# **CFP** Castlefield Sustainable **European Fund**

FACTSHEET - 30 APRIL 2024

# **INVESTMENT AIM:**

To achieve capital growth over a period in excess of five years from a concentrated portfolio of equities listed within European countries, using the B.E.S.T proprietary responsible investment approach. To embed proper consideration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors as part of the investment selection process, to ensure that each investment is sustainable.

For more information about the fund's detailed investment objective and policy, please view the Key Investment Information Document available on the ConBrio website fund literature page.

## FUND INFORMATION

Fund Manager	James Buckley
Investment Association Sector	Europe (ex-UK)
Fund Size	£22.85m
Number of Holdings	30 - 50
Investment Advisor	Castlefield Investment Partners LLP
Launch Date	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Share Class	G Income
Ongoing Charge <sup>1</sup>	1.02%
ISIN	GB00BF4VR355
SEDOL	BF4VR35
Valuation Point	12 noon (Daily)

# **RATINGS<sup>2</sup>**







We offer values-based investing from the perspective of being a values-based manager. This includes active engagement with the companies in the fund on performance as well as on environmental, social and governance issues. That's why we're known as 'the thoughtful investor'.



High Conviction: Concentrated portfolio of identified best ideas within European equities.

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Fundamental Research: Identification of high quality companies with opportunity for growth at a reasonable price.

Integrated Responsible Investment Process: Consideration of nonfinancial ESG factors alongside traditional financial analysis within the selection of suitable investments.



Focus on Sustainable Businesses: All investments must pass our screening policy. A minimum of 70% of weighted holdings align with our positive investment themes.

#### Find out more about:

- Castlefield's proprietary responsible investment process known as 'B.E.S.T'.
- Castlefield's Sustainable Fund Range Screening Policy.
- Castlefield's engagement and stewardship activities.

### PERFORMANCE



B - CFP Castlefield Sustainable European G Income [32.34%] 30/04/2019 - 30/04/2024. Data from FE fundinfo 2024

# Cumulative Performance (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund	-2.07	4.28	18.78	3.48	-1.99	32.34
Sector	-1.39	5.12	17.40	9.31	18.02	48.37

#### Discrete Performance (%)

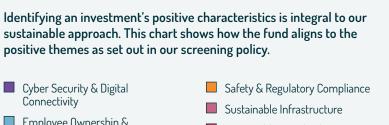
	2024 YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	4.17	5.68	-16.68	11.85	20.42	27.37
Sector	4.95	13.99	-9.02	15.76	10.28	20.33

Source: FE fundinfo.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. Performance is net of fees and charges.

# How We Evidence the Sustainability of This Fund

# **POSITIVE THEME ALLOCATION**

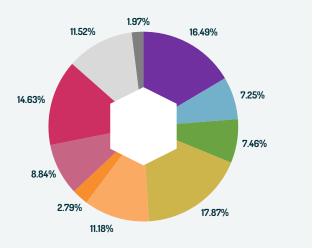




- Financial Resilience & Inclusion
- Health & Wellbeing
- Resource Efficiency



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Source: Castlefield

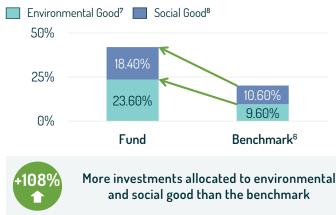
# **BETTER CARBON EFFICIENCY**

#### **Emissions per \$1M revenue**



# **MORE SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL GOOD**

#### Percentage of funds allocated to environmental and social good



# LOWER EXECUTIVE PAY

#### Comparing executive pay to employee pay



# LESS SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

#### Percentage of funds that create environmental and social harm



Source: Impact Cubed.<sup>11</sup> Analysis carried out on 14/02/2024 using Castlefield equity fund data from 30/09/2023 and external fund data from 30/06/2023. Our rationale for selecting these sustainability metrics is as follows:

Carbon efficiency and executive pay metrics: we make specific commitments on these topics in our voting guidelines.

