

# CHAWTON GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME FUND

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**CHAWTON**  
GLOBAL INVESTORS

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide a growing income stream and to grow capital over the long term (5 years or more). Each part of this objective will have equal weighting.



## Investment Manager

The Fund Investment Manager, Michael Crawford, successfully managed a global equity fund at a large U.S. multi-family office, doubling its value over 7 years to over \$6 billion. He has 26 years' experience and was previously a member of the very successful Deutsche Asset Management team.

## Investment Philosophy

The fund will be at least 80% invested in global equities. The Investment Manager will invest in a select (typically 20-50 holdings) portfolio of companies that exhibit high and sustainable returns on capital allowing the companies to both reinvest in the business for growth and provide a meaningful and growing dividend stream to be paid over time. In order to maximise the opportunity of identifying such companies, the Fund will invest in listed equities globally. The Manager believes that to sustain high returns over the long term, companies must adhere to responsible and sustainable investment principles.

## Cumulative Performance

Cumulative performance	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	Since Launch*
WS Chawton Global Equity Income Fund B Acc GBP	11.5%	6.9%	11.1%	22.2%	52.0%
MSCI World TR GBP	10.7%	6.4%	13.1%	36.1%	63.5%
IA Global Equity Income	9.1%	4.6%	7.4%	29.6%	42.7%
Quartile	1	1	1	4	2

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## Commentary

The fund rose by 1.5% in January improving the cumulative three month gain to 11.5%. Since launch the fund has risen 52.0% with four months left before our fifth anniversary.

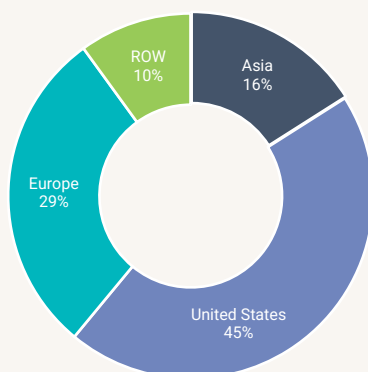
We have managed to eke out a better performance than our benchmark over the last 6 months but remain considerably behind it since inception. Remember though this is the MSCI World index which the Investment Association uses as a comparator for the global equity income sector as well as global equity funds.

We have considerably outperformed the MSCI World Quality Dividend index over the same period. That said over the long term we expect to do well against the former as losers as well as winners become apparent amongst the seven huge US companies that are driving its performance.

Portfolio companies started to report their results for 2023 during January. Whilst revenue growth has generally moderated following the sharp, price led post COVID rebound seen in 2022, margins improved. Geberit and P&G, experienced significant margin improvement as some input costs actually fell.

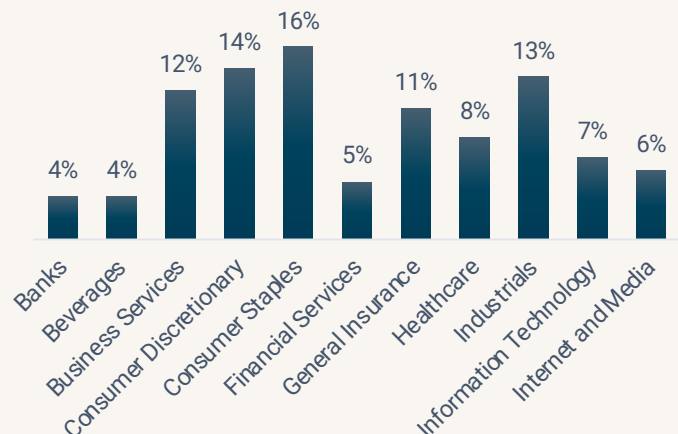
Semiconductor markets saw demand falling as the reaction to the extreme shortage of chips over COVID resulted in too much inventory subsequently. Texas Instruments, which supplies analog chips used in cars and industrial machinery, saw no turn in this trend. However, ASML, which supplies capital equipment to the sector, saw a burst on orders at the end of the year stemming from digital technology companies investing to expand their computing power through deploying general processing units (GPUs – powerful chips that underpin artificial intelligence advances).

