# WS EVENLODE INCOME\*

MONTHLY FACTSHEET all data as at 30 November 2023 unless otherwise indicated \*Prior to 2nd October 2023 the name of the fund was TB Evenlode Income



This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus and to the Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs) before making any final investment decisions.

#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

After a downbeat October, investor sentiment improved in November. In both Europe and the US, a continuing decline in the inflation rate suggested interest rate reductions may begin earlier in 2024 than previously expected. And though the global economy continues to slow, it has done so at a measured pace. A falling oil price was also helpful for sentiment.

During the month, Evenlode Income rose +3.9% compared to a rise of +3.0% for the FTSE All-Share and +4.4% for the IA UK All Companies sector. The strongest contributors to return included Experian, RELX, Sage Group, PageGroup, Howden Joinery and Smith & Nephew. All six companies announced resilient trading updates over recent weeks. Experian, RELX and Sage Group continue to benefit from ongoing demand for their software and data analytics services as digitalisation trends continue. PageGroup and Howden Joinery are trading resiliently in difficult end markets, helped by their market leading positions and healthy cash generation. Smith & Nephew's results showed signs that new management's investments are beginning to bear fruit. The main negative contributors of note were Diageo and Burberry, whose share prices fell approximately -11% and -13% respectively. Diageo downgraded sales growth expectations for its current financial year due to destocking trends in its Latin America division. Burberry reported solid revenue growth of +7% at its interim results, but management noted a demand slowdown over recent months, and now expect full year results to be at the lower end of the forecast range. After this year's share price underperformance, both Diageo and Burberry's valuations are at multi-year lows.

During the month, we trimmed back holdings such as RELX, Sage, Wolters Kluwer and Microsoft where performance has been very strong, and recycled the capital into a range of other portfolio holdings where less positive share price performance has left our estimates of forward returns looking more attractive (Diageo, Burberry, Reckitt, Roche, Halma, Smith & Nephew, Hays, Spirax-Sarco etc.)

The rapid rise in interest rates and bond yields over the last two years has led to a valuation derating for many companies within the UK stock market - even for those that continue to make steady fundamental progress. This has tested the patience of equity investors, but it has also 'squashed' the valuations of most companies down to attractive levels. The opportunity set hasn't looked this broad to us since the early days of the fund in the 2009-2013 period.

#### PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (%)<sup>1</sup>



#### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Launch <sup>1</sup>
■ Fund (%)²	0.4	-1.1	3.2	20.9	31.4	120.9	295.5
■ Benchmark (%)³	0.6	1.6	1.8	27.3	26.8	63.8	146.9
IA Sector (%)	-0.3	-0.4	0.7	13.4	19.0	51.0	136.9
Rank in sector	91/239	160/239	57/238	101/229	25/220	4/191	4/164
Quartile	2	3	1	2	1	1	1

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund²	4.4	-2.8	17.7	-7.4	24.3	0.4
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	3.3	0.3	18.3	-9.8	19.2	-9.5
IA Sector	1.8	-9.1	17.3	-6.0	22.2	-11.2

#### **FUND ATTRIBUTES**

- Emphasis on sustainable real dividend growth
- Actively managed, with 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 Index
Launch date <sup>4</sup>	19 October 2009
Fund size	£3,191 million
No. of Holdings	37
Historic yield⁵	2.8%
Active share <sup>6</sup>	76.0%
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. WS Evenlode Income B Acc GBP shares.

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

4. Evenlode Income was merged through a scheme of arrangement into WS 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 (%)

Industrials	37.8	
Consumer Staples	24.3	
Information Technology	9.5	
Financials	8.0	
Health Care	7.3	
Consumer Discretionary	7.0	
Real Estate	1.8	
Materials	1.5	
Communication Services	1.2	
Cash	1.7	



#### Size allocation (%)

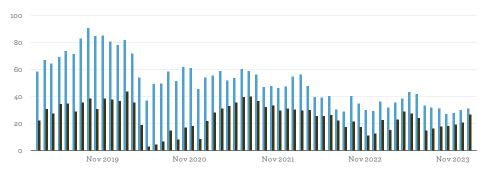
■ Large Cap (> £10 bn)	57.6
<ul> <li>Mid Cap (£2 bn - £10 bn)</li> </ul>	30.7
■ Small Cap (< £2 bn)	10.0
Cash	1.7



#### Geographical allocation (%)

<ul> <li>United Kingdom</li> </ul>	86.4	
Europe	7.1	
North America	4.9	
Cash	1.7	

#### ROLLING 5 YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)



- WS Evenlode Income B Acc GBP Shares
- FTSE All-Share Index

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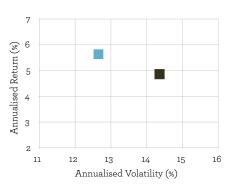
Total return, bid-to-bid, net of UK dividend tax credit, and sourced from Financial Express. Rolling 5 year performance figures are run to calendar month ends.

