

For the year ended 31 December 2020





Profile of the Fund

Investment objective and policy

The aim of Fundsmith Equity Fund ("the Fund") is to achieve long term growth in value.

The Fund will invest in equities on a global basis. The Fund's approach is to be a long-term investor in its chosen stocks. It will not adopt short-term trading strategies.

The Fund has stringent investment criteria which the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) and any appointed investment manager adhere to in selecting securities for the Fund's investment portfolio. These criteria aim to ensure that the Fund invests in businesses:

- that can sustain a high return on operating capital employed;
- whose advantages are difficult to replicate;
- which do not require significant leverage to generate returns;
- with a high degree of certainty of growth from reinvestment of their cash flows at high rates of return;
- that are resilient to change, particularly technological innovation; and
- whose valuation is considered by the Fund to be attractive.

Risk profile

The Fund has no exposure to derivatives and no borrowings. Further, the investments are all in large publicly quoted companies where there is significant liquidity in the stock. The principal risk factor is the market price of the securities held by the Fund which is kept under review in the light of the Fund's objectives.

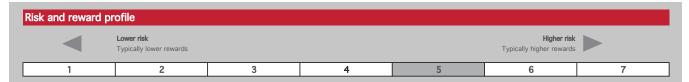
Currency risk: The Fund's portfolio is a global share portfolio and many of the investments are not denominated in Sterling. There is no currency hedging in place and the price may therefore rise or fall purely on account of exchange rate movements.

Concentration risk: The investment criteria adopted by the Fund significantly limits the number of potential investments. The Fund generally holds 20 to 30 stocks and so it is more concentrated than many other funds. This means that the performance of a single stock within the portfolio has a greater effect on the price of the shares of the Fund.

Operational risk: Failures or delays in operational processes may negatively affect the Fund. There is a risk that any company responsible for the safekeeping of the assets of the fund may fail to do so properly or may become insolvent, which could cause loss to the Fund.

Risk warning

Any stock market investment involves risk. These risk factors are contained in the full Prospectus. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.



The risk category reflects the significance of the Fund's share price fluctuations based on historical data. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The risk category of the Fund is not guaranteed and may change over time. Further, the lowest category of risk does not mean risk free.

Generally, the higher the risk category, the greater the potential for higher returns but also the higher the risk of losing money. The Fund is in Category 5 reflecting the risks inherent in the Fund's investment portfolio, including that of capital losses. The underlying investments are, however, in large companies with shares that are highly liquid.

There are a number of other risks that are not covered by the indicator above. A full description is contained in the prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors". The most material are currency risk and concentration risk which are explained above.

Performance Record

As at 31 December 2020

	Share	Class T - Acci	umulation	Share Class T – Income			
Change in net assets per share	31.12.20 31.12.19 31.12.18			31.12.20	31.12.18		
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	
Opening net asset value per share	464.49	371.46	360.93	426.07	342.82	335.10	
Return before operating charges	92.43	97.68	14.51	84.66	90.11	13.53	
Operating charges	(5.26)	(4.65)	(3.98)	(4.82)	(4.27)	(3.69)	
Return after operating charges	87.17	93.03	10.53	79.84	85.84	9.84	
Distributions	(1.78)	(2.81)	(2.28)	(1.63)	(2.59)	(2.12)	
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.78	2.81	2.28	-	-	_	
Closing net asset value per share	551.66	464.49	371.46	504.28	426.07	342.82	
After direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.06	0.16	0.12	0.06	0.15	
Performance							
Return after operating charges	18.77%	25.04%	2.92%	18.74%	25.04%	2.94%	
Other information	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Closing net asset value	3,565,093,281	3,092,139,869	2,303,460,161	270,883,618	233,484,538	178,131,608	
Closing number of shares	646,250,706	665,708,093	620,116,294	53,716,790	54,799,379	51,960,169	
Ongoing charge figure*	1.06%	1.05%	1.05%	1.06%	1.05%	1.05%	
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%	
Prices	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	
Highest share price	559.05	487.25	412.58	511.48	447.54	381.27	
Lowest share price	391.87	364.87	338.79	359.47	336.75	314.55	
	Share	Class R - Accu	ımulation	Share Class R - Income			
Change in net assets per share	31.12.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	
Opening net asset value per share	443.67	356.61	348.24	423.43	341.21	333.98	
Return before operating charges	88.02	93.63	14.03	83.97	89.57	13.44	
Operating charges	(7.39)	(6.57)	(5.66)	(7.05)	(6.28)	(5.38)	
Return after operating charges	80.63	87.06	8.37	76.92	83.29	(5.38) 8.06	
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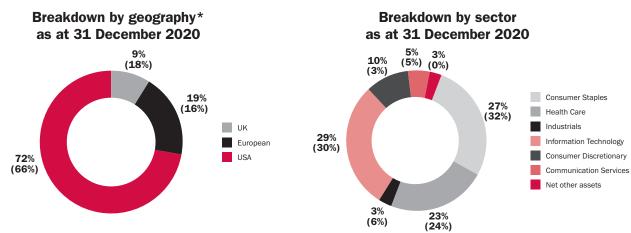
As at 31 December 2020

