

Global Optimal Fund

Fund objective

This Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth through active management of a diversified portfolio invested primarily in overseas securities.

Performance

UBS Global Optimal Fund versus benchmark and sector

	Fund Performance %	Current benchmark Performance %	Sector Average %
3 months	5.5	5.7	4.4
6 months	8.8	8.3	7.9
1 year	12.6	10.5	10.6
3 years	61.5	65.6	58.3
5 years	79.2	88.8	79.0

Source: Lipper. Performance is based on NAV prices with income reinvested net of basic rate tax and in Sterling terms to 31 August 2018. For details on Fund charges, please refer to the panel on the right. Sector is IA Global. Benchmark is MSCI All Country World Index. The UBS Global Optimal Fund changed its benchmark from the MSCI World (ex UK) Index to the MSCI All Country World Index on 7 May 2012. Performance figures represent the C share class.

Percentage growth (%)

	Q2 2017 Q2 2018	Q2 2016 Q2 2017	Q2 2015 Q2 2016	Q2 2014 Q2 2015	Q2 2013 Q2 2014
UBS Global Optimal Fund	11.3	29.4	1.4	6.9	12.4

Source: Lipper. Figures are shown to the most recent calendar quarter end 30 June 2018. Performance figures are represented by the C share class for full discrete annual periods from Q1 2013. For periods prior to this date, performance shown is reflected exclusively by the A share class.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Changes in rates of exchange may cause the value of this investment to fluctuate.

Fund and market commentary

- The MSCI All Country World Index rose by 1.7% during August. The Fund outperformed its benchmark over the month.
- An overweight position in TJX Companies provided the largest stock contribution to relative performance, as the share price of the company rose by 14.6%, in Sterling terms, over the course of August. Meanwhile, a zero-weight position in Apple was the primary stock detractor from relative performance. The share price of the company rose by 21.2%, in Sterling terms, over the period.
- At a sector level, stock selection within Consumer Discretionary resulted in the largest contribution to relative performance. However, an underweight position and stock selection within Information Technology was the primary relative detractor.
- On a regional basis, stock selection within Japan delivered the largest contribution to relative performance over the course of the month. However, an overweight position and stock selection within the UK detracted the most from relative performance.
- Globally, trade negotiations over the month included the announcement of an agreement between the US and Mexico to renegotiate the NAFTA deal, although whether Canada would sign up to the new framework remained inconclusive. There was no apparent progress with US and China trade negotiations with further US tariffs on \$200bn worth of Chinese goods which could be put in place as soon as early September. There was a further uncertain note as President Trump threatened to leave the World Trade Organisation. Global equities advanced during August, driven primarily by the continued strength of the US market. Other markets lagged, with European stocks seeing renewed concerns over the health of the banking sector in particular. The UK market also gave up some of its recent gains. The uncertainty over both the future trading relationship with the US, as well as the broader economic outlook, weighed on Chinese equities.

Investment details

Fund charges 'C' shares

Initial charge: 0.0%

Ongoing charges: 0.98%

Dealing closing time: 12 noon

The fund charges relate to OEIC and ISA investments.

Institutional share classes are available, please contact us for further information.

Minimum investment

£1000 when purchased through specific platforms. Please contact us for further information

ISA

Yes, up to the current limit for this tax year

Unlimited ISA Transfer

Ways to access our funds

Cofunds

www.cofunds.co.uk

FundsNetwork

www.fundsnetwork.co.uk

Old Mutual Wealth

www.oldmutualwealth.co.uk

Transact

www.transact-online.co.uk

Top 10 holdings *

Company	% of Fund	Sector
Amazon	3.7	Consumer Discretionary
TJX	2.6	Consumer Services
Wells Fargo	2.4	Financials
Facebook	2.3	Technology
Mastercard Class A	2.3	Financials
Sony	2.1	Consumer Goods
Sanofi	2.0	Health Care
JP Morgan	1.7	Financials
Samsung Electronics	1.6	Technology
Laboratory Corp of America	1.6	Health Care

Active stock positions* (compared to MSCI All Country World Index)

Positive (overweight)	%	Negative (underweight)	%
TJX	2.5	Apple	-2.4
Sony	2.0	Microsoft	-1.7
Amazon	1.9	Alphabet Class C	-0.8
Mastercard	1.9	Alphabet Class A	-0.8
Wells Fargo	1.9	Exxon Mobil	-0.7

Sector breakdown* (compared to MSCI All Country World Index)

Sector	% of Fund	Active position (%)
Consumer Discretionary	16.8	+ 4.5
Energy	7.8	+ 1.3
Industrials	11.6	+ 1.1
Financials	18.1	+ 0.6
Health Care	11.5	-0.1
Consumer Staples	7.4	-0.6
Materials	4.3	-0.7
Telecommunication Services	1.6	-1.1
Real Estate	1.4	-1.6
Information Technology	16.6	-3.4

* Excluding cash holdings and currency positions

Geographic breakdown (compared to MSCI All Country World Index, top and bottom countries by active position, excluding Cash)

Country	% of Fund	Active position (%)
United Kingdom	10.7	+ 5.4
Japan	8.8	+ 1.5
Israel	0.0	-0.2
Dev Asia Pac Ex Japan	1.2	-0.3
Europe Ex UK	13.5	-0.5
Australia & New Zealand	0.0	-2.2
Em (Emerging Markets)	9.5	-2.6
North America	54.4	-3.0

Alphabet is the holding company of Google. Google has several classes of shares, of which the Fund holds both 'A' and 'C' shares. The significant difference is that 'C' shares carry no voting rights, whereas 'A' shares carry one vote each.

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Fund details

Launch date

01 July 2002

Fund size

£22.4m

Historic yield¹

0.8%

Number of holdings

96

Benchmark²

MSCI All Country World Index

Sector

IA Global

ISIN code 'C' shares

GB00B89NPX39

Sedol number 'C' shares

B89NPX3

XD dates

1 January

1 July

Pay dates

28 February

31 August

Source: UBS Asset Management

¹Historic yield is based on distributions declared over the last year as a percentage of the share price. It does not include the effect on any initial charge paid. The historic yield represents the C share class.

²The Benchmark changed from the MSCI World (ex UK) Index to the MSCI All Country World Index on 7 May 2012.

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