.50% gain for Japanese equities in sterling. Within the portfolio's bond allocation, sterling hedging contributed, however, to falls for Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond and Legg Mason Western Asset Macro Opportunities Bond of 0.10% and 2.20% respectively. Man GLG Global Emerging Markets Debt outperformed, however, returning 0.85%. Within the alternative allocation, Man GLG European Mid-Cap Equity Alternative, a daily-traded long/short equity fund, was added while Trojan, which has a multi-asset approach, was reduced. The EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund rose 1.40%† in April while the sector rose 1.24%.

Financial data source: Thomson Reuters 30 April 2018. † B Acc shares

**Key facts** 

Investment objective

To achieve modest growth

 Fund size
 £13.7 million

 Launch date
 8 April 2014

 Launch price
 100p

 IA sector
 Mixed Investment

 0-35% Shares

 Base currency
 Sterling

Noon

#### **B Shares (Retail)**

Valuation point

 Price at 30/4/18
 122.82p

 Minimum investment
 £1,000

 Minimum top-up
 £500

 Minimum regular savings
 £100

 Investment management fee
 0.75%

 Initial charge
 2%

 Total expense ratio
 1.73%

#### I Shares (Institutional)

 Price at 30/4/18
 121.67p

 Minimum investment
 £100,000

 Minimum top-up
 £10,000

 Investment management fee
 1%

 Total expense ratio
 1.98%

ACD admin charge 0.25% Ex-dividend date 1 August Income distribution date 30 September **OEIC** sub-fund Structure Year end 31 July B SEDOL code **BG6LVN8** B ISIN code GB00BG6LVN84 **BG6LVP0** I SEDOL code GB00BG6LVP09 I ISIN code

### Portfolio breakdown \*

#### UK fixed income M&G UK Inflation Linked Co

M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond Artemis Strategic Bond Henderson Fixed Interest Monthly Income

#### Global fixed income

Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond (£-hedged) TwentyFour Dynamic Bond Man GLG Global Emerging Markets Debt Legg Mason Western Asset Macro Opportunities Bond (£-hedged)

#### Alternative

F&C Real Estate Equity Long/Short Trojan Newton Real Return 3i Infrastructure Man GLG UK Absolute Value Smith & Williamson Enterprise Man GLG European Mid-Cap Equity Alternative

#### UK equity

Liontrust Special Situations Aberforth UK Small Companies Schroder Recovery

#### Europe ex-UK equity

Schroder European
Threadneedle European Smaller
Companies

#### US equity

iShares S&P 500 Financials

#### Japanese equity

Lindsell Train Japanese Equity GLG Japan CoreAlpha (£-hedged)

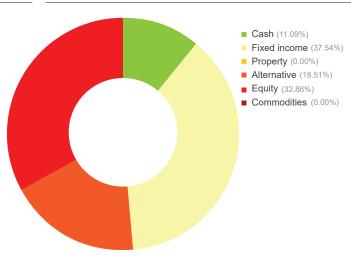
#### Emerging market equity

Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity

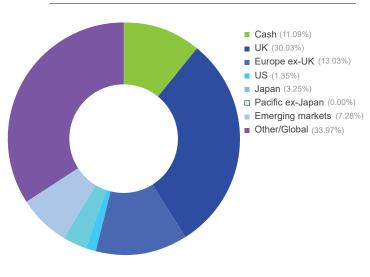
#### Global equity

RobecoSAM Smart Materials Fundsmith Equity

### Asset allocation



### **Geographic allocation**



Please see overleaf for performance and other important information

<sup>\*</sup> excluding cash and cash funds



#### **Investment policy**

The Fund will invest mainly in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds and unregulated collective investment schemes (which include limited partnerships) and may also include transferable securities (including investment trusts and similar instruments), money-market instruments, fixed income instruments, deposits and foreign exchange contracts.

It is expected that cash, cash equivalents and fixed income investments will make up a significant part of the Fund's assets, in order to maintain its conservative risk profile. However, investments will not be confined to any particular sector.

The Fund may also hold, on a temporary basis, all or part of its assets in cash or other ancillary liquid assets. The Fund may utilise derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

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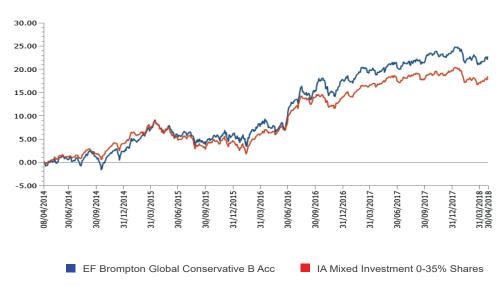
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#### Performance

Percentage growth, 8 April 2014 to 30 April 2018

EF Brompton Global Conservative B Acc v IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares since launch



Source: Lipper, NAV-NAV, sterling, net income reinvested Past performance is not an indicator of future performance

| Discrete period performance (%)       | Year to<br>30 April 2018 | Year to<br>30 April 2017 | Year to<br>30 April 2016 | Year to<br>30 April 2015 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| EF Brompton Global Conservative B Acc | 2.94                     | 10.91                    | 0.20                     | 7.21                     |
| IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares      | 1.57                     | 9.61                     | -0.68                    | 6.86                     |
| Quartile ranking                      | 1                        | 1                        | 1                        | 2                        |

| Cumulative performance (%) to 30 April 2018 | 1<br>month | 3<br>months | 6<br>months | 12<br>months | Since<br>launch |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| EF Brompton Global Conservative B Acc       | 1.40       | -0.97       | -0.35       | 2.94         | 22.82           |
| IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares            | 1.24       | -0.72       | -0.35       | 1.57         | 18.55           |
| Quartile ranking                            | 2          | 3           | 2           | 1            | 1               |

Source: Lipper, NAV-NAV, sterling, net income reinvested 1st quartile means the fund is ranked in the top 25% of funds in its sector

#### Important information

For full details of the fund and its risks please refer to the prospectus or Key Investor Information and Supplementary Information Document, which can be found on the Brompton Asset Management website, www.bromptonam.com. The value of assets and income generated from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get a steady income flow and, on disposal, may not receive all their capital back.

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