	Sha	are Class I – Acc	umulation Net	Share Class I – Income Net			
Change in net assets per share	31.12.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	
Opening net asset value per share	468.75	374.49	363.51	426.14	342.87	335.15	
Return before operating charges	90.48	98.50	14.61	91.10	90.07	13.53	
Operating charges	(1.96)	(4.24)	(3.63)	(10.77)	(3.82)	(3.34)	
Return after operating charges	88.52	94.26	10.98	80.33	86.25	10.19	
Distributions	(2.30)	(3.28)	(2.68)	(2.09)	(2.98)	(2.47)	
Retained distributions on							
accumulation shares	2.30	3.28	2.68	_	_	_	
Closing net asset value per share	557.27	468.75	374.49	504.38	426.14	342.87	
After direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.06	0.16	0.12	0.05	0.15	
Performance							
Return after operating charges	18.88%	25.17%	3.02%	18.85%	25.16%	3.04%	
Other information	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Closing net asset value	13,346,652,955	10,695,659,299	7,750,488,126	5,608,167,634	4,433,567,455	5,347,487,079	
Closing number of shares	2,394,992,157	2,281,756,847	2,069,631,156	1,111,892,454	1,040,390,315	1,559,619,238	
Ongoing charge figure*	0.96%	0.95%	0.95%	0.96%	0.95%	0.95%	
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%	
Prices	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	
Highest share price	564.72	491.51	415.80	511.82	447.65	381.40	
Lowest share price	395.55	367.85	341.30	359.61	336.80	314.67	

^{*}The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund.

The prices in the above table are different from the published dealing prices that were available for investors on the 31 December. This is to comply with accounting rules that require us to publish the net asset value in this report based on close of day prices. The dealing prices were used in the investment manager's review and the factsheet as the fund could only be bought or sold at those prices.

Information on the fund



The figures in brackets show comparative figures at 31 December 2019.

Summary of significant changes

For the year 1 January 2020 to 31 Decem	ber 2020	For the year 1 January 2019 to 31 Dece	ember 2019
Largest purchases	Cost (£)	Largest purchases	Cost (£)
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	701,992,055	McCormick	440,030,173
Starbucks	414,688,371	Brown-Forman	396,237,298
Nike	375,766,177	Philip Morris International	203,371,654
Church & Dwight	251,273,612	Clorox	120,490,089
L'Oréal	176,584,876	L'Oréal	110,553,655
Total	1,920,305,091	Total	1,270,682,869
Total purchases for the year	2,762,135,078	Total purchases for the year	1,998,529,680
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)	Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Reckitt Benckiser	797,112,450	3M	391,740,166
Intertek	378,327,913	Colgate-Palmolive	74,387,143
Clorox	261,644,252	PayPal	20,004,934
PayPal	235,340,311	-	-
Waters	149,858,250	-	-
Total	1,822,283,176	Total	486,132,243
Total sales for the year	2,542,628,787	Total sales for the year	486,132,243

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\star}}$ Breakdown by geography is by country listing and not reflective of breakdown by operations.

Investment Manager's review

This report reproduces in part, as you will be used to by now, the Annual letter that was sent out in mid-January. The full version of the Annual letter is available on our website.

The table below shows performance figures for the last calendar year and the cumulative and annualised performance since inception on 1st November 2010 and various comparators.

