# TB EVENLODE INCOME



MONTHLY FACTSHEET all data as at 30 November 2021 unless otherwise indicated

## MANAGER COMMENTARY

For most of November, investor sentiment was quite positive thanks to the continuing global economic recovery. However, the mood took a turn for the worse in the last few days of the month, as the new Omicron Covid variant emerged in South Africa. Evenlode Income rose +1.0% compared to a fall of -2.2% for the FTSE All-Share and a fall of -2.5% for the IA UK All Companies sector.

The third quarter earnings season has now come and gone, and the majority of Evenlode Income holdings have updated the market in recent weeks. Operational progress has been reassuring, with the recovery from the pandemic progressing ahead of expectations this year. We have been particularly impressed with the adaptability that portfolio holdings are demonstrating in terms of dealing with recent issues relating to supply chains and input cost inflation. Sage, Diageo, Bunzl and RELX were the strongest contributors to the fund's return during November. Sage and Diageo both released positive updates, whilst Bunzl and RELX shares continued to benefit from reassuring late-October updates. The most negative contributors were Hays and Hargreaves Lansdown, whose share prices fell on no specific news.

In terms of portfolio changes we exited the fund's small holding in DMGT towards the end of the month as the company's asset sales and takeover near a conclusion. We also increased exposure to several holdings that we think are offering a particularly interesting combination of quality and valuation appeal for the patiently disposed investor. These included LSE Group, Smith & Nephew, Intertek and, most notably, Compass. In our view, Compass has weathered the pandemic's impact very well and is emerging with both a strengthened competitive position and healthy growth potential. Despite pandemic disruptions, Compass's full year results demonstrated good cash generation and the company announced a return to dividend payments.

Evenlode Income went 'ex dividend' on 1st December, declaring a third quarter rate +15.2% versus the previous year. The dividend recovery has proceeded well, and we now expect full year dividend growth for the fund to be more than +15% (versus our previous expectation of around +15%). Longer-term we think the prospects for real dividend growth are positive, thanks to the growth potential and cash compounding economics of the market-leading businesses held in the portfolio.

## PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (%)



#### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Launch <sup>1</sup>
■ Fund (%)²	1.6	5.9	14.9	24.9	55.1	205.8	275.8
■ Benchmark (%) <sup>3</sup>	-1.4	1.9	17.4	16.9	30.6	103.0	127.6
IA Sector (%)	-4.0	0.2	17.2	22.9	35.5	126.0	144.8
Rank in sector	1/257	8/254	171/250	99/241	40/229	27/199	19/184
Quartile	1	1	3	2	1	1	1

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund²	13.4	-7.4	24.2	0.4	15.2	17.1
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	13.0	-9.8	19.2	-9.5	13.1	16.8
IA Sector	12.2	-6.0	22.2	-11.2	14.0	10.8

### FUND ATTRIBUTES

- Emphasis on sustainable real dividend growth
- Focus on companies with high returns on capital and strong free cash-flow
- Aims to provide income and capital growth over rolling periods of 5 years
- Low portfolio turnover, long-term holding periods
- Minimum of 80% in UK shares and up to 20% in overseas shares and/or cash
- Invests across the market-cap spectrum

#### **KEY DETAILS**

Sector	IA UK All Companies
Comparator Benchmark	FTSE All-Share
Launch date <sup>4</sup>	19 October 2009
Fund size	£3,602 million
No. of Holdings	37
Historic yield⁵	2.4%
Active share <sup>6</sup>	74.8%
Valuation point	12 noon daily
Div ex dates	1 Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec
Div pay dates	end Apr, Jul, Oct, Jan



# Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

All performance data used on this factsheet is total return, GBP terms, bid-to-bid, net of UK dividend tax credit, and sourced from Financial Express. The fund's main unit was changed to B shares on 1 December 2012 to comply with RDR regulation.

- 1. From launch date: 19 October 2009.
- 2. TB Evenlode Income B Inc Shares.

3. Comparator Benchmark is FTSE All-Share (with net dividends reinvested) in GBP.

4. Evenlode Income was merged through a scheme of arrangement into TB Evenlode Income on 1 September 2017. Performance and dividend history are unaffected.

5. The historic yield reflects distributions over the past 12 months as a percentage of the price of the B Inc share class as at the date shown. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

6. Active share is calculated against the fund's Comparator Benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index.

# PORTFOLIO

### Sector allocation (%)

Industrial Goods and Services	18.1		
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	17.3		
Media	12.8		
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	11.0		
Health Care	10.1		
Technology	9.1		
Financial Services	7.1		
Consumer Products and Services	3.4		
Telecommunications	2.3		
Real Estate	1.5		
Chemicals	1.1		
Retail	0.9		
Cash	5.2		



## Size allocation (%)

Large Cap (> £10 bn)	79.9
■ Mid Cap (£2bn - £10 bn)	14.9
Cash	5.2



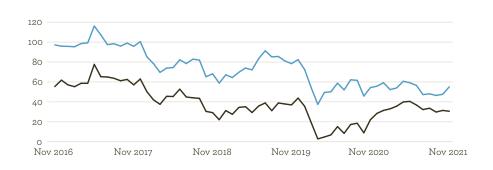
## Geographical allocation (%)

United Kingdom	80.0
North America	10.1
Europe	4.8
Cash	5.2

#### Top 20 holdings (%)

Unilever	8.1
Diageo	7.9
RELX	7.8
Reckitt Benckiser	6.0
Sage Group	4.8
GlaxoSmithKline	4.7
Bunzl	4.4
Procter & Gamble	3.3
Smiths Group	3.0
Compass Group	2.4
PepsiCo	2.4
WPP	2.3
Cisco Systems	2.3
Microsoft	2.2
Schroders	2.1
Spectris	2.0
Smith & Nephew	2.0
AstraZeneca	2.0
Hays	2.0
Hargreaves Lansdown	1.9
Total	73.6

# Rolling 5 year performance (%)

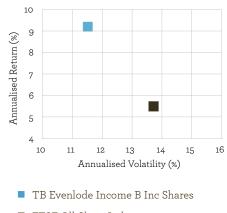


- TB Evenlode Income B Inc Shares
- FTSE All-Share Index

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Total return, bid-to-bid, net of UK dividend tax credit, and sourced from Financial Express. Rolling 5 year performance figures are run to calendar month ends.

