# EVENLODE GLOBAL DIVIDEND

MONTHLY FACTSHEET all data as at 29 February 2024 unless otherwise indicated



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### MANAGER COMMENTARY

February was a very strong month for equity markets with the benchmark MSCI World Index up 4.9% in sterling terms and 4.2% in US dollars. The biggest contributor to market performance was the Information Technology sector, within which chipmaker NVIDIA (not owned by the fund) and Microsoft (which is a position) produced a significant proportion of the return. These large technology companies and the promise of artificial intelligence are much discussed, but the strength of the market was broad-based with all sectors rising, with the exception of utilities, which fell slightly.

The fund itself tracked sideways through the month as company results for 2023 came in. The results themselves have progressed broadly as expected with median organic revenue growth of 6% for the portfolio and operating profit and free cash flow growing. The market reaction to portfolio results was mixed, but one theme that emerged was companies seeing revenues normalise from unusually high levels during the pandemic generally witnessing negative share price reactions. In the health care sector this included medical testing lab operator Sonic Healthcare and pharmaceutical and testing equipment maker Roche. In consumer goods Reckitt's health business was lapping the after-effects of an unusually strong post-pandemic flu season in 2022 as populations emerged from lockdown, as well as the temporary benefits of competitor supply issues in its infant nutrition business wearing off. In all such cases for portfolio companies, our analysis is that the health of the underlying franchises is unaffected, and any negative price reactions mean that valuations remain attractive, indeed becoming more-so.

Dividend growth is a core aim of the fund's strategy, and with the fund's financial year passing an annual increase of the distribution to unitholders of 12.5% (I Inc USD class, USD terms) was encouraging to see. Portfolio companies announced divided increases averaging 6%, indicating a continuation of this trend.

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



#### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	Launch <sup>1</sup>
■ Fund (%)²	0.0	6.9	6.1	12.8	18.9	48.6	58.7
■ Benchmark (%) <sup>3</sup>	4.2	10.7	12.5	25.0	28.2	73.6	72.8
Sector (%)	1.6	7.1	7.8	12.9	17.6	39.6	36.8
Rank in sector	174/197	108/195	134/194	95/187	79/169	42/144	14/129
Quartile	4	3	3	3	2	2	1

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund²	2.2	14.4	-16.5	21.3	6.8	27.7
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	5.5	23.8	-18.1	21.8	15.9	27.7
Sector	2.2	13.6	-11.9	17.1	4.9	21.6

### 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 the long term
- Focused portfolio of 30-50 high quality dividend paying global equities
- Low portfolio turnover with long-term holding periods
- Invests across the world in companies with diverse multi-national revenue streams

#### **KEY DETAILS**

Sector	EAA Fund Global Equity Income				
Benchmark	MSCI World Index				
Strategy launch date	20 November 2017				
Fund launch date	16 May 2018				
Strategy size <sup>4</sup>	US\$2,504 million				
Fund size	US\$168 million				
No. of Holdings	38				
Historic yield⁵	2.0%				
Active share <sup>6</sup>	90.9%				
Valuation point	12 noon daily				
Div ex dates	1 Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec				
Div pay dates	end Apr, Jul, Oct, Jan				
Fund domicile	Ireland				
Countries of registration	See Fund Availability table on page 4				
SFDR category	Article 8				

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

1. From launch date 16 May 2018 (Fund).

Evenlode Global Dividend I Acc USD shares.
 Benchmark is the MSCI World Index (with net

dividends reinvested) in USD.

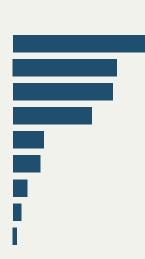
4. Strategy size refers to the combined fund value of WS Evenlode Global Income and Evenlode Global Dividend, in USD terms.
5. The historic yield reflects distributions over the past 12 months as a percentage of the price of the I Inc USD share class as at the date shown. It does not include any initial charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

6. Active share is calculated against the fund's Comparator Benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

# PORTFOLIO

## Sector allocation (%)

Industrials	26.4
Consumer Staples	20.8
Health Care	20.0
Information Technology	15.8
Communication Services	6.2
Consumer Discretionary	5.4
Financials	2.9
Materials	1.7
Cash	0.8

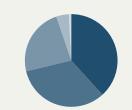




#### Size allocation (%)

■ Large Cap (>£10 bn)	87.1
■ Mid Cap (£2 bn - £10 bn)	12.1
Cash	0.8

ANNUAL DIVIDEND PAYMENTS



#### Geographical allocation (%)

Europe	38.2
<ul> <li>North America</li> </ul>	33.0
<ul> <li>United Kingdom</li> </ul>	23.6
Asia-Pacific	4.4
Cash	0.8

