# **IFSL EVENLODE INCOME\***

MONTHLY FACTSHEET all data as at 30 November 2024 unless otherwise indicated \*Prior to 9 March 2024 the name of the fund was WS Evenlode Income

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Evenlode has developed a Glossary to assist investors to better understand commonly used terms.

#### MANAGER COMMENTARY

November was another eventful month for global stock markets, with the US election dominating news flow. The US stock market and dollar took the news of a Trump victory very well - buoyed by the prospect of corporation tax cuts and an 'America First' economic policy. Outside of the US, equity markets were more mixed, with questions around potential US tariffs creating some uncertainty. Other geopolitical news also competed for the headlines - including elevated Russia/Ukraine tensions, French political uncertainty and an Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire. Though the UK stock market did not keep up with the US, it outperformed its European peers.

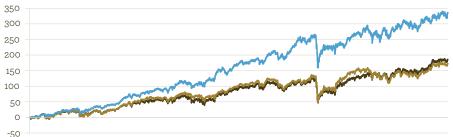
Evenlode Income rose +3.1% during the month, compared to a rise of +2.2% for the IA UK All Companies sector, and +2.5% for the FTSE All-Share. The most positive contributors to return were Sage, Games Workshop, Smiths Group and Burberry. Sage released strong results driven by its leading cloud products for small and medium sized businesses. Games Workshop announced that recent trading was ahead of expectations, with double digit revenue and profit growth. Smiths Group released a positive trading update and increased its share buyback programme. Burberry's interim results were weak but broadly in line with guidance, and the strategy update by new CEO, Joshua Schulman, was encouraging. The most negative contributors were Diageo and Ashmore, whose share prices reacted to Trump's election victory. Diageo's profitability in the US could be negatively impacted if tariffs are increased, while strength in the US dollar and higher yields could affect Ashmore's investment performance and flows.

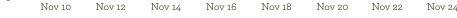
In terms of changes, following the exits of PepsiCo, Procter & Gamble and Hargreaves Lansdown in October, we added to a range of holdings where we are seeing a compelling combination of quality and valuation appeal, including Sage, Experian, Page Group and LVMH.

Third quarter results season has come and gone, with themes in-line with the year so far. Sectors such as luxury/spirits, recruitment and industrial production markets are still suffering from higher interest rates and a post-Covid hangover (though with signs of green shoots in several cases). Meanwhile, the vast bulk of holdings are growing well, leading to solid aggregate earnings growth at the portfolio level, and healthy free cash flow generation. The fund's free cash flow yield<sup>[1]</sup> is c.5% for 2024, and we expect good growth potential over coming years.

<sup>[1]</sup> Free Cash Flow (FCF) of a company is a measure of how much cash it can generate over and above normal operating expenses and capital expenditure. FCF Yield is FCF per share divided by the current share price. The fund's FCF Yield is calculated based on the FCF yields of the companies held in the portfolio.

# 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	-0.1	3.8	10.1	15.8	23.3	120.0	335.3
■ Benchmark (%) <sup>3</sup>	-0.5	1.9	15.7	25.5	32.2	81.1	185.7
IA Sector (%)	-1.3	1.2	15.3	11.6	22.2	68.7	173.2
Rank in sector	48/225	33/225	211/225	112/218	116/209	7/180	7/151
Quartile	1	1	4	3	3	1	1

#### **CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)**

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund²	5.1	9.3	-2.8	17.7	-7.4	24.3
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	10.8	7.9	0.3	18.3	-9.8	19.2
IA Sector	9.4	7.3	-9.2	17.1	-6.2	22.4



# 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 date⁴	19 October 2009		
Fund size	£3,086 million		
No. of Holdings	35		
Historic yield⁵	2.8%		
Active share <sup>6</sup>	75.4%		
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. IFSL 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 IFSL 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	36.0
Consumer Staples	18.9
Financials	10.7
Consumer Discretionary	10.1
Information Technology	9.2
Health Care	7.7
Communication Services	2.9
Real Estate	1.8
Materials	0.8
Cash	2.0



■ Mid Cap (£2 bn - £10 bn)	24.7
■ Small Cap (< £2 bn)	9.3
Cash	2.0



#### Geographical allocation (%)

<ul> <li>United Kingdom</li> </ul>	88.7
Europe	6.1
North America	3.2
Cash	2.0

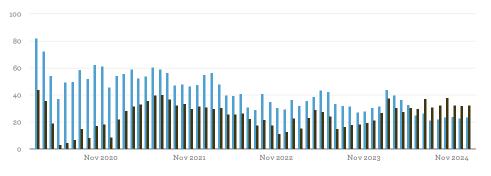
#### Top 20 holdings (%)