# **RISK RETURN (5 YEAR)**



FTSE All-Share Index







# **INVESTMENT TEAM**

The Evenlode Investment Team totals 15 staff. Fund managers are supported by a team of analysts including three dedicated stewardship analysts, and the team works collegiately to challenge thinking and share ideas.



## HUGH YARROW

Fund Manager Hugh launched TB Evenlode Income in October 2009. Previously he managed several

equity income funds at Rathbone Unit Trust Management. Hugh holds a first-class degree from the University of Edinburgh in Philosophy and Mathematics.



### BEN PETERS

Fund Manager Ben has worked on the TB Evenlode Income fund since launch in 2009, and became

co-manager in December 2012. Ben has a doctorate from the University of Oxford and a first-class degree from University College London, both in the field of physics. He holds the Investment Management Certificate and level 1 of the Chartered Financial Analyst qualification.

#### **CHRIS MOORE**

Head of Research Chris joined Evenlode Investment Management in February 2018 having previously

been an equity research analyst at Investec Bank and Berenberg. Chris is a fully qualified Chartered Accountant and Chartered Financial Analyst, and studied Accounting and Finance at Warwick University.

## ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)



#### SAWAN KUMAR Head of Stewardship



#### CHARLIE FREITAG Stewardship Analyst



BETHAN ROSE Sustainable Investment Analyst

Integration into the investment process

Board diversity is important but concentrating on only one form of diversity is not enough. This is why we focus on a combination of social and professional diversity considerations as part of our annual general meeting (AGM) analysis. The analysis ensures investee companies have adequate skills aligned to the requirements of the business, expertise on associated committees, independent oversight, and social considerations such as ethnicity, age, and increased participation of women at executive and non-executive level. So, we are not just 'ticking the box' when completing the analysis, our policy is to also engage with the company after voting at their AGM so we can better understand the overall structure of the board.

#### Our ongoing commitment

#### Signatory of:



Evenlode Investment Management became a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) in 2018. By becoming signatories, we commit to implementing these principles and incorporating environmental, social and governance factors into our investment process to help enhance returns and better manage risk for our clients.

- Strategy & Governance: A+
- Integration: A+
- Engagement: A
- Proxy Voting: A

#### Recent publications for download

- UNPRI Assessment Report
- Responsible Investment Report
- Carbon Emissions Report

**MSCI** Rating



Data as at 31 October 2021. Based on 100.0% of AUM. MSCI ESG Fund ratings are intended to measure the resilience of funds to long-term risks and opportunities arising from environmental, social and governance issues.

#### Morningstar® Ratings



Morningstar Sustainability Rating

Ratings as at 30 September 2021. Based on 100.0% of AUM. The Morningstar<sup>®</sup> Sustainability Rating<sup>TM</sup> is intended to measure how well the issuing companies of the securities within a fund's portfolio holdings are managing their environmental, social, and governance risks and opportunities relative to the fund's Morningstar Global Category peers.



Ratings as at 30 September 2021. Based on 96.9% of AUM. The Morningstar<sup>®</sup> Low Carbon Designation<sup>™</sup> is intended to allow investors to easily identify low-carbon funds across the global universe. The designation is an indicator that the companies held in a portfolio are in general alignment with the transition to a low-carbon economy.

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# ANNUAL DIVIDEND PAYMENTS



B Inc Shares. Pence per share figures relate to the fund's financial year ended February of the relevant year.

# SHARE CLASS DETAILS

	B shares (clean)		C shares (inst	titutional)
Share class	ACC	INC	ACC	INC
SEDOL codes	BDoB7C4	BDoB7D5	BDoB7F7	BDoB7G8
Share price (pence)	374.93	247.51	377.38	249.13
Minimum lump sum	£1,000	£1,000	£10 million	£10 million
Minimum regular savings	£50 per month	£50 per month	N/A	N/A
Initial charge (%)¹	5.00 <sup>1</sup>	5.00 <sup>1</sup>	5.00 <sup>1</sup>	5.00 <sup>1</sup>
Periodic charge (%)²	0.87	0.87	0.77	0.77
Ex ante transaction cost (%)	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Latest distribution <sup>3</sup>	2.30	1.52	2.31	1.53

1. The fund remains available to existing investors with 0% initial charge.

2. Equivalent to OCF. For full information on the periodic charge please refer to section 7.1 of the full Prospectus.

3. Pence/share. XD date 1 December 2021. Latest distribution rate may be estimated.

### Income generated from £100 investment over 5 years

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Source: Financial Express, date of investment 30 November 2016.

# WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As a focused equity portfolio of typically less than 40 investments, the fund can involve higher risk and higher volatility. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movement; you may not get back the amount originally invested. You should therefore regard your investment as long term. Details on the risk factors are included in the fund's prospectus, available on our website.

# **INVESTOR PROFILE**

The Fund may appeal to investors who:

- Would like the prospect of sustainable real income growth combined with some capital growth over the long term
- Accept the risk associated with the volatile nature of equity investments
- Plan to hold their investment for at least 5 years

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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