

# **EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund**

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



Gill Lakin Fund manager

#### Fund manager's commentary

Global bonds fell 3.74% in sterling as the pound strengthened 5.12% against the dollar. The impact of President Trump's fiscal stimulus on an already strong US economy may bring forward future interest rate rises. UK bond yields rose as UK government bonds and corporate bonds fell 2.05% and 0.66% respectively. Five of the eight EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund bond holdings, however, bucked the trend, with TwentyFour Dynamic Bond and Artemis Strategic Bond doing best, returning 0.87% and 0.57% respectively. Global equities rose 0.51% in sterling, with emerging markets outperforming, up 3.06% in sterling. The portfolio had a high emerging markets weighting but the two holdings lagged, with Schroder Small Cap Discovery doing worst, down 1.08%. The stronger pound proved a headwind for UK equities, which lagged, falling 1.98%, with smaller stocks faring particularly badly, down 3.06%. The three UK equity holdings outperformed, however, with Schroder Recovery, which has a "value" approach to investing, doing best, up 1.25%, while Aberforth UK Small Companies, down 1.24%, was also relatively resilient despite weakness among smaller stocks. Value managers may continue to outperform as inflation and interest rates rise. Equities in Europe excluding the UK outperformed, rising 1.14% in sterling as the European Central Bank maintained its ultra-loose monetary policy although its president, Mario Draghi, highlighted the eurozone's improving economic prospects. Schroder European outperformed, returning 2.17%, but the WisdomTree Europe SmallCap Dividend exchange-traded fund lagged, falling 1.44%. The EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund gained 0.12%† in January while the sector fell 0.29%. Financial data source: Thomson Reuters 31 January 2018. † B Acc shares

**Key facts** 

Investment objective

To achieve modest growth

 Fund size
 £14.0 million

 Launch date
 8 April 2014

 Launch price
 100p

 IA sector
 Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

 Base currency
 Sterling

 Valuation point
 Noon

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

 Price at 31/1/18
 124.02p

 Minimum investment
 £1,000

 Minimum top-up
 £500

 Minimum regular savings
 £100

 Investment management fee
 0.75%

 Initial charge
 2%

 Total expense ratio
 1.75%

#### I Shares (Institutional)

 Price at 31/11/18
 122.93p

 Minimum investment
 £100,000

 Minimum top-up
 £10,000

 Investment management fee
 1%

 Total expense ratio
 2.00%

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 I SEDOL code **BG6LVP0** GB00BG6LVP09 I ISIN code

#### Portfolio breakdown \*

#### UK fixed income

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

#### Global fixed income

Opportunities Bond

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

#### Alternative

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

#### UK equity

Liontrust Special Situations Aberforth UK Small Companies Schroder Recovery

## Europe ex-UK equity

Schroder European
WisdomTree Europe SmallCap Dividend

#### US equity

iShares S&P 500 Financials

#### Japanese equity

Lindsell Train Japanese Equity

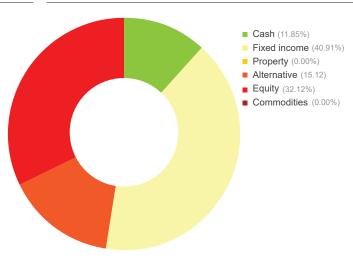
### Emerging market equity

Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Schroder Small Cap Discovery

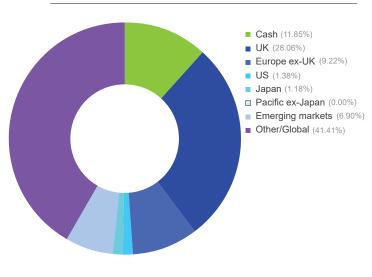
#### Global equity

Fundsmith Equity RobecoSAM Smart Materials

### Asset allocation



### **Geographic allocation**



<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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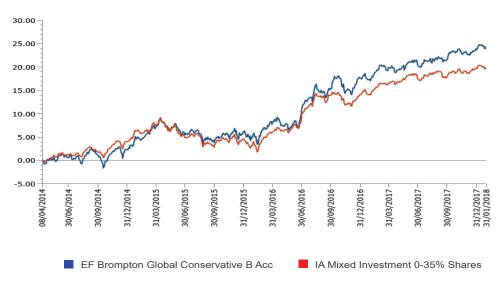
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#### Performance

Percentage growth, 8 April 2014 to 31 January 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 31 Jan 2018	Year to 31 Jan 2017	Year to 31 Jan 2016
EF Brompton Global Conservative B Acc	5.60	11.44	0.69
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	4.55	10.17	-2.56
Quartile ranking	1	1	1

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 January 2018	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
EF Brompton Global Conservative B Acc	0.12	0.62	2.34	5.60	17.68
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	-0.29	0.40	1.15	4.55	15.19
Quartile ranking	1	1	1	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 simplified prospectus, 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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