

# Legal & General European Trust

Unit Trust (UK UCITS compliant) C-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>£152.8m</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>0.60%</b>
Price basis <b>Single swing</b>	Dilution adjustment <b>0.25%- round trip</b>

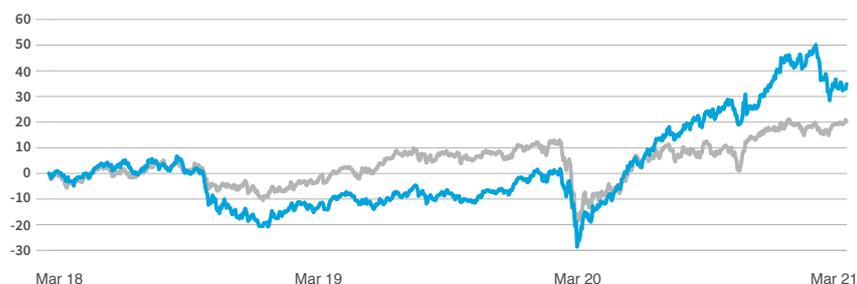
## BENCHMARKS

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	Launch
■ Fund	-1.22	-5.89	60.44	39.13	34.84
■ Benchmark	4.31	2.28	33.98	24.35	20.12
Performance objective	-	-	-	39.12	34.88
Comparator	4.05	2.38	39.58	24.80	20.76

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

12 months to 31 March	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund	60.44	-2.80	-10.79	-	-
Benchmark	33.98	-8.73	1.70	-	-
Comparator	39.48	-9.08	-1.66	-	-

For annual performance against the performance objective please see the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). Performance for the C Inc unit class in GBP, launched on 28 February 2018. 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.

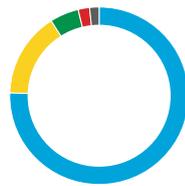


## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

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

### COUNTRY (%)

	Germany	20.8
	Netherlands	19.3
	France	17.2
	Spain	9.2
	Italy	7.8
	Denmark	7.0
	Sweden	5.7
	Belgium	5.4
	Finland	2.8
	Other	4.8



### MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

■ Large	75.5
■ Mid	15.5
■ Small	5.2
■ Micro	2.1
■ Cash and Equivalents	1.7

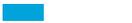


■ Top 10 holdings 32.6%  
■ Rest of portfolio 67.4%  
No. of holdings 35

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Vestas Wind Systems	3.8
Infineon Technologies	3.7
Cellnex Telecom	3.3
Novo Nordisk	3.2
Zalando Se	3.2
S.O.I.T.E.C. EUR2	3.2
Teleperformance	3.1
Koninklijke Philips	3.1
Adyen	3.1
Fluidra	3.0

### SECTOR (%)

Unclassified	21.3	
Consumer Discretionary	19.2	
Technology	15.5	
Health Care	14.8	
Industrials	14.1	
Energy	6.7	
Telecommunications	3.3	
Basic Materials	2.7	
Consumer Staples	2.4	

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

	Fund	Relative	
Vestas Wind Systems	3.8	3.3	
S.O.I.T.E.C. EUR2	3.2	3.1	
Cellnex Telecom	3.3	3.1	
Fluidra	3.0	3.0	
Infineon Technologies	3.7	3.0	
SAP	0.0	-1.7	
LVMH	0.0	-2.1	
Novartis	0.0	-2.3	
Roche Hldgs (Genus)	0.0	-2.8	
Nestle	0.0	-3.9	

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY

Performance and sentiment surveys suggest risk appetite remains robust. For all the news around chaotic vaccine rollouts and geopolitics, the decline in volatility and broadening equity market participation reinforce the message of optimism for the days ahead. This is characterised by the improvement in Eurozone economic sentiment data recovering above the long-term average for first time since pre-pandemic. In other industry newsflow the blockage of the Suez Canal, more stories of computer chip shortages and a backlash against Xinjiang sourced-cotton were examples of how goods can be subject to unexpected disruption in supply chains.

For equity market returns, it was interesting to see how style performance was more closely bunched as the month drew to a close, where arguably the value/growth call appears less binary for Europe than in the US. On sector-specific action it was a better period for defensive industries like telecoms and consumer staples, in addition to positive returns for cyclical sectors consumer discretionary and industrials.

The L&G European Growth fund delivered a negative absolute return and underperformed its benchmark. Stock selection and sector allocation were both negative, with our overweight positioning and selection within technology the most notable detriment to relative performance. Elsewhere, the overweight allocation to the consumer and selection within industrials detracted value. By stock, holdings of Soltec Power, Vestas Wind Systems and Varta outperformed. Underperformers included Teamviewer, InPost, Neste, Shop Apotheke and Aluflexpack. For activity, we introduced a new position in specialised engineering services company Friedrich Vorwerk Group. Our long-serving holding of software business SAP was 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.



CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>i</sup> per \$1 million EVIC

### 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.



CO<sub>2</sub>e per \$1 million of revenues

### 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**.

**Trucost:** Source: S&P Trucost Limited © Trucost 2019. All rights in the Trucost Data and Reports vest in Trucost and/or its licensors. Neither Trucost, nor its affiliates, nor its licensors accept any liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions in the Trucost Data and/or Reports. No further distribution of the Data and/or Reports is permitted without Trucost's express written consent.

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](http://www.lgim.com/esginfo)

**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	0.36p
Final	06 Aug 18	28 Sep 18	0.43p



**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>	C Acc	GB00BF5DV386
	C Inc	GB00BF5DV493
<b>SEDOL</b>	C Acc	BF5DV38
	C Inc	BF5DV49
<b>Bloomberg</b>	C Acc	LGEUTAA LN
	C Inc	LGEUTCI LN

**TO FIND OUT MORE**

 Visit [www.legalandgeneral.com](http://www.legalandgeneral.com)

 Call **0370 050 0955**

 Email [investments@landg.com](mailto:investments@landg.com)

Lines are open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm. We may record and monitor calls. Call charges will vary.

**Important information**

Copyright © 2021 Legal & General. This document is subject to copyright. Any unauthorised use is strictly prohibited. All rights are reserved. Issued by Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Limited as management company for this fund. Registered in England and Wales No. 01009418. Registered Office: One Coleman Street, London, EC2R 5AA. Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority No. 119273. We are members of the Investment Association. All features described in this fact sheet are those current at the time of publication and may be changed in the future. Nothing in this fact sheet should be construed as advice and it is therefore not a recommendation to buy or sell investments. If in doubt about the suitability of this product, you should seek professional advice. No investment decisions should be made without first reviewing the key investor information document of the Fund (“KIID”) which can be obtained from [www.legalandgeneral.com](http://www.legalandgeneral.com). This fact sheet is only directed at investors resident in jurisdictions where this fund is registered for sale. It is not an offer or invitation to persons outside of those jurisdictions. We reserve the right to reject any applications from outside of such jurisdictions.

Source: London Stock Exchange Group plc and its group undertakings (collectively, the “LSE Group”). © LSE Group 2021. FTSE Russell is a trading name of certain of the LSE Group companies. “FTSE®” is a trade mark of the relevant LSE Group companies and is used by any other LSE Group company under license. All rights in the FTSE Russell indexes or data vest in the relevant LSE Group company which owns the index or the data. Neither LSE Group nor its licensors accept any liability for any errors or omissions in the indexes or data and no party may rely on any indexes or data contained in this communication. No further distribution of data from the LSE Group is permitted without the relevant LSE Group company’s express written consent. The LSE Group does not promote, sponsor or endorse the content of this communication.