	Total Return	Inception t	o 31.12.20	Sharpe	Sortino	
	1.1.20 to 31.12.20	Cumulative	Annualised	ratio⁵	ratio⁵	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Fundsmith Equity Fund ¹	+18.3	+449.3	+18.2	1.11	1.06Ë	
Equities ²	+12.3	+214.8	+11.9	0.56	0.52	
UK Bonds ³	+4.6	+47.5	+3.9	n/a	n/a	
Cash ⁴	+0.3	+6.3	+0.6	n/a	n/a	

 $^{{}^1\!}T$ Class Acc shares, net of fees, priced at noon UK time, source: Fundsmith LLP

The table shows the performance of the T Class Accumulation shares, the most commonly held share class and one in which I am invested, which rose by +18.3% in 2020 and compares with a rise of +12.3% for the MSCI World Index in sterling with dividends reinvested. The Fund therefore beat this comparator in 2020, and our Fund is the second best performer since its inception in the Investment Association Global sector with a return 283 percentage points above the sector average which has delivered just +166.6% over the same timeframe. The annual return of 18.3% is almost exactly in line with our ten year average.

However, I realise that many or indeed most of our investors do not use these as the natural comparator for their investments. Those of you who are based in the UK may look to the FTSE 100 Index ('FTSE 100') as the yardstick for measuring your investments and may hold funds which are benchmarked to this index and often hug it. The FTSE 100 delivered a total return of -11.5% in 2020 so our Fund outperformed this by a margin of 29.8 percentage points.

For the year the top five contributors to the Fund's performance were:

PayPal	+5.1%
IDEXX	+3.1%
Microsoft	+2.8%
Intuit	+1.5%
Facebook	+1.4%

Microsoft makes its sixth appearance whilst PayPal is putting in an appearance for the fourth year running. IDEXX is making its third appearance. Someone once said that no one ever got poor by taking profits. This may be true but I doubt they got very rich by this approach either. We are not the sort of people who ever declare victory – we invest with a strong sense of paranoia – but it continues to be pleasing to note the contribution of Facebook which was certainly our most controversial stock purchase and led to more questions (and demands for its sale) from some of our investors than any other company. We had similar views expressed to us when we purchased Microsoft. You rarely get to purchase high quality businesses at cheap prices unless there is a 'glitch' which provides an opportunity to do so.

 $^{^2}$ MSCI World Index, £ net, priced at US market close, source: Bloomberg

³Bloomberg/Barclays Bond Indices UK Gov. 5-10 yr., source: Bloomberg

⁴3 Month £ LIBOR Interest Rate, source: Bloomberg

⁵Sharpe & Sortino ratios are since inception on 1.11.10 to 31.12.20, source: Financial Express Analytics

Investment Manager's review (continued)

The bottom five were:

-1.1%
-0.6%
-0.6%
-0.4%
-0.2%

We hardly need to discuss the reasons for the poor performance of Amadeus and InterContinental Hotels. Airline and travel reservations and hotel management have not been happy places to be in the past year, although it is worth noting nowhere near as bad as investing in actual airlines or hotels. In both cases whilst they face a difficult situation, we are pleased that management has spent its time and effort managing liquidity and costs in an effort to ensure that they survive these events rather than pointlessly speculating about the likely timescale and course of recovery. In both cases we believe that they should not only survive but also strengthen their competitive position.

Sage's share price remains in the doldrums as we wait to see whether the new management team can make the product fit for purpose in the age of the cloud and subscription software and compete effectively with those who can.

We sold our stakes in Clorox and Reckitt Benckiser and purchased stakes in Nike and Starbucks during the year. Clorox and Reckitt Benckiser traded strongly due to the rush to purchase increased quantities of household cleaning products, personal cleaning products and OTC medicines. We felt that in both cases the ratings achieved did not reflect the pedestrian nature of these businesses in more normal circumstances or the issues they face which may

come back into focus if or when the COVID related boost fades. Moreover, at the same time as these two stocks were enjoying an unusually good performance, two other companies which we admire saw share price falls of over 40% at the height of the panic over COVID – Nike and Starbucks. They are probably familiar to you as the world's leading sneaker and sporting apparel supplier and the leading coffee shop brand. Both are companies with high returns on capital and good growth rates — two characteristics which we seek.

