## Vermeer Global Fund

June 2020



## Investment Objective

The aim of the fund is the generate long term capital growth. The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of global equities that have an attractive growth potential. The portfolio will hold between 30 and 60 stocks.

| Rolling Performance - Class A GBP |        |        |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
|                                   | 1m     | 3m     | 6m     | 1 Year | 3 Year |  |  |  |  |
| Class A                           | 2.63%  | 19.35% | 4.02%  | 11.33% | 40.40% |  |  |  |  |
|                                   |        |        |        |        |        |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | YTD    | ITD    |  |  |  |  |
| Class A                           | 18.99% | -2.03% | 25.90% | 4.02%  | 55.61% |  |  |  |  |

| Portfolio Manager   | Tim Gregory                   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Inception Date      | 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 |
| Base Currency       | GBP                           |
| Dealing             | Daily                         |
| Initial Charge      | None                          |
| AUM                 | £26.2m                        |
| Estimated Yield     | 1.40%                         |
| No. of Holdings     | 58 holdings                   |
| Active Share        | 82.5%                         |
| Available Platforms | FNZ, Transact, Platform       |
|                     | Securities, Pershing, 71M,    |
|                     | Novia, AllFunds, Ascentric,   |
|                     | Raymond James                 |

| Share Class | AMC   | OCF*  | Min                         | Price  |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|--|
| Class A     | 0.45% | 0.70% | £3million                   | 155.605598                                     |
| Class A1    | 0.45% | 0.70% | \$5million                  | -  |
| Class A2    | 0.25% | 0.50% | £20million                  | 108.452818                                     |
| Class A3    | 0.25% | 0.50% | £20million                  | 118.087530                                     |
| Class B     | 0.75% | 1.00% | £5,000                      | 140.937365                                     |
| Class B1    | 0.75% | 1.00% | \$7,500                     | 121.066415                                     |
| Class C     | 0.75% | 1.00% | £5,000                      | 148.343610                                     |
|             |       | Full  | explanation of the Fund's o | *Ongoing Charge Fee<br>charges can be found on |

## Top 10 Stock Holdings

| Stock                | Weight |
|----------------------|--------|
| Microsoft Corp.      | 5.10%  |
| Varta AG             | 4.11%  |
| Roche Holding        | 3.89%  |
| Apple Inc            | 3.82%  |
| Keyence Corporation  | 3.60%  |
| Novo-Nordisk         | 2.61%  |
| Nihon M&A Center Inc | 2.55%  |
| Amazon.Com Inc       | 2.30%  |
| Cisco Systems        | 2.18%  |
| Sony Corporation     | 2.13%  |
| Cash                 | 4.94%  |
|                      |        |

| Geographical Split |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| United States      | 42.74% |
| Europe             | 26.74% |
| Japan              | 13.11% |
| United Kingdom     | 8.49%  |
| India              | 2.07%  |
| Singapore          | 1.91%  |
| Cash               | 4.94%  |

| Sectors                |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Communication Services | 6.82%  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 16.33% |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.49%  |
| Energy                 | 0.00%  |
| Financials             | 5.35%  |
| Healthcare             | 17.21% |
| Industrials            | 14.86% |
| Materials              | 8.15%  |
| Technology             | 20.84% |
| Utilities              | 4.94%  |
| Cash                   | 4.94%  |

| Monthly Performance Data - Class A GBP |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |       |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sept   | Oct    | Nov   | Dec    |
| 2017                                   | 1.83%  | 3.16%  | 0.96%  | -1.35% | 5.19%  | -1.18% | 3.36% | 3.97%  | -2.29% | 2.66%  | 0.39% | 1.12%  |
| 2018                                   | 1.29%  | 1.17%  | -3.96% | 2.87%  | 4.95%  | -0.07% | 1.07% | 3.13%  | 0.03%  | -7.61% | 1.36% | -4.90% |
| 2019                                   | 3.79%  | 2.40%  | 3.61%  | 2.88%  | -1.43% | 5.33%  | 5.12% | -1.75% | 1.15%  | -2.29% | 3.84% | 0.98%  |
| 2020                                   | -2.51% | -5.19% | -5.70% | 7.56%  | 8.11%  | 2.63%  |       |        |        |        |       |        |

Global equities moved broadly sideways in June, pivoting between the continued multi-trillion dollar stimulus provided by global central banks and governments, set against fears of the increasing spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, questioning hopes of a sustained economic recovery. For the first six months of the year, the Vermeer Global Fund returned 4% against an index return of 0.9% in Sterling on a total return basis. Such has been the recovery in markets since March, both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 recorded their best quarterly performance in over 20 years.

The world economy has proved materially more robust than expected following the almost total shutdown of activity in April in Europe and the US, as Government policy to bridge the economy has been unequivocally successful. Despite a very high level of unemployment, the support from Governments means that some families are currently actually financially better off than they were prior to the pandemic. However, this can only be transitory as these measures of support will have to be withdrawn at some point and it remains to be seen what kind of sustainable recovery will emerge in the longer term.

Over the month the top five contributors to return were Microsoft, Apple, Varta, Nihon M&A Center and Amazon. The top five detractors to return were Ocado, Madison Square Garden Sports, Takeda, Disney and Zimmer Biomet.

The Fund saw little trading activity in June with the main portfolio action being selling our position in Xylem. We believe the shares look potentially very expensive for the uncertain recovery prospects we see in 2021. Whilst we remain very enthusiastic about the long term attractions of the water industry and the natural premium it receives as an ESG business, we cannot ignore recent operational issues at the company that have led to a series of earnings disappointments that go beyond the impact of the coronavirus. Xylem remains very well positioned to benefit from the structural growth opportunities the water industry offers, and we hope to re-invest in the company when the earning growth trajectory becomes clearer.

Despite many reservations about the uncertain outlook for the global economy and the valuation of the overall market and concerns about the degree to which the global economy can recover in the second half of 2020 and 2021, we are maintaining a cash position of around 5%. This is due to the anticipation that government and central bank policy will remain supportive of markets, particularly in the US where it is in the interests of policy makers to keep markets buoyant until at least the November 2020 elections. The US elections may lead to a huge change in the political landscape, particularly if, as the polls are now starting to indicate, the Democrats complete a clean sweep of the White House, Senate and the House of Representatives.

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