

# **IOHCM UK Growth Fund**

### Fund overview

- The Fund aims to generate long-term capital growth in excess of the FTSE All-Share Total Return Index through active management
- Fund managers Mark Costar and Vishal Bhatia seek to identify mispriced or undiscovered growth stocks with a perceived high margin of safety but significant upside potential
- A stock-picking fund that invests across the market cap range, albeit with a historic bias towards small-cap stocks
- SFDR classification: Article 8. Please click here for further details
- Benchmark: FTSE All-Share Total Return Index)
- The use of the Index does not limit the investment decisions of the fund manager therefore the shareholdings of the Fund may differ significantly from those of the Index
- Please see the Prospectus/KIID/KID for further information. Please ensure you read and understand these documents before making an investment and wherever possible obtain professional advice

#### Performance highlights ■ Fund - A GBP Return since launch (%) Benchmark 600 400 300 200 100 -100May 2003 May 2006 May 2012 May 2015 May 2009 May 2018 May 2021

#### Return history 1m 3m 10yr Annualised\* A GBP 4 83 22 38 22 41 12.83 52 56 72 17 492 99 8 20 **Benchmark** 1.67 9.58 14.42 24.99 37.29 77.02 300.85 6.34 Quartile\*\*

]	Discrete 12 month performance to end of May										
		05.24	05.23	05.22	05.21	05.20	05.19	05.18	05.17	05.16	05.15
	A GBP	22.41	-2.38	-5.57	52.08	-11.09	-9.85	8.89	23.65	-13.06	6.93

#### Past performance is no quarantee of future performance.

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NAV of Share Class A in GBP, net income reinvested, net of fees. The A GBP Class was launched on 7 May 2003. During the period 6 November 2001 to 7 May 2003 the performance record is based on the preexisting share class that had a higher management fee. Performance of other share classes may vary and is available on request.

\*Annualised since launch. \*\*Refers to the fund's ranking in a peer group of funds made up from all funds classified as UK All Companies by the Investment Association (IA) or Equity UK by Lipper Global. Funds included may be domiciled in the UK, Ireland, or Luxembourg.

### Share class: A GBP ISIN: IE0033009345

#### Fund details

Fund size GBP 197.12m Strategy size GBP 155.59m Launch date 6 November 2001 **Benchmark** FTSE All-Share TR

(12pm adjusted)

No. of holdings 53 **Domicile** Ireland Fund structure UCITS

Tax status UK reporting status

GRP Denominations

Valuation point 12pm Dublin time

**SFDR** Article 8

Total strategy assets updated quarterly and shown as at 31 March 2024.

# Fund managers



#### **Mark Costar** Senior Fund Manager

Mark has managed the Fund since launch. He joined JOHCM in 2001 and has 31 years of industry experience.



#### **Vishal Bhatia** Senior Fund Manager

Co-manager Vishal joined JOHCM in 2007 and has managed the Fund alongside Mark since 2011. He has 19 years of industry experience.

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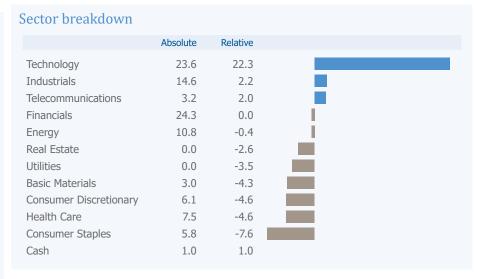


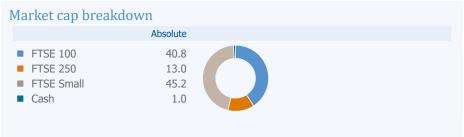


# Portfolio analysis (%)

#### Data as at 31 May 2024

Active positions	
Top 10	Relative
Funding Circle Holdings	4.5
Kooth	3.1
Rank	2.9
BT	2.8
Standard Chartered	2.8
PureTech Health	2.8
Gooch & Housego	2.8
Associated British Foods	2.7
NCC Group	2.5
accesso	2.3
Bottom 10	Relative
HSBC	-3.2
AstraZeneca	-3.2
Shell	-3.2
Unilever	-3.1
GSK	-2.9
GSK RELX	
	-2.7
RELX	-2.7 -2.5
RELX Rio Tinto	-2.9 -2.7 -2.5 -2.4

