# Legal & General European Trust

Unit Trust (UCITS compliant) I-Class GBP

Base currency: GBP

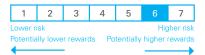
Domicile: UK



#### **FUND AIM**

The objective of the Fund is to provide growth above that of the FTSE World Europe ex UKTR Net Index, the "Benchmark Index." The Fund aims to outperform the Benchmark Index by 4% per annum. This objective is before the deduction of any charges and measured over rolling three year periods.

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**



The synthetic risk and reward indicator (SRRI) is based on the historic volatility of the fund's value and it may change in the future.

The fund is in category 6 because it invests in company shares which are sensitive to variations in the stock market. The value of company shares can change substantially over short periods of time.

For more information, please refer to the Key Risks section on page 3.

# WHO ISTHIS FUND FOR?

- This fund is designed for investors looking for growth from an investment in European company shares (excluding UK companies).
- Although investors can take their money out at any time, this fund may not be appropriate for those who plan to withdraw their money within five years.
- This fund is not designed for investors who cannot afford more than a minimal loss of their investment.
- If you do not understand this document we recommend you seek additional information to help you decide if this fund is right for you.

#### **FUND FACTS**

Fund size	Fund launch date
£138.8m	9 Sep 1985
Historical yield	
0.5%	

#### COSTS

Initial charge	Ongoing charge
0.00%	0.81%
Price basis	Bid / Offer spread
Dual	0.31%

For detail on price basis methodologies please refer to the 'Guide to Investing With Us' found on our website.  $\square$ 

#### **BENCHMARKS**

# Benchmark

FTSE World Europe ex UKTR Net Index

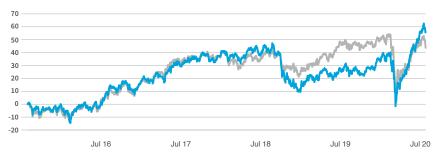
#### Performance objective

FTSE World Europe ex UK TR Net Index +4%

Comparator benchmark

IA Sector: Europe Ex UK

# PERFORMANCE (%)



	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
■ Fund	3.23	23.24	18.61	17.55	55.88
■ Benchmark	-1.44	11.98	-2.79	7.70	43.71
Performance objective	-	-	-	17.89	65.70
Comparator	-0.06	12.64	-1.20	5.68	41.75

# **FUND SNAPSHOT**

- What does it invest in? Invests at least 90% in shares of European companies, excluding the UK.
- How does it invest? Actively managed, with holdings in between 10 and 50 companies on average over a typical market cycle of 3-5 years, which means the fund may be concentrated at times.





# 12 MONTH PERFORMANCETO MOST RECENT QUARTER (%)

12 months to 30 June	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	20.31	-9.57	7.18	29.93	-0.13
Benchmark	0.55	7.93	2.52	29.05	6.05
Comparator	1.13	3.09	3.14	29.27	4.68

For annual performance against the performance objective please see the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). Performance for the I Inc unit class in GBP, launched on 17 August 2012. Source: Lipper. Performance assumes all fund charges have been taken and that all income generated by the investments, after deduction of tax, remains in the fund.

Past performance is not a guide to the future.



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# PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

All data source LGIM unless otherwise stated. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

#### COUNTRY (%)

	Netherlands	21.6
	Germany	21.4
	France	16.7
	Italy	9.0
<b></b>	Denmark	6.1
<b>#</b>	Norway	5.7
	Sweden	4.9
	Spain	3.3
	Finland	3.1
	Other	8.0





# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Teleperformance	3.7
Teamviewer AG	3.6
Vestas Wind Systems	3.4
Adyen	3.4
Campari	3.4
Varta	3.3
Infineon Technologies	3.2
Neste Oyj	3.2
Cellnex Telecom	3.1
ASML	3.1

# SECTOR (%)

Unclassified	24.3	
Consumer Goods	20.0	
Technology	15.4	
Health Care	14.5	
Industrials	7.1	
Oil & Gas	6.6	
Consumer Services	6.1	
Telecommunications	3.1	
Basic Materials	2.9	

# TOP 5 STOCK OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS (%)

	Fund	Relative	
Teamviewer AG	3.6	3.5	
Teleperformance	3.7	3.4	
Varta	3.3	3.3	
Campari	3.4	3.3	
Vestas Wind Systems	3.4	3.1	
LVMH	0.0	-1.6	
Sanofi	0.0	-1.7	
Novartis	0.0	-2.7	
Roche Hldgs (Genus)	0.0	-3.6	
Nestle	0.0	-5.1	

# **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

It was a mixed month for equities, with tech stocks lifting US market performance, while in Europe volatility was much more evident. European equities retreated on weaker sentiment following renewed concerns over a second wave of Coronavirus as new lockdown restrictions were set in specific countries. Q2 earnings season was no worse than feared, though there are plenty of questions around visibility into Q3. Elsewhere, there was more gloomy economic data across Europe. On the political front, EU leaders agreed a €750 billion post pandemic recovery fund, which should have a positive impact on the European macro outlook in the coming years.