#### Top 20 holdings (%)

RELX	8.7
Unilever	7.6
Diageo	7.4
Reckitt	6.6
Bunzl	5.0
Experian	3.6
Smiths Group	3.4
Sage Group	3.0
Smith & Nephew	2.9
Spectris	2.6
GSK	2.6
Compass	2.6
Intertek Group	2.6
London Stock Exchange Group	2.6
Howden Joinery Group	2.4
SGS	2.4
Hays	2.3
Microsoft	2.1
Page Group	2.1
Games Workshop	1.9
Total	74.4

Investors will own shares in WS Evenlode Income, not in the underlying holdings; these are the underlying assets owned by the fund.

#### **RISK RETURN (5 YEARS)**



- WS Evenlode Income B Acc GBP Shares
- FTSE All-Share Index

Annualised volatility is calculated using monthly returns.





**CHRIS MOORE** 

Chris joined Evenlode

Investment Management in

February 2018 having previously

Fund Manager

been an equity research analyst at Investec

Financial Analyst, and studied Accounting

Chartered Accountant and Chartered

and Finance at Warwick University.

Bank and Berenberg. Chris is a fully qualified

#### **INVESTMENT TEAM**

The Evenlode Investment Team totals 17 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 WS 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.

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#### **BEN PETERS**

Fund Manager

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



Integration into the investment process

Ben has worked on the WS Evenlode Income fund since launch in 2009, and became

qualification.



### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)

SAWAN KUMAR Head of Stewardship



**REBEKAH NASH** Governance Analyst



**BETHAN ROSE** Sustainable **Investment Analyst** 

Evenlode is committed to achieving positive outcomes integral to its business purpose. The board actively oversees climate-related risks and opportunities, acknowledging the significance of addressing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) matters, especially related to climate change. The ESG director, Ben Peters, ensures that climate-related considerations are embedded in the business plan and activities. The Head of Stewardship executes the stewardship business plan, aligning with the overall strategy and ensuring transparency through KPI assessments. The operations team collaborates closely with the stewardship team. The relationship has been crucial in understanding the complex regulations like the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations (SFDR). The technology team enhances the proprietary platform, EDDIE, addressing net-zero alignment and portfolio emissions analysis. These efforts underscore Evenlode's commitment to sustainable practices and risk management.

#### 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.

Investment & Stewardship Policy

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

#### **MSCI** Rating



Data as at 31 October 2023. Based on 99.1% 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<sup>®</sup> Ratings



Morningstar Sustainability Rating"

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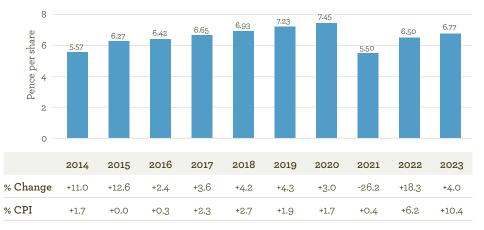


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#### ANNUAL DIVIDEND PAYMENTS



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 (instit	tutional)
Share class	B ACC	BINC	C ACC	C INC
SEDOL codes	BDoB7C4	BDoB7D5	BDoB7F7	BDoB7G8
Share price	394.40p	246.27p	397.79p	248.37p
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 <sup>1</sup>	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Periodic charge²	0.87%	0.87%	0.77%	0.77%
Ex ante transaction cost	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Latest distribution <sup>3</sup>	2.67	1.67	2.69	1.68

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

Equivalent to OCF. For full information on the periodic charge, please refer to section 7.1 of the full Prospectus.
 Pence/share. XD date 1 December 2023. Latest distribution rate may be estimated.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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# Income generated from £100 investment over 5 years

B Inc Shares	£15.51

Source: Financial Express, date of investment 30 November 2018.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As a focused equity portfolio of between 30 and 50 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

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