# NOVEMBER 2022

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

at last valuation point in November 2022 unless otherwise stated

# MANAGER COMMENTARY

November was a strong month for global equity markets similar to that witnessed in July. As has been the case for all of 2022 the backdrop remains extremely challenging with elevated inflation, rising interest rates, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's zero Covid policy combined with their approach towards Taiwan all having an impact. Taking all this into account there are reasons for cautious optimism. Whilst markets loathe uncertainty there are tentative signs that the backdrop has stabilised and could be improving. Inflation and interest rate expectations have begun to ease back, as supply chain disruption has started to ease. It is interesting to note that several commodity prices have fallen substantially over the last few months. Brent Crude is back to where it started the year, copper, aluminium, and zinc are all down over 10% year-to-date. Freight rates are broadly back to pre-Covid levels and with trade likely to fall in 2023 these could fall even further. The outlook is complex with the major global economies likely to slow in 2023 but crucially employment is quite robust, and this is key to how economies perform over the medium term. From a corporate earnings perspective we are continuing to see pressure exerted via the economic backdrop but taken in aggregate, our companies have been reporting reasonably robust performances relative to expectations. It is worth noting that the market is not unaware of the difficult times ahead but as the famous adage goes, 'you make your money in a bear market, you just don't realise it at the time.'

Company News continued overleaf

#### **COMPANY NEWS**

discoverIE - manufacturer and distributor of electronic components into industrial applications such as wind turbines and medical equipment - announced strong interim results. We think the business has a lot of momentum that is starting to have a real financial impact but critically has much further to go. Revenue was up 23%, profit 37%, EPS 37%, and the dividend by 6%. The order book at £257m is at record levels, ROCE is at 15% whilst the margin nudged higher to almost 12% with a medium-term target of 13.5%. The management team are very sensible and very experienced and have pivoted the business over the last few years from distribution to design and manufacture. Subsequently this has resulted in a growing margin profile that is sustainable, and we think has further to run. The new Chairman is Bruce Thompson who spent 20 years building Diploma - a fund holding - and will bring energy and valuable experience to the business. Whilst we are cognizant of the wider economic backdrop, discoverIE has all the characteristics to become much more valuable in the years ahead. This will be achieved via a combination of organic growth and M&A. Gearing at 0.8x is well below the targeted range of 1.5-2x and the M&A hopper is healthy whilst vendor valuation expectations are now much more realistic. The shares are not being given away from a price perspective but when you consider the last 5-years of operating and financial performance and reflect how much bigger the business could become we think this is a very strong business for long-term minded investors.

35% FUND - Benchmark 25% 15% 0% -15% -25% -35% 5/18 9/18 1/19 5/19 9/19 1/20 5/20 9/20 1/21 5/21 9/21 1/22 5/22 9/22 11/22

# **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**

	YTD	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	1 YR	3YR	LAUNCH
FUND	-20.65	1.92	-1.38	-17.83	1.61	11.50
Benchmark	3.32	4.45	0.98	7.94	12.19	14.71
IA Sector	-7.99	3.12	-2.21	-3.87	5.22	7.35
Rank in sector	220/254	186/255	131/255	221/253	161/244	95/237
Quartile	4	3	3	4	3	2

Total Return, Bid to Bid, Tax UK Net, Sterling Terms. Source: T. Bailey Fund Services Limited/Financial Express Analytics. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of your investment and the income derived from it can go down as well as up and you may not get back the money you invested.



