

# Monthly Fact Sheet **30 April 2018**

| Launch Date         | 20th October 2014 |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Fund Size           | £218m             |
| Historic Yield (%)* | 0.96              |

**Share Price** (as at 30.04.18)

Shares Income Accumulation
B Shares 209.79p 216.52p

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

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in a portfolio of fully listed and AIM traded UK equities.

#### **Fund Managers**



#### James Baker

a history graduate from Cambridge University, has over 30 years of equity market experience on both buy and sell sides, specialising for all of his career in UK Small and Mid caps stock selection. He has

worked for several organisations over the years, but most notably spent 11 years from 1999 to 2011 as part of the ABN Amro, Small Mid cap sales team, which was consistently top ranked by Extel. Prior to joining Chelverton he worked as the Assistant fund manager on the Rathbone UK Recovery Fund.



#### **Edward Booth**

graduated from the London School of Economics with a degree in Economics with Economic History, and qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Deloitte, where he focused on

the Insurance sector. Prior to joining Chelverton, he worked as a Business Analyst for Barclays, focusing on a number of areas including Investment Bank Revenue and Group Capital performance.

## MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth Fund

#### **Investment Approach**

The Fund Managers are looking for companies that can both grow faster than the market and are highly cash generative enabling them to fund their own growth. Typically these companies will have some form of sustainable competitive advantage, such as a unique product, or a dominant position in a particular market, leading to high margins and the ability to generate surplus cash.

#### **Monthly Manager Commentary**

The Fund returned 3.63% in April, lagging the UK All Companies Sector Average as the stock market rebounded strongly from a poor first quarter. The main driver for the rally was the oil sector, where the Fund has minimal exposure, as the oil price rose sharply on the back of increased political tension in the Middle East. Defensive sectors, namely telecoms, utilities and food retail, where there is minimal mid and small cap representation, also performed well. At the stock level, the Fund's performance was impacted by two earnings downgrades. Clarkson warned of a slowdown in the transaction and corporate finance segments of its business as clients spooked by concerns over a trade war put ship investment activity on ice. Proactis Holdings, the procurement software business, sold off severely when it warned of early contract terminations and a slowdown in new orders only two months after a more positive, in-line update. News flow across the rest of the portfolio was generally satisfactory with Boku, Keystone Law, GB Group, DFS Furniture and Alliance Pharma in particular all responding well to positive results and trading updates.

During the month we exited Greencore, the producer of convenience foods, as we were concerned by the seemingly persistent issues in the group's US business. We also sold our holding in Quiz, the fashion retailer, where despite being impressed by the growth of its online business, we had become increasingly concerned by the dependence of its wholesale business on structurally challenged department store chains. On the buy side, we bought a new holding in Elektron Technology who have a market leading global position in hermetically sealed components for extreme environments, together with a nascent businesses in ophthalmic products and real time operations management. We also started a holding in Nanoco, which has started to achieve real traction with its novel quantum dot technology and recently signed a significant supply deal with a leading global consumer electronics group.

On the macro front, the outlook continues to change with the recent strength of Sterling reversing as weaker domestic data, coupled with increased tension over BREXIT negotiations, undermined the expectation of an interest rate rise. Globally, the question is whether ongoing GDP growth can be sustained or whether it will be upset by a trade war. The Fund's current bias remains towards structural growth, overseas earners and consumer defensives will hopefully continue to offer resilience in this environment.

#### **Cumulative Performance**

|                         | YTD   | 1 m     | 3 m     | 6 m   | 1 yr  | 3 yrs | Since<br>Launch |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Fund (%)                | 2.98  | 3.63    | -0.23   | 7.11  | 20.03 | 89.95 | 116.52          |
| Sector Rank             | 9/256 | 252/258 | 201/257 | 4/256 | 1/253 | 1/239 | 1/235           |
| Quartile Ranking        | 1st   | 4th     | 4th     | 1st   | 1st   | ıst   | 1st             |
| IA UK All Companies (%) | -0.12 | 6.18    | 0.73    | 1.62  | 7.06  | 22.61 | 42.09           |

Source: Lipper, NAV to NAV, B Shares Acc, Total Return to 30.04.2018

#### **Discrete Annual Performance**

|                         | 30.04.17<br>30.04.18 | 30.04.16<br>30.04.17 | 30.04.15<br>30.04.16 | 30.04.14<br>30.04.15 | 30.04.13<br>30.04.14 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fund (%)                | 20.03                | 33.47                | 18.56                | -                    | -                    |
| IA UK All Companies (%) | 7.06                 | 18.64                | -3.51                | -                    | -                    |

Source: Lipper, NAV to NAV, B Shares Acc, Total Return to 30.04.2018

<sup>\*</sup>The historic yield reflects distributions over the past 12 months as a percentage of the bid price of the B share class as at the date shown. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.



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Maitland Institutional Services Limited

**Investment Advisor** 

Chelverton Asset Management Ltd

Administrator

Maitland Institutional Services Limited

Income PaidAnnuallyXD Dates31 DecemberValuation12 Noon

Codes (B Shares)

Income Accumulation
Sedol BP85595 BP855B7
ISIN GB00BP855954 GB00BP855B75

**Annual Management Fee (%)** 

B Shares 0.75

**Minimum Investment** 

B Shares £1,000

Ongoing Charge (%)

B Shares 1.00

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### MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth Fund

#### **Top 20 Holdings**

| Но  | lding                      | Sector           | % of Portfolio |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Strix                      | Industrials      | 1.9            |
| 2.  | Liontrust Asset Management | Financials       | 1.8            |
| 3.  | Polypipe Group             | Construction     | 1.7            |
| 4.  | Quixant                    | Technology       | 1.7            |
| 5.  | Brooks MacDonald           | Financials       | 1.7            |
| 6.  | Coats Group                | Industrials      | 1.6            |
| 7.  | Tyman                      | Construction     | 1.6            |
| 8.  | Equiniti Group             | Support Services | 1.6            |
| 9.  | Castleton Technology       | Technology       | 1.6            |
| 10. | Synthomer                  | Industrials      | 1.5            |
| 11. | Alliance Pharma            | Healthcare       | 1.5            |
| 12. | TT Electronics             | Industrials      | 1.5            |
| 13. | Eco Animal Health Group    | Healthcare       | 1.5            |
| 14. | Dairy Crest Group          | Consumer         | 1.4            |
| 15. | Renew Holdings             | Support Services | 1.4            |
| 16. | dotDigital                 | Technology       | 1.4            |
| 17. | Bodycote                   | Industrials      | 1.4            |
| 18. | JTC                        | Financials       | 1.4            |
| 19. | IMI                        | Industrials      | 1.4            |
| 20. | Volution Group             | Construction     | 1.4            |

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited

#### Sector Breakdown

#### **Market Cap Breakdown**

|                  | % of Portfolio | % of Portfolio  |       | No. of Stocks |  |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|---------------|--|
| Technology       | 22.9           | Above £1bn 16.2 |       | 13            |  |
| Industrials      | 22.6           | £500m - £1bn    | 14.4  | 15            |  |
| Consumer         | 12.2           | £250m - £500m   | 29.1  | 24            |  |
| Financials       | 11.1           | £100m - £250m   | 22.5  | 23            |  |
| Healthcare       | 7.2            | Below £100m     | 11.8  | 20            |  |
| Support Services | 6.7            | Cash and Income | 6.0   | N/A           |  |
| Construction     | 5.9            | Total           | 100.0 | 95            |  |
| Media            | 4.4            |                 |       |               |  |
| Resources        | 1.0            |                 |       |               |  |
| Cash             | 6.0            |                 |       |               |  |

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited

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