Turning to equity markets, cyclicals and value stocks were hit hardest in the month. By sector, Utilities, Materials, Industrials and Tech outperformed. Telecoms, Energy, Healthcare and Financials were out of favour. The energy sector sold off as reduced global demand has seen the price of oil fall, further exacerbating a particularly volatile year for oil stocks.

The fund reported a strong positive return of 3.2% in July, which reflected considerable outperformance against its benchmark. Stock selection was positive, driven by gains within our Industrials, Consumer Goods, Consumer Services and Energy. Sector allocation was also positive, led by a beneficial contribution from our underweight in Healthcare and Financials. At the company level, Schibsted, Shop Apotheke, Nacon, Vestas Wind Systems, Campari Group and Teleperformance were key positive contributors. There were no noteworthy detractors in the period.

There was no significant trading activity in the period.

# GAVIN LAUNDER



Gavin joined LGIM in 2007 and is a Fund Manager for the European ex UK portfolios. He has managed the European Growth Trust since January 2010. Previously, he was a Global Equities Analyst at BlueBay Asset Management. Gavin spent the majority of his buy-side career as a Portfolio Manager with UBS O'Connor. Prior, he was a top-rated, sell-side analyst covering the Autos, Capital Goods and Conglomerates sectors at investment banks including SG Warburg and Goldman Sachs. Gavin holds a degree in Philosophy and Economics from University College, London.

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# **ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

Carbon dioxide (CO2) is the most significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions which are driving climate change.



**O** Tonnes

CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>i</sup> per \$1 million of market capitalisation

# **CARBON RESERVES**

Carbon reserves are fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) which, if burnt, will become the carbon emissions of the future. To meet global climate change targets, the unabated use of fossil fuels is expected to decline over time.

The figure is a measure of the size of carbon reserves held by the fund's underlying companies.



**48** Tonnes

CO<sub>3</sub>e per \$1 million of sales

#### **CARBON EMISSIONS**

Following the global Paris Agreement on climate change, companies in all sectors are expected to reduce their emissions to prepare and adapt for a low-carbon economy.

Carbon emissions intensity describes the relationship between the carbon emissions of a company and its sales<sup>ii</sup>.

#### **NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) is a standard unit to compare the emissions of different greenhouse gases.

"The choice of this metric follows best practice recommendations from the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures.

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The calculations above rely on third party data provided at a point in time that may not cover the entirety of the fund's investments or the fund's benchmark (against which the fund's performance is measured). As a result, what we may report may change as third party data changes and may also differ from other third party calculations.

Refinitiv: Source: Refinitiv ESG



For further information please go to www.lgim.com/esginfo 🗹

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#### **KEY RISKS**

- The value of an investment and any income taken from it is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up; you may not get back the amount you originally
- The return from this fund is dependent on relatively few individual investments. This means that a fall in the value of an individual investment can have a major impact on the overall performance of the fund.
- The fund could lose money if any institution providing services such as acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.
- Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains.
- The fund may have underlying investments that are valued in currencies that are different from sterling (British pounds). Exchange rate fluctuations will impact the value of your investment. Currency hedging techniques may be applied to reduce this impact but may not entirely eliminate it.

For more information, please refer to the key investor information document on our website 2

#### LATEST DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

For distributing unit classes, the latest payments are shown below. Please note that these payments are not guaranteed, are at the discretion of the manager and may be paid out of capital.

Туре	Ex-div date	Pay date	Pence per unit
Final	29 Jul 19	27 Sep 19	2.45p
Final	06 Aug 18	28 Sep 18	2.07p
Final	31 Jul 17	28 Sep 17	4.54p
Final	28 Jul 16	28 Sep 16	1.47p



# SPOTLIGHT ON LEGAL & GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

We are one of Europe's largest asset managers and a major global investor, with assets under management of £1,240.6 billion (as at 30 June 2020). We work with a wide range of global clients, including pension schemes, sovereign wealth funds, fund distributors and retail investors.

Source: LGIM internal data as at 30 June 2020. The AUM disclosed aggregates the assets managed by LGIM in the UK, LGIMA in the US and LGIM Asia in Hong Kong. The AUM includes the value of securities and derivatives positions.

#### **DEALING INFORMATION**

Valuation frequency	Daily, 12pm (UK time)
Dealing frequency	Daily
Settlement period	T+4

# **CODES**

ISIN	I Acc	GB00B7J5FY33
	l Inc	GB00B78RV756
SEDOL	I Acc	B7J5FY3
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