

# Legal & General European Trust

Unit Trust (UK 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 UK TR 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 4.

## WHO IS THIS 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 <b>£162.3m</b>	Fund launch date <b>9 Sep 1985</b>
Historical yield <b>0.0%</b>	

## COSTS

Initial charge <b>0.00%</b>	Ongoing charge <b>0.81%</b>
Price basis <b>Single swing</b>	Dilution adjustment <b>0.25%- round trip</b>

## BENCHMARKS

Benchmark  
**FTSE World Europe ex UK TR 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	-3.85	4.66	49.50	35.69	99.32
■ Benchmark	0.25	0.30	13.67	15.16	62.36
Performance objective	-	-	-	28.93	94.34
Comparator	0.34	1.07	17.98	16.00	62.84

## 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE TO MOST RECENT QUARTER (%)

12 months to 31 December	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund	46.66	20.64	-18.90	17.17	17.93
Benchmark	7.89	19.41	-10.20	16.57	18.56
Comparator	10.74	20.14	-12.36	17.36	16.85

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.**

## 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.

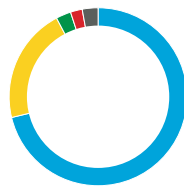


## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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

### COUNTRY (%)

 Germany	23.0
 Netherlands	20.1
 France	14.5
 Spain	8.7
 Italy	7.6
 Denmark	6.4
 Belgium	5.9
 Sweden	5.6
 Finland	3.3
 Other	5.0



### MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

Large	71.3
Mid	21.0
Small	2.7
Micro	2.1
Cash and Equivalents	2.9











■ Top 10 holdings 33.9%  
■ Rest of portfolio 66.1%  
No. of holdings 34











### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Infineon Technologies	4.6
ASML	3.5
Vestas Wind Systems	3.3
Neste Oyj	3.3
Cellnex Telecom	3.3
Teamviewer AG	3.2
Delivery Hero Se	3.2
Umicore	3.2
Novo Nordisk	3.2
Koninklijke Philips	3.1

### SECTOR (%)

Unclassified	21.8	
Technology	16.9	
Consumer Goods	15.6	
Health Care	14.9	
Industrials	14.6	
Oil & Gas	6.6	
Consumer Services	6.3	
Telecommunications	3.3	

### TOP 5 STOCK OVER/UNDERWEIGHTS (%)

	Fund	Relative	
Infineon Technologies	4.6	3.8	
Teamviewer AG	3.2	3.1	
Fluidra	3.1	3.1	
S.O.I.T.E.C. EUR2	3.1	3.1	
Cellnex Telecom	3.3	3.0	
Siemens AG	0.0	-1.5	
LVMH	0.0	-2.1	
Novartis	0.0	-2.4	
Roche Hldgs (Genus)	0.0	-3.0	
Nestle	0.0	-3.8	

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

It was another bumpy ride for equity investors as rising rates started to shape markets as part of the transition of the economic recovery phase. The wide dispersion of performance across regions and sectors reflected the relative exposure to the reflation and reopening trades. This has accelerated the rotation from growth and quality assets into value sectors. At a high level, vaccine roll-out progress reinforced the view that global growth is likely to turn sharply higher in the coming months, which is reflected in an uptick in sentiment and business confidence for the months ahead. Earnings season has for the most part surpassed analyst forecasts, with a high percentage of companies beating projections. Focus now turns to the 2021 reporting period where company guidance speaks to increased optimism on recovery and leads to hope that earnings will take over from valuation expansion.

The L&G European Growth fund delivered a negative return and underperformed its benchmark. Stock selection and sector allocation were both negative. By industry, selection within Oil & Gas, Industrials and Consumer Services were the biggest detractors. On positioning, the biggest headwind to relative returns derived from the underweight in Financials. At the stock level, positive individual contributors included Embracer, Adyen and Fluidra. The largest active detractors were Varta, Soltec, Ubisoft, Delivery Hero, Vestas Wind Systems and Alfen. On trading activity, we introduced a new position in e-commerce fashion retail platform, Zalando. Holdings of classifieds business, Schibsted, and specialty pharmaceuticals producer, PharmaSGP were both sold.



### 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.



## ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the most significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions which are driving climate change.



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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.



46  
Tonnes

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

<sup>ii</sup> The choice of this metric follows best practice recommendations from the **Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures**.

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**Refinitiv:** Source: Refinitiv ESG



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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 invested.
- 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 [↗](#)

**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.

Type	Ex-div date	Pay date	Pence per unit
Final	29 Jul 20	28 Sep 20	0.00p
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



**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 £1,278.9 billion (as at 31 December 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 31 December 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**

<b>ISIN</b>	I Acc	GB00B7J5FY33
	I Inc	GB00B78RV756
<b>SEDOL</b>	I Acc	B7J5FY3
	I Inc	B78RV75
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