

Nutshell Growth Fund

Data as of 30/12/2022¹

FUND FACTS

December Factsheet

Portfolio Manager	Mark Ellis
Fund Launch Date	18 th May 2020
Fund Type	UCITS Fund (ICAV)
Base Currency	GBP
Investment Manager	Nutshell Asset Management Limited
Administrator	Northern Trust
Depository	Northern Trust
Auditor	KPMG
Dealing	Daily
Initial Charge	0.0%
Performance Fee	0.0%
ISA Eligible?	Yes

PORTFOLIO FACTS

NAV (GBP IF, USD IF, EUR I Class)	99.69, 97.73, 100.42
Fund Size	£11.4m
No. Equity Holdings	32
Average Market Cap	£231bn
Active Share v MSCI World	90%

GEOGRAPHICAL ALLOCATION

	%
US	70.7
Taiwan	6.9
Netherlands	6.4
Japan	4.2
Denmark	4.2
France	2.6
Hong Kong	2.0
UK	0.6
Cash & Other	2.4

SECTOR ALLOCATION

	%
Information Technology	53.1
Health Care	13.8
Industrials	11.7
Communication Services	9.9
Consumer Discretionary	7.0
Consumer Staples	2.1
Cash & Other	2.4

PERFORMANCE

Strategy Returns (GBP) (%)

1 Month	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception (Annualised)	Since Inception (Cumulative)
(7.37)	(19.16)	(19.16)	9.36	43.06

Strategy Returns (GBP) (%)

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual Return
2019	15.49	9.02	5.71	1.62	35.24
2020***	(8.57)	17.60	(3.53)	0.60	4.34
2021	2.99	12.71	(0.64)	8.73	25.40
2022	(10.81)	(10.81)	(2.64)	4.39	(19.16)

Nutshell Growth Fund launched 18/5/20. This table shows the returns from private money invested in the strategy as a managed account starting 1/1/19, net of fees and transaction costs. From June 2020 the strategy returns will replicate the returns of the Fund.

***Low Beta during fund launch to protect capital during start of Covid – April-August 2020.

These performance figures refer to the past, and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

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- ✓ Long-term global equity investment. High conviction strategy in a concentrated portfolio of quality, resilient, exceptional companies at reasonable valuations
- ✓ To achieve returns annually in excess of both peers and the global equity markets, with reduced volatility and drawdown periods
- ✓ To align selection with ethical values, using Environmental, Social and Governance factors including sector exclusions e.g., Fossil Fuels, Tobacco and Gambling

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- ✓ The strategy utilizes an in-house proprietary 'bottom up' investment selection process. This encompasses many fundamental, technical and valuation factors, researched over many years. These factors have contributed to significant outperformance in normal market conditions, and reduced beta, and therefore losses, when the broader equity markets suffer

RISK MANAGEMENT

- ✓ UK UCITS Compliant
- ✓ Internal risk controls and proprietary risk system
- ✓ Capital Preservation Factors and Recession Indicator

TOP 10 HOLDINGS – 53.8%

Adobe	Adyen
Alphabet	Amgen
Atkore	Automatic Data Processing
Mastercard	Taiwan Semiconductor
Texas Instruments	Visa

AWARDS

Morningstar Sustainability Rating****



As at 31/10/22 the fund's Historical Sustainability Score Percent Rank is in the top 6% within its category. Out of 7,688 Global Equity Large Cap funds as of 31/10/22. Based on 100% of AUM. Data is based on long positions only

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2021
Top Fund in Category
Global Equity
WINNER

SHARE CLASS DETAILS (GBP)

SHARE CLASS	AMC	OCF	Minimum	ISIN
Institutional (F)	0.85%	1.59%	£10m	IE00BLP46L65
Institutional	1.00%	1.74%	£1m	IE00BLP46Q11
Retail	1.15%	1.89%	£1,000	IE00BLP46V63

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MONTHLY COMMENT

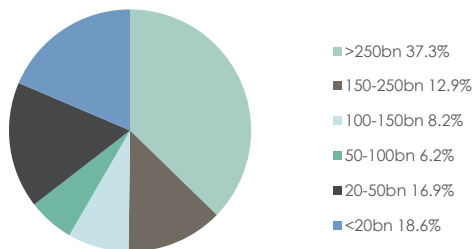
Equity markets disappointed in December, with the Nasdaq concluding its poorest annual performance since 2008. Continued Fed hawkishness and rampant pessimism masked what would usually be regarded as good news. US CPI, productivity, labour costs, factory orders, durable goods, personal income, inflation expectations, GDP and ISM prices paid all came in better than expected. More importantly earnings releases continue to beat, with all 3 of our holdings releasing during the month beating estimates. As previously mentioned, we are of the opinion that CPI will drop regardless of further rate action, but are hopeful that healthy household and company balance sheets, and strong employment will be able to withstand the overly hawkish Fed. We believe that further falls in the inflation rates, and rate hike moderation, together with the seasonally best three quarters of the 4yr US election cycle, will reward investors, especially the Quality Growth style that has had a rare period of underperformance.

As long-term investors, although we are very interested in the macro environment, we understand that the market, viewed one way, is a time series of adverse events and headlines that could shake one's resolve. It is necessary therefore to stick to the plan, knowing that these events will pass and that more fruitful times are characterised on the other side. As such, we remain positive in the knowledge that we own a portfolio of truly high-quality companies, with wide moats and high stable profit margins, at around zero premium to the US market as a whole. We look forward to sticking to our process of investing globally in exceptional companies which offer exposure to quality factors at attractive valuations. As we move into a new year, we are optimistic that many of the worries of 2022 are likely to be resolved and sentiment will normalise along with asset prices.

At the portfolio level we have again increased our Information Technology exposure as the valuation and expected return profiles have become more compelling. The Nutshell Growth Fund IF GBP share class returned -7.37% for December, net of all fees and costs. The top 3 contributors for the month were Novo Nordisk, Tencent and Autozone. The main detractors were Alphabet, Taiwan Semiconductor and Adyen.

LIQUIDITY AND PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Liquidity - Market Cap Distribution (US\$ ex Cash)



	PORTFOLIO	MSCI World
P/E	18.1	15.2
Return on Equity %	51.5	16.1
Net Profit Margin %	29.1	10.5
Average Beta	1.10	1.00
Average Market Cap	\$278bn	\$37bn

PLATFORM AVAILABILITY



¹UCITS Fund Launched 18th May with the majority of the portfolio not established until the last day of the month.

**These returns are from private money invested in the strategy net of fees and transaction costs. From June 2020 the strategy returns replicate the Nutshell Growth Fund returns. GBP and USD returns include the IF share class Fund returns. EUR returns include the I share class Fund returns.

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Note 1: Portfolio based on all month-end positions and overnight orders.

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