#### Top 20 holdings (%)

Accenture	4.6
Unilever	4.5
Microsoft	4.3
Wolters Kluwer	4.2
RELX	4.1
Medtronic	3.6
Nestlé	3.5
Diageo	3.5
LVMH	3.4
Reckitt	3.4
Experian	3.3
Procter & Gamble	3.2
Paychex	3.2
Cisco Systems	3.0
Quest Diagnostics	2.9
Jack Henry & Associates	2.9
Roche	2.8
L'Oréal	2.7
GSK	2.5
Capgemini	2.5
Total	68.1

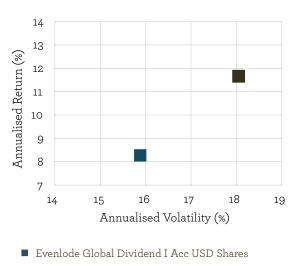
Investors will own shares in Evenlode Global Dividend, not in the underlying holdings; these are the underlying assets owned by the fund.

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USD I Inc Shares. Cents per share figures relate to the fund's financial year ended February of the relevant year.

Fund launched in 2018 as a feeder fund and became a stand-alone fund in March 2020 so annual dividend payments are just shown from 2021 onwards.

# RISK RETURN (5 YEARS)



MSCI World Index

Annualised volatility is calculated using monthly returns.





## **INVESTMENT TEAM**

The Evenlode Investment Team totals 18 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.



BEN PETERS Portfolio Manager Ben co-founded Evenlode and is

the lead Portfolio Manager on the Evenlode Global Income strategy since launch in 2017. Ben has also managed Evenlode Income since 2012.



Evenlode in 2015.

ALPHA MANAGER 2023

CHRIS ELLIOTT Portfolio Manager Chris is a Portfolio Manager on the Evenlode Global Income and Global Equity strategy teams and joined



ROBERT STRACHAN Investment Analyst

Robert Strachan is an Investment Analyst on the Evenlode Global Income strategy and joined Evenlode in 2019.



BEN ARMITAGE Investment Analyst

Ben is an Investment Analyst on the Evenlode Global Income strategy and joined Evenlode in 2021.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)

#### Integration into the investment process



SAWAN WADHWA Head of Stewardship



BETHAN ROSE Sustainable Investment Analyst



**REBEKAH NASH** Governance Analyst



LILY POSTLETHWAITE Stewardship Analyst



#### 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.

Policy Governance and Strategy

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Direct - Listed Equity Active fundamental

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#### **MSCI** Rating



Data as at 30 November 2023. 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<sup>™</sup>

Ratings as at 31 December 2023. 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.



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# SHARE CLASS DETAILS

	USD shares			EUR shares	GBP shares		
Share class	I INC	I ACC	X INC	X INC	I INC	I ACC	X INC
SEDOL codes	BFZ18W0	BFZ18V9	BG5NF55	BG5NF44	BKT1BS8	BKT1BR7	BF5KD77
Share price	\$1.49	\$1.59	\$1.42	€1.55	140.41p	145.78p	150.59p
Minimum lump sum	\$1 million	\$1 million	\$10 million	€10 million	£1 million	£1 million	£10 million
Investment manegement fee	0.80%	0.80%	0.60%	0.60%	0.80%	0.80%	0.60%
Ongoing charges figure (cap) <sup>1</sup>	0.95%	0.95%	0.75%	0.75%	0.95%	0.95%	0.75%
Ex ante transaction cost	0.38%	0.38%	0.38%	0.38%	0.38%	0.38%	0.38%
Latest distribution <sup>2</sup>	0.88	N/A	0.84	0.91	0.83	N/A	0.89

For full information on charges, please refer to the Fees, Costs and Expenses section of the Evenlode Global Dividend Fund Supplement to the Evenlode ICAV Prospectus.
 Pence/share for GBP shares and cents/share for EUR/USD shares. XD date 1 March 2024. Latest distribution rate may be estimated. Where rate is showing as N/A, share class awaiting external investments.

The share classes listed above have launched and are available for investment. Other share classes are listed in the Evenlode ICAV Global Dividend Fund prospectus supplement. Class R shares have a minimum investment of \$/€/£1,000, and an OCF of 1.50%. For full information on the share classes, please refer to the Key Information Documents.

#### 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

- 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

# FUND AVAILABILITY

- Denmark
  Finland
  Germany
  Ireland
  Luxembourg
  Norway
  Sweden
- Switzerland\*

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