After the COVID lockdowns we also purchased a stake in LVMH –the world's leading designer and luxury goods business. Although we had some exposure to luxury goods through our cosmetics and drinks companies, we had no exposure to designer apparel and jewellery which LVMH brings.

We continue to apply a simple three step investment strategy:

- Buy good companies
- Don't overpay
- Do nothing

I will review how we are doing against each of those in turn.

As usual we seek to give some insight into the first and most important of these– whether we own good companies — by giving you the following table which shows what Fundsmith would be like if instead of being a fund it was a company and accounted for the stakes which it owns in the portfolio on a 'look through' basis, and compares this with the market, in this case the FTSE 100 and the S&P 500 Index ('S&P 500'). This shows you how the portfolio compares with the major indices and how it has evolved over time.

	Fundsmith Equity Fund Portfolio							S&P 500	FTSE 100	
Year ended	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2020
ROCE	31%	29%	26%	27%	28%	29%	29%	25%	11%	10%
Gross margin	63%	60%	61%	62%	63%	65%	66%	65%	44%	39%
Operating margin	24%	25%	25%	26%	26%	28%	27%	23%	12%	9%
Cash conversion	108%	102%	98%	99%	102%	95%	97%	101%	94%	95%
Interest cover	16x	15x	16x	17x	17x	17x	16x	16x	6x	6x

Source: Fundsmith LLP/Bloomberg.

ROCE, Gross Margin, Operating Profit Margin and Cash Conversion are the weighted mean of the underlying companies invested in by the Fundsmith Equity Fund and mean for the FTSE 100 and S&P 500 Indices. The FTSE 100 and S&P 500 numbers exclude financial stocks. Interest Cover is median. 2013-2019 ratios are based on last reported fiscal year accounts as at 31st December and for 2020 are Trailing Twelve Months and as defined by Bloomberg. Cash Conversion compares Free Cash Flow per Share with Net Income per Share. Percentage change is not calculated if the TTM period contains a net loss.

Investment Manager's review (continued)

Returns on capital and profit margins were lower in the portfolio companies in 2020. This is hardly surprising in light of events in the economy, but the scale of the falls were hardly disastrous. When people have said to us, 'You invest in non-cyclical businesses' I always reply that I have never found one. It is the degree of cyclicality in our portfolio which we seek to control through our stock selection. As a group our stocks still have excellent returns, profit margins and cash generation even in poor economic conditions. As you can see the same cannot be said for the major indices even though they have the benefit of including our good companies.

The average year of foundation of our portfolio companies at the year-end was 1922. They are just under a century old collectively.

Consistently high returns on capital are one sign we look for when seeking companies to invest in. Another is a source of growth — high returns are not much use if the business is not able to grow and deploy more capital at these high rates. So how did our companies fare in that respect in 2020? The weighted average free cash flow (the cash the companies generate after paying for everything except the dividend, and our preferred measure) grew by 8% in 2020.

This leads onto the question of valuation. The weighted average free cash flow ('FCF') yield (the free cash flow generated by the companies divided by their market value) of the portfolio at the outset of the year was 3.4% and ended it at 2.8%, so they became more highly rated as growth in the share prices has significantly outperformed growth of the free cash flows. Whilst this is a good thing from the viewpoint of the performance of their shares and the Fund, it makes us nervous as changes in valuation are finite and reversible, although it is hard to see the most likely source of such a reversal – a rise in interest rates – in the near future.

The year-end median FCF yield on the S&P 500 was 3.7%. The year-end median FCF yield on the FTSE 100 was 4.2%. More of our stocks are in the former index than the latter and I will not repeat the explanation which I gave in my 2017 annual letter on why I think the FTSE 100 is not an appropriate benchmark or investment proxy for our investors to use. Moreover, the valuation disparity with the FTSE 100 has been widened by the portfolio's 30% outperformance of the FTSE 100 during the year. It's hard to outperform by such a wide margin without becoming relatively

more highly valued unless the portfolio's cash flows have grown at a similar differential rate. What the market seems to be rewarding is consistency of performance which has been emphasised by economic conditions in 2020.

Our portfolio consists of companies that are fundamentally a lot better than the average of those in either index and are valued much more highly than the average FTSE 100 company and higher than the average S&P 500 company. It is wise to bear in mind that despite the rather sloppy shorthand used by many commentators, highly rated does not equate to expensive any more than lowly rated equates to cheap.