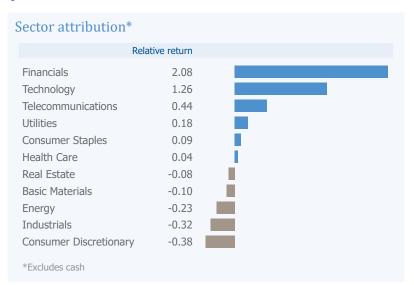




FTSE Small = FTSE Small Cap, FTSE Fledgling and FTSE AIM

# Attribution & contribution (%)

Stock attribution	
Top contributors	Relative return
Funding Circle Holdings BT Access Intelligence Standard Chartered Science in Sport	1.46 0.51 0.43 0.26 0.24
Top detractors	
CMO FairFX BP Associated British Foods Cambridge Cognition	-0.33 -0.27 -0.17 -0.16 -0.14



Please note that due to rounding breakdowns may not add to 100.00%. All Attribution figures are as at end of day and are calculated on a gross basis.

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# Fund manager's commentary

- The UK market continues to show positive signs with increased corporate activity and strong evidence of confidence, including significant capital raisings
- The fund had a robust month in May, driven by stock selection and better-than-expected corporate developments, with companies like Trufin, Pulsar, and Funding Circle exceeding market expectations
- BT's results met expectations, but the significant cashflow upgrade and increased confidence in the high-speed fibre rollout and next-generation network potential suggest the shares are still undervalued.

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portend a	a strong period of retur	ns ahead.		

May was another pleasingly robust month for the fund and was again driven almost entirely by stock selection. Similarly, as with prior recent periods, the other important aspect was this was primarily down to better-than-expected corporate developments rather than re-ratings or using up 'fuel in the tank'; in fact, it was arguably quite the opposite. Good examples of this were Trufin, where profits were ahead of market expectations; Pulsar, which is seeing higher than anticipated revenue traction; and Funding Circle, which had another strong month but was firmly underpinned by the announcement of high-impact efficiency initiatives and an encouraging update on US progress.

Further up the size curve, BT's results were in line with expectations, but very significantly, the increased confidence in the high-speed fibre rollout and next-generation network potential, which has been apparent in recent engagements with management but on which the market has been sceptical, was tangibly underpinned with a huge cashflow upgrade. Despite a punchy 17% move on the day, the shares are still dramatically under-reflecting the significance of his development and how it will cascade very powerfully down to the equity. Indeed, in an environment where, at the margin, they see less competition, not more, and with the impact of productivity enhancements still to flow through, the shares still trade on a monster free cash flow yield as the capex rolls off and the multi-year transformation starts to truly bear fruit. Our confidence has increased as a result and our position size has done likewise.

The month wasn't blemish-free, however with a tough (but expected) trading outlook at CMO seeming to panic one or two holders even though the valuation is ludicrous, the balance sheet is better than we thought, and the straws in the wind, suggesting conditions are on the up. In a similar slightly baffling way, Equals Group was a drag as extensions to consolidation talks seemed to sap a little confidence, despite two suitors being in tow and the strong growth being delivered as expected. Like so many assets at this size of market capitalisation, the upside remains hugely compelling, whether that is realised via a deal consummating or the strong organic prospects finally being recognised in the rating. We have bought more and await developments with keen interest.

Performance over 1 month	%
Fund - A GBP	4.83
Benchmark	1.67

#### **Statistics**

Annualised s	since launch
Active share* (%)	77.37
Fund volatility (%)	17.03
Benchmark volatility (%)	16.71
Alpha	2.32
R squared	0.84
Correlation	0.92
Tracking error (%)	6.84
Information ratio	0.27
Sharpe ratio	0.38

Data calculated weekly.

\*The proportion of stock holdings in a fund's composition is different from the composition found in its benchmark. The greater the difference between the composition of the fund and its benchmark, the greater the active share.

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	ISIN	SEDOL	Bloomberg	WKN	Initial charge	Annual charge	Ongoing charge	Minimum investment*
A GBP	IE0033009345	3300934	JHCMUKI ID	A0BKXR	Up to 5%	0.75%	0.83%	£1,000
B GBP Class	IE0031005543	3100554	JHCMUKG ID	A0BKXQ	Up to 5%	1.25%	1.33%	£1,000

Performance fee: A performance fee of 15% is payable on the excess if the NAV outperforms the Index Adjusted NAV (as defined in the Fund supplement) on an annual basis. The calculation is performed daily. Any underperformance is carried forward. Ongoing Charge is as at 31 May 2024.

Switzerland UK

<sup>\*</sup>Other currency equivalents apply.



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