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Scottish Widows Ethical A Acc

Fund Objective

To provide capital growth through investment in shares of UK companies with ethical attributes and practises. The benchmark index for the Fund is the FTSE All-Share Index (the "Index"). The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Adviser who chooses investments with the aim of outperforming the Index by 3% per annum on a rolling 3 year basis before deduction of fees. The FTSE All-Share Index has been selected as an appropriate benchmark as it provides a representation of the returns of securities in the UK equity market. This allows the Investment Adviser to select shares that meet the Fund's ethical criteria from a diverse range of UK shares. For further information on this fund's policy and objectives, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document or the Prospectus. These documents can be accessed via the following link:

- 'KIID'
- 'Prospectus'
- 'Fund Changes'
- 'ESG Metrics'

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Information Statement

Scottish Widows Unit Trust Managers is proposing to merge the Ethical Fund with the Environmental Investor Fund. We are writing to shareholders in the Ethical Fund with details and are asking eligible shareholders to vote on our proposal. Further details will be included on our Fund Change webpage. Please see fund changes link.

Scottish Widows produce Environmental, Social and Governance themed fund metrics. Selected data can be found using the ESG metric link.

Basic Fund Information

Fund Launch Date	12/09/1987
Fund Size	£130.4m
Target Benchmark	FTSE All Share Index + 3%
ISIN	GB0032200213
MEX ID	TSEA
SEDOL	3220021
Manager Name	Andy Simpson
Manager Since	06/12/2019
Yield	Historic 1.9%

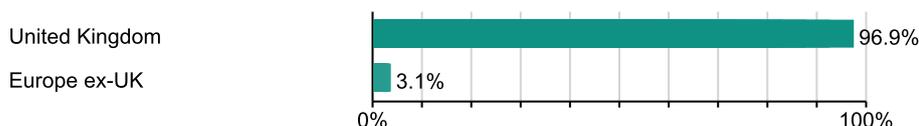
Asset Allocation (as at 29/12/2023)



Sector Breakdown (as at 29/12/2023)



Regional Breakdown (as at 29/12/2023)



The composition of asset mix and asset allocation may change at any time and exclude cash unless otherwise stated

Top Ten Holdings

(as at 29/12/2023)

ASTRAZENECA PLC ORDINARY USD0.25	7.4%
UNILEVER PLC ORDINARY 3 1/9P	4.2%
GLAXOSMITHKLINE GBP0.3125	4.2%
NATIONAL GRID PLC ORDINARY 11.395P	4.1%
LLOYDS BANKING GROUP PLC ORDINARY 10P	3.7%
SSE PLC ORDINARY 50P	3.5%
RELX PLC ORDINARY 14.4397P	3.2%
COMPASS GROUP PLC ORDINARY 11.05P	3.2%
SAINSBURY (J.) PLC ORDINARY 28.571428P	3.1%
WHITBREAD PLC ORDINARY 76.797385P	3.1%
TOTAL	39.7%

Past Performance



■ Ethical
■ Benchmark

The returns shown in the performance table illustrate past performance of the Fund and its benchmark index. The outperformance target is applied to the index and we illustrate it in the figures from 7th August 2019 onwards. Prior to this date the Fund aimed to outperform its benchmark.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investment value and income from it may fall as well as rise, as a result of market and currency movements. You may not get back the amount originally invested.

Discrete Performance

	31/12/2022 - 31/12/2023	31/12/2021 - 31/12/2022	31/12/2020 - 31/12/2021	31/12/2019 - 31/12/2020	31/12/2018 - 31/12/2019
Scottish Widows Ethical AAcc	7.0%	-4.6%	9.0%	-8.0%	28.4%
Benchmark	11.1%	3.3%	21.9%	-7.1%	20.6%

Information is shown as unavailable if prior to the launch of fund.

Cumulative Performance

	31/01/2024 - 29/02/2024	30/11/2023 - 29/02/2024	28/02/2023 - 29/02/2024	28/02/2021 - 29/02/2024	28/02/2019 - 29/02/2024
Scottish Widows Ethical AAcc	-2.3%	0.4%	-4.1%	5.8%	15.7%
Benchmark	0.4%	4.1%	3.6%	36.8%	46.2%

Source: FE fundinfo as at 29/02/2024

Performance figures are in £ Sterling on a single pricing basis, with income (where applicable) reinvested net of UK tax and net of total annual fund charges. These figures do not include any initial charge or other product charge(s) that may be applicable.

Quarterly Fund Manager Review

UK equities rose over the quarter. UK small and mid-cap indices outperformed the broader market as domestically focused stocks performed very strongly. This occurred as hopes built further that interest rates may have peaked and amid a continued pick-up in overseas "inbound" bids for smaller UK companies. Some of the large internationally exposed and economically sensitive areas of the market also performed well, especially in the industrial and financial sectors. More generally, however, larger companies were held back as sterling performed strongly against a weak US dollar. UK inflation moderated more than expected over the period with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealing that the consumer prices index had dropped to 3.9% in November. This contributed to hopes that the Bank of England may have finished its series of interest rate hikes. Meanwhile, revised data from the ONS revealed UK GDP fell in Q3, having previously showed zero growth. Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt announced an Autumn Statement that contained more policy measures than many had expected. Key initiatives included the extension of the 100% capital expenditure allowance, which allows companies to deduct expenditure on plants and machinery from taxable income.

Andy Simpson 31/12/2023

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Fund Rating Information

Overall Morningstar Rating
Morningstar Medalist Rating
FE fundinfo Crown Rating

Neutral

The FE fundinfo Crown Rating relates to this fund. However, the Morningstar ratings are based on the underlying fund. These are supplied by the respective independent ratings agencies and are the latest available at the time this factsheet was issued. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Other Information

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