

# **EF Brompton Global Opportunities Fund**

An EF Brompton Multi-Manager OEIC sub-fund



Gill Lakin Fund manager

### Fund manager's commentary

Global equities fell 3.82% in sterling on fears of a trade war. President Trump proposed tariffs on steel, aluminium, technology, transport and medical products. China retaliated, putting tariffs on agricultural products and aircraft. The EF Brompton Global Opportunities Fund benefited from its relatively-low holdings in US equities, which lagged, falling 4.27% in sterling. The SPDR US Financials exchange-traded fund was, however, the portfolio's worst performer, falling 6.05%, while RobecoSAM Smart Materials, which has significant US holdings, fell 4.96%. Equities in Asia excluding Japan and emerging markets fell 3.25% and 3.58% respectively in sterling and three of the portfolio's four Asia-ex Japan and emerging markets holdings underperformed, with Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity, down 4.89%, doing worst. UK equities were relatively resilient, however, falling 2.11%. Within the portfolio, Aberforth UK Small Companies outperformed, rising 0.42%, but Schroder Recovery fell 3.10%. Two of the portfolio's three holdings in daily-traded long/short equity funds, Man GLG UK Absolute Value and F&C Real Estate Equity Long Short, posted gains, rising 1.63% and 0.42% respectively, but Smith & Williamson Enterprise fell 0.60%. The dollar fell 1.78% against sterling and currency movements contributed to a fall of 0.73% for global bonds. The portfolio's two investments in global bond funds posted gains, however, with the sterling-hedged Templeton Emerging Markets Bond holding returning 1.19%. UK government bonds and sterling corporate bonds rose 2.03% and 0.38% respectively but Artemis Strategic Bond underperformed, falling 0.43%. The EF Brompton Global Opportunities Fund fell 3.85%† in March while the sector fell 3.03%. Financial data source: Thomson Reuters 31 March 2018 † B Acc shares

# **Key facts**

Investment objective

Fund size £14.3 million

Launch date 8 November 2012

Launch price 100p

IA sector Flexible Investment

Base currency Sterling

Valuation point Noon

To achieve long-term capital growth with the flexibility to invest in all major asset classes.

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

 Price at 31/3/18
 162.52p

 Minimum investment
 £1,000

 Minimum top-up
 £500

 Minimum regular savings
 £100

 Investment management fee
 0.75%

 Initial charge
 2%

 Total expense ratio
 1.79%

## I Shares (Institutional)

 Price at 31/3/18
 160.28p

 Minimum investment
 £100,000

 Minimum top-up
 £10,000

 Investment management fee
 1%

 Total expense ratio
 2.04%

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 **B7MHLC6** B ISIN code GB00B7MHLC66 I SEDOL code **B6STGZ7** GB00B6STGZ75 I ISIN code

## Portfolio breakdown \*

#### UK fixed income

Artemis Strategic Bond

## Global fixed income

Templeton Emerging Markets Bond (£-hedged) Legg Mason Western Asset Macro Opportunities Bond

### Alternative

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

## UK equity

Schroder Recovery Liontrust Special Situations Aberforth UK Small Companies

#### Europe ex-UK equity

WisdomTree Europe SmallCap Dividend Schroder European/Fidelity Germany JP Morgan European Smaller Companies Threadneedle European Smaller Companies

#### US equity

iShares Core S&P 500 SPDR S&P US Financials

## Japanese equity

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

#### Pacific ex-Japan equity

Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity

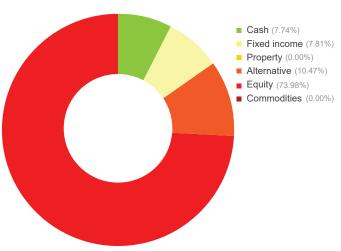
## Emerging market equity

Goldman Sachs India Equity Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets Equity Wisdom Tree Emerging Markets SmallCap Dividend

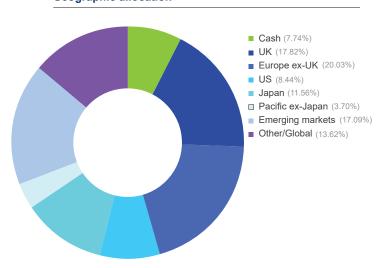
## Global Equity

RobecoSAM Smart Materials

# **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 principally invest in collective investment schemes, exchange-traded funds and unregulated collective investment schemes (which include limited partnerships).

The Fund may also invest in investment trusts (and similar instruments) and other transferable securities, money-market instruments, fixed income instruments, deposits and foreign exchange contracts. Investments will not be confined to any particular sector.

Although the Fund will usually be invested across a range of asset classes, in certain market conditions, the fund manager may decide to hold up to 100% in equity markets. This would be for a limited period and only in exceptional circumstances.

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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#### Performance

Percentage growth, 8 November 2012 to 31 March 2018

EF Brompton Global Opportunities B Acc v IA Flexible Investment 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 Mar 2018	Year to 31 Mar 2017	Year to 31 Mar 2016	Year to 31 Mar 2015	Year to 31 Mar 2014
EF Brompton Global Opportunities B Acc	2.04	21.15	-0.12	11.72	7.01
IA Flexible Investment	2.40	19.43	-3.69	11.32	4.61
Quartile ranking	2	2	1	2	2

Cumulative performance (%) to 31 March 2018	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Since launch
EF Brompton Global Opportunities B Acc	-3.85	-4.42	0.71	2.04	62.52
IA Flexible Investment	-3.03	-4.07	-0.50	2.40	52.82
Quartile ranking	3	3	1	2	2

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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