Turning to the third leg of our strategy, which we succinctly describe as 'Do nothing', minimising portfolio turnover remains one of our objectives and this was again achieved with a portfolio turnover of 4.1% during the period. It is perhaps more helpful to know that we spent a total of just 0.03% (3 basis points) of the Fund's average value over the year on voluntary dealing (which excludes dealing costs associated with fund subscriptions and redemptions as these are involuntary). We have held nine of our portfolio companies since inception in 2010.

Why is this important? It helps to minimise costs and minimising the costs of investment is a vital contribution to achieving a satisfactory outcome as an investor. Too often investors, commentators and advisers focus on, or in some cases obsess about, the Annual Management Charge ('AMC') or the Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF'), which includes some costs over and above the AMC, which are charged to the Fund. The OCF for 2020 for the T Class Accumulation shares was 1.06%. The trouble is that the OCF does not include an important element of costs – the costs of dealing. When a fund manager deals by buying or selling, the fund typically incurs the cost of commission paid to a broker, the bid-offer spread on the stocks dealt in and, in some cases, transaction taxes such as stamp duty in the UK. This can add significantly to the costs of a fund, yet it is not included in the OCF.

We provide our own version of this total cost including dealing costs, which we have termed the Total Cost of Investment ('TCI'). For the T Class Accumulation shares in 2020 this amounted to a TCI of 1.09%, including all costs of dealing for flows into and out of the Fund, not just our voluntary dealing. We are pleased that our TCI is just 0.03% (3 basis points) above our OCF when

Investment Manager's review (continued)

transaction costs are taken into account. However, we would again caution against becoming obsessed with charges to such an extent that you lose focus on the performance of funds. It is worth pointing out that the performance of our Fund tabled at the beginning of this letter is after charging all fees which should surely be the main focus.

It is impossible for me to report on 2020 without mentioning COVID. I hope you agree that our portfolio performed well, both in terms of the share price performance and the fundamental performance of the companies, which is just as important.

It is also important to note that our operations were not impaired by the lockdowns and travel restrictions. Whilst the performance of the fund is important, it is also important that if you wish to contact us you can and are dealt with promptly and efficiently. You should be able to get any information you reasonably require which should be accurate and up to date. Perhaps most importantly, if you wish to deal – including redeeming your investment – we can execute for you. All of these vital functions continued seamlessly throughout the depths of the lockdowns. We have long been managing the dealing, operations, portfolio management and research across a number of widespread geographies, much to the amazement of some people who felt this could only be accomplished in a few London postcodes. So the need to Work From Home and an inability to travel were not major obstacles for us.

Imagine if you had been told this time last year that there would be a pandemic and that the measures taken to contain it would so affect the world economy that US GDP would fall by 9% in the second quarter of the year and the hospitality and travel sectors would be devastated by the measures as would large segments of traditional retail activity. Considering this would you have predicted that the MSCI World Index would deliver a return of 12.3%, slightly above its ten year average? Hopefully this illustrates the dangers of forecasting and market timing even when you know what major events will occur.

I will leave you with this thought: What are the similarities between a forecaster and a one-eyed javelin thrower? Answer: Neither is likely to be very accurate but they are typically good at keeping the attention of the audience.

Finally, may I wish you a happy New Year, a COVID free 2021 and thank you for your continued support for our Fund.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Smith CEO

Fundsmith LLP 1 March 2021

Remuneration disclosure

We are required to make this remuneration disclosure to the Funds' investors in accordance with the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) Directive as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU (UCITS V Directive).

During the year ending 31 March 2020, Fundsmith LLP ('Fundsmith') had 27 members of personnel in total, including employees and Partners. The total amount of remuneration paid to Fundsmith personnel during this period was £58,468,366. Out of this figure, the total amount of remuneration paid to the Partners of Fundsmith LLP was £48,483,057 whilst the total amount of remuneration paid to the employees of Fundsmith LLP was £9,985,309.

Of the £9,985,309 paid to Fundsmith employees, £7,315,835 was variable remuneration and £2,669,474 was fixed remuneration.

The partners of Fundsmith LLP are not paid a bonus. All of their remuneration is fixed as it is based on a fixed proportion of Fundsmith LLP's net profits.