Social and environmental harm: to show the outcome of our screening policy

Social and environmental good: to show the outcome of selecting assets to align with our positive themes

## FUND COMPOSITION

Top Ten Holdings (%)	
ASML HOLDING	7.16
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SA	6.12
UNICREDIT	5.55
CAIRN HOMES PLC ORD EURO.	4.88
ALLIANZ SE NPV(REGD)(VINK	4.81
SANOFI SA	4.65
PARTNERS GROUP	4.50
SAP SE	4.48
CAPGEMINI EUR8	4.46
VESTAS WIND SYSTEM A/S	3.96

#### Sector Allocation (%)

Industrials	17.93
Healthcare Equipment	11.60
Consumer Goods	14.47
Financials	22.89
Technology	20.97
Food Producers	3.41
Chemicals	3.42
Consumer Services	3.34
Cash	1.97

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Authorised Corporate Director	ConBrio Fund Partners Limited
Depositary	NatWest Trustee & Depositary Services
Fund Administrator	The Northern Trust Company
Shareholder Services	SS&C Financial Services Europe
Bloomberg Code	CFPEURO:LN
CITI Code	0A17
ISA Eligible	Yes
Minimum Investment	£500.00
Initial Fee	£0.00

# **INVESTMENT TEAM**

#### Lead Manager



James Buckley Investment Manager MSc, MBA

I'm James Buckley, a member of Castlefield's Investment Management team and the lead manager of the CFP Castlefield Sustainable European Fund. I joined Castlefield in September 2023 from Cantor Fitzgerald Ireland, where I was Head of Equity Research. Before this, I ran Baring's large-company European equity fund for more than fourteen years. I hold an MBA from Cambridge University, plus I hold the CFA Certificate in ESG Investing.

#### Other Investment Team Managers



Investment Manager Chartered FCSI, Chartered Wealth Manager

**Callum Wells** 



#### David Elton Partner

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# **HOW TO INVEST**

Details of how to invest, application forms and other supporting documents are available from the ConBrio website <u>here</u>.

#### **Platform Availability**

Abrdn – Elevate, Abrdn – Wrap, Aegon Platform, Aegon Retirement Choices, AJ Bell, Aviva Wrap, Hargreaves Lansdown, Interactive Investor, Pershing Nexus, Quilter, Raymond James, Transact, Wealthtime

#### ENDNOTES

- 1. The Ongoing Charge Figure ('OCF') has been calculated as of 30/04/2024.
- 2. MCSI Ratings: MSCI ESG Research LLC's (""MSCI ESG"") Fund metrics products (the ""Information"") provide environmental, social and governance data with respect to underlying securities within more than 23,000 multi-asset class Mutual Funds and ETFs globally. MSCI ESG is a Registered Investment Adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. MSCI ESG materials have not been submitted to, nor received approval from, the US SEC or any other regulatory body. None of the Information constitutes an offer to buy or sell, or a promotion or recommendation of, any security, financial instrument or product or trading strategy, nor should it be taken as an indication or guarantee of any future performance, analysis, forecast or prediction. None of the Information can be used to determine which securities to buy or sell or when to buy or sell them. The Information is provided ""as is"" and the user of the Information assumes the entire risk of any use it may make or permit to be made of the Information.
- **3.** Comparator Benchmark.
- 'Unclassified' holdings satisfy our negative screening but the percentage of assets managed in ESG or sustainability strategies is relatively low i.e. hotels, professional services consultancies.
- 5. Scope 1 emissions: Emissions generated directly by the company, e.g. emissions from boilers or vehicle fleet. Scope 2 emissions: Indirect emissions, eg. from purchased electricity that the company uses. Scope 3 Emissions: Indirect emissions from sources not owned or controlled by the emitter, but which are attributable to the emitter. For example emissions from the supply chain or from employee commuting.

Scope 1 and 2 figures are provided by an independent third party, Impact Cubed, and comprise of estimated and actual data.

At present we only publish Scope 1 and Scope 2 data on our carbon footprint. This is due to the high levels of estimated data that companies use to calculate their scope 3 data. We rely on a third-party provider to estimate the Scope 3 data for our fund and have found that the data varies considerably from year to year and from provider to provider. As such, we have taken the decision to publish only Scope 1 and Scope 2 figures, as the data set is much more reliable and consistent and because companies have a longer track record in accurately monitoring and reporting on this data.

6. Benchmark used by Impact Cubed for the impact analysis: Developed Markets Europe ex UK - Morningstar

More information on the benchmarks used is available on request.

- 7. Examples of environmental good: renewable energy, waste and environmental management, public transportation services.
- 8. Examples of social good: telecoms, educational services, healthcare.
- **9. Examples of environmental harm:** oil and gas exploration, plastic production, coal mining.
- 10. Examples of social harm: tobacco, gambling and casino.
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All data as at 30/04/2024 unless otherwise stated.

With effect from 1 July 2022, the name of the Fund and share class was changed from the CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund – General Income Shares to the CFP Castlefield Sustainable European Fund – G Income Shares

### **RISK WARNINGS**

The CFP Castlefield Sustainable European Fund invests in assets denominated in currencies other than GBP, subsequently investors are exposed to **currency risk**, with fluctuations in exchange rates that may affect the value of investments.

Shares in all Funds should generally be regarded as long term investments. For more information regarding the risks associated with investing in a fund please see the Prospectus.