# **INVESTOR PROFILE**

#### The fund may appeal to investors who:

- Plan to hold their investment for the long-term
- Are prepared to accept the risks associated with the volatile nature of equity related investments
- Want total return through a blend of capital and income growth

# **KEY DETAILS**

Acc single price	111.50
Inc single price	101.76
Benchmark	CBOE UK All Companies
IA Sector	UK All Companies
Launch Date	14 May 2018
Holdings	35
Prospective yield	2.2%
Div ex dates	1/5 & 1/11
Div pay dates	30/6 & 31/12
Fund Value	£10.5 million

%

### TOP 15 HOLDINGS

DIPLOMA	5.7%
ASHTEAD	5.0%
RELX	4.9%
UNILEVER	4.6%
DIAGEO	4.5%
LVMH	3.6%
MICROSOFT	3.4%
EXPERIAN	3.3%
DISCOVERIE	3.3%
RECKITT BENCKISER	3.1%
ALPHABET	3.1%
CONVATEC	3.0%
JD SPORTS	2.9%
CRODA	2.9%
DECHRA PHARMACEUTICALS	2.8%
TOTAL	56.1%

### GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN %



# PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (%)

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We initiated a new position in Compass Group - global contract caterer to the following segments: business & industry, healthcare, education, defence and offshore. Recent prelims indicate that Compass should continue to benefit from the structural shift as more organisations procure outsourced catering services. Companies are considering outsourced contract catering as it allows them to focus on making their workplace as attractive as possible to retain and attract talent by allowing them to focus on their core operations and let Compass deal with the complexity of food safety, labour scarcity, ESG and buying. Revenue was up 37% at 116% of 2019 pre Covid levels, whilst EPS and free cash generation were both up 36%. The balance sheet is strong with net debt to EBITDA at 1.3x within the targeted range of 1-1.5x. They have completed £500m of the FY22 share buy back and announced a further £250m buy back. New business wins were up 20% whilst client retention is robust at almost 96%. Their current client roster includes the likes of Coca-Cola, Bloomberg, HSBC, Shell, Google, Microsoft, Boeing, Nike, American Express and Nike. We think their competitive advantage is growing and they will continue to take market share boosted by the total addressable market which is c.£220bn v their current annual sales of c.£27bn. Compass has all the ingredients to grow revenue and profit in the years ahead.



#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Fund aims to achieve capital and income growth, and to provide a return (after fees, charges and other expenses payable out of the Fund) in excess of that of the CBOE UK All Companies Total Return Index over the long-term.

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Charge Figure (OCF) - taken

#### **FUND FEATURES**

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**Currency Price** 

- Emphasis on total return (TR) via blend of capital and dividend growth
- Focus on quality companies with high returns on capital and strong cash flows

'buy and manage' approach

101.76p £1000

High conviction, low turnover –

Minimum

- C 30 40 holdings
- Investing across the market cap universe

ISIN

- Preservation of capital is paramount over the business cycle
- Predominantly UK and up to 20% Overseas from a listing perspective

SEDOL

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#### MICHAEL FOSTER Lead Portfolio Manager

Michael launched the Ocean Equity Fund in May 2018. He has a degree in History of Art from the University of East Anglia and holds the Investment

Management Certificate. He has managed private investments for the last 7 years.



#### JAMES HARRISON Co-manager

James joined the Ocean Equity Fund at launch in May 2018. He is a Chartered Fellow of the Securities Institute and is Chief Executive Officer of Fiske

plc. He has over 22 years of industry experience.



JULIAN DIEPPE Co-manager

Julian joined the Ocean Equity Fund at launch in May 2018. He is a Member of the Securities Institute and is an Investment Manager at Fiske plc. He

has over 10 years of industry experience.

#### **HOW TO INVEST**

Ocean Equity is available as an OEIC and is also suitable to include in stocks and shares ISAs and SIPPs.

You can buy shares in the fund by visiting: tbaileyfs.co.uk/funds/ocean-investment-funds

Or by telephoning the Ocean Equity Investor Dealing Line: 0115 988 8288 (open business days between 9am and 5pm)

#### Or via the following platforms:

• Aviva	Pershing	
Allfunds	Raymond James	
Barclays	Transact	
Hargreaves Lansdown	Winterflood	
interactive investor	Aegon	
Seven Investment Management (7IM)		

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† Please note the 1.06% OCF includes the AMC | Entry and Exit charges 0%

Annual

Management

Investment Charge (AMC) from capital

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