

# UK Specialist Equity April 2014

#### Fund Info

Benchmark 1 Month LIBOR GBP

Base Currency GBP
Fund Size £40.29 m
Managers Ashton Bradbury
Inception 01/03/2003

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Achieve capital appreciation by taking long and short positions primarily in UK equities outside the FTSE 100 Index, whilst seeking to deliver absolute returns in all market conditions.

#### **MARKET REVIEW**

The UK market weakened in March with the FTSE250 Index (Ex ITs) giving a negative total return of 2.6%. Notably weak areas included oil producers, food retailers, life insurance, construction and general industrials. Of the more significant sectors healthcare and mobile telecoms performed well with most other sectors drifting lower through the month.

#### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The £STG NAV rose by 1.33% in March. In the weaker conditions the short book contributed well aided by weakness in Partnership Assurance, Smiths News, Mothercare, Tesco and Dairy Crest in each case due to concerns about the trading outlook. On the long side positions in Interserve, Ashtead, AI Noor Hospitals, Restaurant Group, Regenersis and Bodycote performed well. However this was offset by the general market weakness and stock specific weakness in Speedy Hire and DMGT following poorly received trading updates and profit taking in stocks such as DS Smith, Optimal Payments, Barratt Developments and BTG.

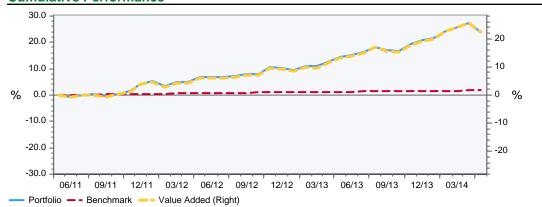
#### **ACTIVITY DURING THE MONTH**

During March we took profits in a number of long positions including Spectris, Travis Perkins, Foxtons, Barratt Developments and St James's Place. New holdings included Lavendon, Countrywide, and initial public offerings Gulf Marine Services and Boohoo.Com. On the short side we closed positions in Partnership Assurance, Genus, Carillion and Croda. New short positions were essentially stock specific in sectors such as luxury goods, oil producers, general retail and consumer staples.

#### **CURRENT STRATEGY**

The more significant sector long positions are in support services, life insurrance, software, media, healthcare and housebuilding. On the short side key sector positions include food producers, food retailers, non life insurance, aerospace and a range of industrial sectors in aggregate. We continue to use index and sectors baskets where appropriate to manage overall sector and market exposure.

#### **Cumulative Performance**

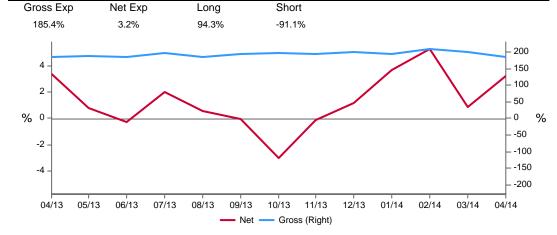


#### **Summary of Returns**

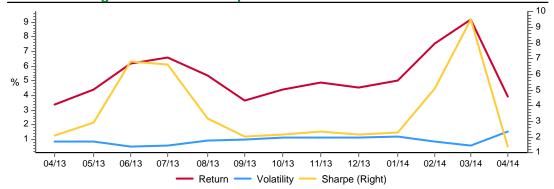
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	Portfolio	Benchmark		1 Year	3 Year	Incep
1 Month	-2.64	0.04	Annualized Standard Deviation	4.69	3.94	3.69
1 Quarter	-0.14	0.12	Sharpe Ratio	1.72	1.74	1.24
YTD	1.96	0.16	Best Return	2.29	2.55	2.89
1 Year	8.53	0.49	Worst Return	-2.64	-2.64	-2.94
3 Year Cum	24.01	1.75	Maximum Drawdown	-2.64	-2.64	-4.09
3 Year Ann	7.44	0.58	Max Drawdown Period	Apr-14	Apr-14	Sep-08
5 Year Cum	30.45	2.94	% Positive Returns	75.00	66.67	73.88
5 Year Ann	5.46	0.58	Skew	-1.38	-0.67	-0.71
Since Inc Cum	123.46	37.24	Kurtosis	1.79	0.54	1.19
Since Inc Ann	7.47	2.88	Information Ratio	1.72	1.74	1.25
Year 2013	11.03	0.49				
Year 2012	4.12	0.65				
Year 2011	5.54	0.64				

### **Exposure**



#### 6-month Rolling Risk - Return - Sharpe/Inf Ratio - 1 Year



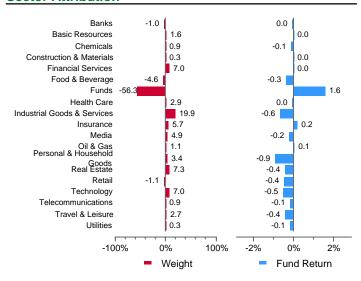
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Top 10 Abs Contrib - 1 M	lonth	Bottom 10 Abs Contrib - 1 Month		Top 10 Holdings	
FTSE 250 X INV TRST (MCIX)	1.64	SuperGroup Plc	-0.39	Ashtead Group plc	3.87
Aviva plc	0.26	Restaurant Group plc	-0.33	DS Smith Plc	2.69
Serco Group plc	0.26	Ashtead Group plc	-0.32	IMI plc	2.64
AO World Plc	0.12	Pace plc	-0.27	Aviva plc	2.45
Royal Mail plc	0.11	Findel plc	-0.26	Restaurant Group plc	2.40
IMI plc	0.11	JUST EAT plc	-0.24	Close Brothers Group plc	2.33
International Personal Fina	0.08	Barratt Developments PLC	-0.22	Bodycote plc	2.30
Lekoil Ltd.	0.08	Taylor Wimpey plc	-0.20	St. James's Place Plc	2.26
Chemring Group PLC	0.08	Innovation Group plc	-0.20	Barratt Developments PLC	2.24
Poundland Group Plc	0.08	Bodycote plc	-0.18	Smith & Nephew plc	2.12

# **Sector Attribution**



# **Monthly Returns Distribution**

# 40 - 35 - 30 - 25 - % 20 - 15 - 10 - 5 - 0 - 2.6 - 1.7 - 0.9 0.0 0.9 1.7

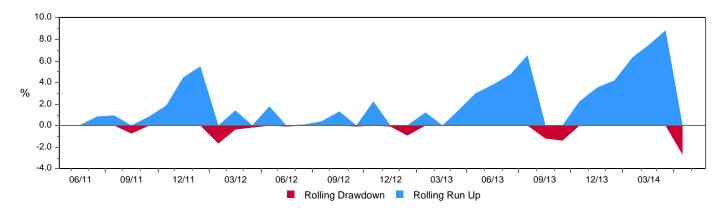
# **Correlation Matrix**

UK Specialist Equity FTSE 250 EX INVESTMENT TRUSTS (TR)

UK Specialist Equity 1.00
FTSE 250 EX INVESTMENT... 0.15 1.00

Correlation data is for last 3 years or since inception if less than 3 years

## Historic Drawdown and Run Up



Source: FactSet Portfolio Publisher