Overall, therefore, of the £58,468,366 of total remuneration, £51,152,531 was fixed remuneration and £7,315,835 was variable remuneration.

The financial year of Fundsmith Equity Fund (FEF) runs from 1 January to 31 December, whereas the financial year of Fundsmith LLP runs from 1 April to 31 March. The above figures are taken from the financial report and accounts of Fundsmith LLP for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. These figures have been independently audited and filed with Companies House.

The rules require us to disclose both the amount of remuneration paid in total, and the amount paid to "Identified Staff" (broadly, senior management and/or risk takers). Fundsmith's only Identified Staff are the Partners. The Partners all fall within the category of "senior management"; two of the Partners also fall within the category of risk-takers and also one in the category of control staff. To avoid duplication all Partners' remuneration is disclosed within the category of senior management. The total remuneration therefore paid to senior management is £48,483,057.

The information above relates to Fundsmith LLP as a whole, and we have not broken it down by reference to FEF or the other funds that we manage. Nor have we shown the proportion of remuneration which relates to the income we earn from our management of FEF. We have not provided such a breakdown because this does not reflect the way we work or the way we are organised at Fundsmith. All of the Partners and most of our employees are involved in the management of FEF. We have not included information relating to remuneration paid by Fundsmith Investment Services Limited, to whom Fundsmith LLP delegates certain portfolio management activities.

Remuneration at Fundsmith LLP is deliberately straightforward. Our employees are paid a competitive salary. At the end of each financial year, our employees' performance is reviewed by the Partners in order to determine whether or not a bonus should be paid. All bonus decisions are agreed unanimously by the Partners.

The Partners are each paid a fixed proportion of Fundsmith LLP's net profits. We consider that this is the best way to ensure that our Partners' interests are completely aligned with our investors' interests over the long term. This alignment of interest is reinforced by the fact that Fundsmith Partners have invested a significant amount in FEF.

The Management Committee of Fundsmith LLP has reviewed the Remuneration Policy and considers that it meets all regulatory requirements and is satisfied that no irregularities occurred during the period.

Any investor who would like more information on how we adhere to the Principles of the Remuneration Code may request a summary of our Remuneration Policy.

Further information

Reports and accounts

Each year, we will publish on our website (www.fundsmith.co.uk) annual and semi-annual reports discussing investment activity during the period and providing management commentary.

UCITS IV

The Fund is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS IV") for the purpose of the Council Directives 2001/107/EC ("the Management Directive") and 2001/108/EC ("the Product Directive").

Prospectus

The Fund Prospectus, an important document describing Fundsmith Equity Fund Fund in detail, is available from the ACD, which is responsible for the management and administration of the Funds.

Also available are the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the Supplementary Information Documents (SID).

The ACD for Fundsmith Equity Fund is Fundsmith LLP located at 33 Cavendish Square, London W1G OPW All documents are available on the website.

Minimum investment

The company has three different types of share classes:

I shares, R shares and T shares.

The I share class has been used as the representative share class.

There are two types of share available in each class – Income shares or Accumulation shares.

The following table summarises the investment levels for I shares.

Minimum lump sum investment level £1,000
Minimum regular sum investment level £100
Minimum top-up investment amount £250
Minimum holding level £1,000

Publication of prices

The prices of Shares are published daily on the ACD's website at www.fundsmith.co.uk. the Daily Telegraph and in the Financial Times. Shareholders can also obtain the current price of their Shares by calling the ACD on 0330 123 1815.

Dealing Charges

There are no dealing charges on the purchase, sale or switching of shares.

Dilution Adjustment

The ACD may impose a dilution adjustment to the share price. The dilution adjustment aims to mitigate the costs to the Company of making investments (when additional cash is available following new investment into the Company) or selling investments in order to meet redemption requests.

Further information regarding the circumstances in which a dilution adjustment may be applied is set out in the full Prospectus.

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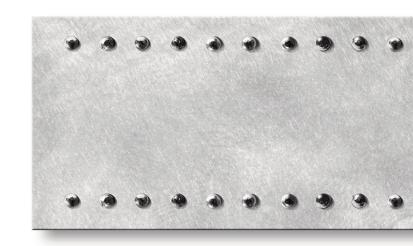
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