Unilever	7.8
Diageo	6.7
RELX	6.7
Bunzl	5.0
Experian	4.9
Reckitt	4.3
London Stock Exchange Group	4.1
Compass	4.1
Smiths Group	3.8
Sage Group	3.5
Games Workshop	3.3
Smith & Nephew	3.1
Intertek Group	2.9
Informa	2.9
GSK	2.7
Howden Joinery Group	2.5
Spectris	2.5
Halma	2.2
CME Group	2.2
IntegraFin	2.1

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

# **ROLLING 5 YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)**

Each bar shows returns for the 5-year period ending on the relevant month-end date  $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$ 



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

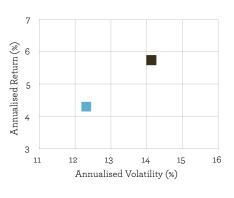
 $^{\mbox{\tiny l}}\mbox{e.g.}$  the November 2024 bars show returns for the period 30 November 2019 to 30 November 2024

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Total return, bid-to-bid, net of UK dividend tax credit, and sourced from Financial Express.

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# RISK RETURN (5 YEARS)



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

Annualised volatility is calculated using monthly returns.





# **INVESTMENT TEAM**

The Evenlode Investment Team totals 19 staff. Fund managers are supported by a team of analysts including four dedicated stewardship analysts, and the team works collegiately to challenge thinking and share ideas.



# HUGH YARROW

Portfolio Manager Hugh co-founded Evenlode and is the lead Portfolio Manager of Evenlode Income, having launched the fund in October 2009.





BEN PETERS Portfolio Manager Ben co-founded Evenlode and has been the co-Portfolio Manager on Evenlode Income since 2012. He is also Portfolio Manager on the Global Income strategy team.

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CHRIS MOORE Portfolio Manager Chris is a Portfolio Manager on Evenlode Income, is Head of Research, and joined Evenlode in 2018.



CHARLOTTE LAMB Investment Analyst Charlotte is an Investment Analyst on Evenlode Income and joined Evenlode in 2019.



LEON CYRIL Investment Analyst Leon is an Investment Analyst on Evenlode Income and joined Evenlode in 2020.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)

We believe that delivering real, durable returns over the long term can be best achieved by integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into our risk management framework as this ensures that all long-term risks are monitored and managed on an ongoing basis. In addition to reviewing ESG factors when making investment decisions, we engage with portfolio companies on a range of ESG issues (for example greenhouse gas emission reduction). However, please note that the fund does not have a sustainability objective.



#### Integration into the investment process

We consider engagement with companies as an opportunity. Discussing challenges with companies enables us to understand their business context and obtain more information about their mitigation of and resilience to the risks that we perceive. Ultimately though, we are seeking to create long-term value for our clients through improving the sustainability characteristics of a company. However, we understand that all this takes time and a measured approach. This requires us to set appropriate engagement objectives which allow us to stay focused and accurately monitor the results.

SAWAN WADHWA Head of Stewardship



BETHAN ROSE Sustainable Investment Analyst



REBEKAH NASH Stewardship Analyst



#### LILY POSTLETHWAITE Stewardship Analyst

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.

Policy Governance and Strategy

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Confidence Building Measures

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#### MSCI Rating



Data as at 31 October 2024. 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<sup>®</sup> Ratings



Morningstar Sustainability Rating<sup>™</sup>

Ratings as at 30 September 2024. Based on 100.0% of AUM. The Morningstar<sup>®</sup> Sustainability Rating<sup>™</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.

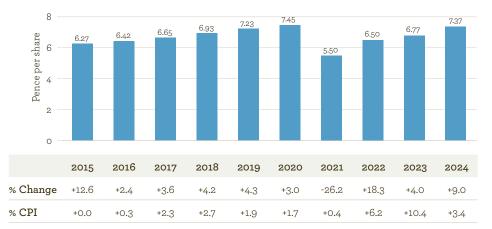


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# ANNUAL DIVIDEND PAYMENTS



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 (institutional)		
Share class	B ACC	BINC	C ACC	C INC	
SEDOL codes	BDoB7C4	BDoB7D5	BDoB7F7	BDoB7G8	
Share price	434.10p	263.19p	438.28p	265.72p	
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	0.88	0.88	0.78	0.78	
Ex ante transaction cost	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	
Latest distribution <sup>3</sup>	2.82	1.73	2.84	1.75	

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 2024. Latest distribution rate may be estimated.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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B Inc Shares	£13.72
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Source: Financial Express, date of investment 30 November 2019.

#### 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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