## Geographic Breakdown



\*By revenue

## Sector Breakdown



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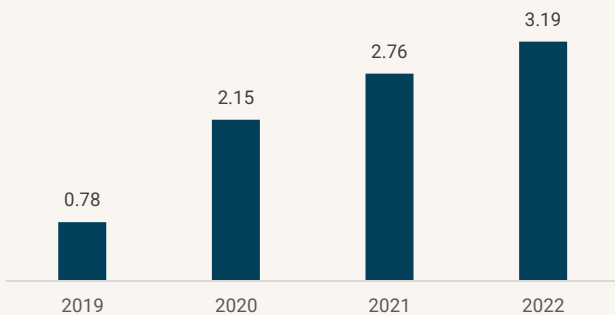


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## Income Distribution (pence per share)



Source: Chawton Global Investors LLP (based on B Accumulation GBP Class)

## Top Ten Positions

Company	As percentage of portfolio
Next plc	5.3%
Procter & Gamble Co.	4.1%
Bloomsbury Publishing Plc	4.1%
Novo-Nordisk	4.1%
Atlas Copco	3.9%
The Home Depot	3.9%
Nestlé	3.7%
Relx	3.7%
Berkshire Hathaway	3.6%
Svenska Handelsbanken	3.6%

## Discrete Performance

Discrete years	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
WS Chawton Global Equity Income Fund B Acc GBP	9.3%	14.2%	18.2%	-8.3%	10.8%
MSCI World TR	8.6%	12.3%	22.9%	-7.8%	16.8%
IA Global Equity Income	7.0%	3.2%	18.7%	-1.2%	9.2%
Quartile	1	1	3	4	2

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## How to Invest

WS Chawton Global Equity Income is available as an OEIC and it is also suitable to include in stocks and shares ISAs and SIPPS. You can buy shares in the fund by visiting the following website: <https://www.waystone.com/waystone-fund-services-uk-limited/ws-chawton-investment-funds/>, or through various third parties including Hargreaves Lansdown, James Hay, Aegon, Transact, Barclays Wealth and AJ Bell.

## Fund Information

Type of scheme	UK OEIC (UCITS)
Launch date	21 May 2019
Total Net Assets	£16.4 M
Comparator Benchmark	MSCI World Index
Number of Holdings	34
Base Currency	GBP (£)
Classes	B, C (£, \$, €)
Dealing and valuation	12 noon (UK Bus. Days)
Year End	31 December
Dividend XD dates	01 Apr. Jul. Sep. Dec
Dividend pay dates	31 May. Aug. Nov. Feb.
Last FY Div. payments	3.2p
IA Sector	Global Equity Income
Custodian	Northern Trust
ACD	Waystone Fund Services
Fund PE (Morningstar)	18.6x
Fund Yield (Morningstar)	2.6%

## Minimum Investments

Class B Shares	£1,000
Class C Shares	£500,000

## Management Fees

Class B Shares	0.90%
Class C Shares	0.60%

## Ongoing Charge Figure

Class B Shares	1.12%
Class C Shares	0.82%

## ISIN Codes

Class B GBP INC	GB00BJ1GY073
Class B GBP ACC	GB00BJ1GXX37
Class B EUR INC	GB00BJ1GY180
Class B EUR ACC	GB00BJ1GXY44
Class B USD INC	GB00BJ1GY297
Class B USD ACC	GB00BJ1GXZ50
Class C GBP INC	GB00BJ1GY636
Class C GBP ACC	GB00BJ1GY305
Class C EUR INC	GB00BJ1GY743
Class C EUR ACC	GB00BJ1GY412
Class C USD INC	GB00BJ1GY859
Class C USD ACC	GB00BJ1GY529

**Risks:** As a concentrated equity portfolio of typically less than 50 stocks the fund may involve higher volatility and therefore higher risk for those with shorter term investment time horizons (under 5 years). The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movements and you may not get back the amount originally invested. You should therefore regard your investment as long term. Details of the risk factors are included in the fund's prospectus available at <https://www.waystone.com/waystone-fund-services-uk-limited/ws-chawton-investment-funds/>

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