# AYLETT GLOBAL EQUITY FUND

# MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & **GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT - A1**

30 JUNE 2023

### **FUND INVESTMENT SUMMARY AND OBJECTIVES**

### Our Investment Strategy and Philosophy

Shares are evaluated, not by a fluctuating ticker or a graph on a screen, but by what they represent, a certificate of ownership. We seek great businesses that are well run and managed, trading at a discount to their intrinsic value. We follow the adage that the return of an investment is determined not by the exit price but by the price one pays.

#### **Fund Objective**

The Aylett Global Equity Fund is a US Dollar denominated fund, with the investment objective of maximising capital growth by investment directly or indirectly in equities and equity-related securities around the world.

The Fund adhered to the investment & policy objectives as stated in the Supplement.

#### **Fund Universe**

The Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in equities and equity related securities comprising common stock, preferred stock, closed-ended investment trusts, convertible bonds (excluding contingent convertible bonds) and non-bespoke equity linked notes, which are listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges worldwide.

#### Who Should Invest

The Fund is Section 65 approved and is suitable for investors seeking long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of global equities. The fund may underperform on a short term basis and is thus suitable for investors with longer (5 years +) time horizons

| FUND FACTS         |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Inception          | 31 March 2022                                   |
| Legal Structure    | UCITS   |
| Benchmark          | MSCI ACWI TR                                    |
| Regulator          | Central Bank of Ireland                         |
| Portfolio Manager  | Walter Aylett                                   |
| Management company | Prescient Fund Services (Ireland) Limited       |
| Fund Depository    | Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Ltd |

Ernst & Young Incorporated

**Fund auditors** 

**FUND DETAILS** 

| Fund Size \$         | \$73.75 million |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Number of Units - A1 | 6 234.77        |
| Unit Price - A1 \$   | \$9952.54 cpu   |
| Currency             | US Dollar (USD) |
| ISIN - A1            | IE0000ZIWAV8    |
| Bloomberg Code       | PGAGEFA         |

Anheuser-Busch Inbev Top 10 holdings (Alphabetical Order) Bath & Body Works Inc Berkshire Hathaway Inc

BHP Group Ltd

British American Tobacco Plc

Conocophillips Delfi Ltd Jumbo

Reinet Investments

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### **FEES & MINIMUMS**

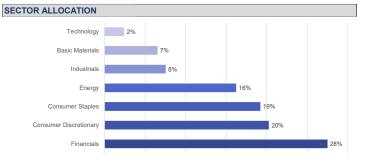
Minimum \$10,000 Initial Fees None Performance Fee None Annual Management Fee - A1 1.35%

Fees are class dependent: Calculated on the market value of the fund's assets, accrued daily and paid monthly.

# Fee Breakdown - A1

Management fee 1.35% Performance fee Not Applicable Other fees\*\*\* 0.38% Total Expense Ratio (TER) 1.73% Transaction costs 0.00% Total Investment Charge (TIC) 1.73%

\*\*\*Other fees includes underlying fee (where applicable): Audit Fees, Custody Fees and Trustee Fees





| (Figures are annualised and net Aylett Global Equity MSCI of fees) Fund - A1 ACWI TR |                  |       | FUND PERFORMANCE       |
|--|------------------|-------|------------------------|
|  | MSCI<br>ACWI TRI |       | , ,                    |
| <b>1 Year</b> 12.7% 17.1%  | 17.1%            | 12.7% | 1 Year                 |
| Inception -0.4% -0.8%  | -0.8%            | -0.4% | Inception              |
| <b>Highest 1 year return*</b> 12.7% 17.1%  | 17.1%            | 12.7% | Highest 1 year return* |
| <b>Lowest 1 year return*</b> -0.2% -7.0%   | -7.0%            | -0.2% | Lowest 1 year return*  |

<sup>\*</sup>Highest and lowest consecutive 12-month returns since inception.

#### **FUND RISK PROFILE**

The Fund has a category five risk indicator which is a medium to high risk profile as it is actively managed across equities, cash and other listed assets.

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|-----------------|------------|--------|-----|-----------|-------|-----------|------|------|-----------|--|-----|--------|-------|--|
|                 | One        | $\geq$ | Two | $\rangle$ | Three | $\rangle$ | Four |      | Five      |  | Six | $\geq$ | Seven |  |
| Since inception |            |        |     |           | Fund  |           |      |      | Benchmark |  |     |        |       |  |
|                 | Alpha      |        |     |           |       |           | 0.   | 4%   |           |  |     |        |       |  |
|                 | Standard D | eviat  | ion |           |       |           | 17   | .4%  |           |  |     | 20.1%  | 6     |  |
|                 | Max Drawd  | lown   |     |           |       |           | -17  | 7.0% |           |  | -   | 22.49  | 6     |  |
|                 | % Positive | Mont   | hs  |           |       |           | 53   | .3%  |           |  |     | 53.3%  | 6     |  |
|                 |            |        |     |           |       |           |      |      |           |  |     |        |       |  |

#### ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

#### AYLETT GLOBAL EQUITY FUND vs MSCI ACWI TRI PERFORMANCE (Net of fees)



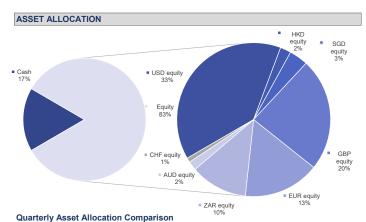
\*\*Total Return Indexed is net of fees and assumes dividends and distributions are reinvest Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

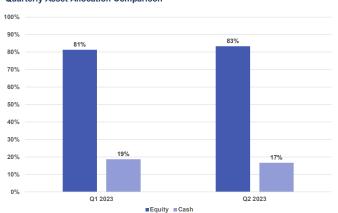
For illustrative purposes only: The illustrative performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown. Income is reinvested on the

Source: Bloomberg, inception to 30 June 2023

# INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Class A1 Shares are accumulating Shares. It is not currently intended to make distributions to the Shareholders





### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

### **MARKET REVIEW**

The MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI ACWI) returned 6.3% for the quarter ended June 2023. Year to date, it has returned 14.3%. Since the inception of the fund, the MSCI ACWI has returned -1.1%.

The Information Technology sector was the major winner, returning 14.7% in the quarter and an impressive 39.1% year to date. The Energy sector was the laggard, returning -0.3% in the quarter and -3.7% year to date.

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

The fund returned -1% for the quarter, 2.6% year to date and -0.5% since inception.

Contributors to the performance in the quarter included Jumbo (BELA), Berkshire Hathaway (BRK/B) and Reinet Investments (RNI). Detractors included Victoria's Secret (VSCO) and Anheuser Busch Inbev (BUD).

The year started well for BUD; input cost pressures were receding, volumes remained resilient and price increases were being passed through. However, an influencer campaign in April set off a significant consumer boycott in the USA which immediately impacted volumes. This boycott was targeted at the Bud Light brand but also spread to some of the other brands they own. The volume declines have stabilized but they have been significant, resulting in a downgrading of the earnings expectations for the year and uncertainty as to what the longer-term market share impacts might be. However, BUD remains well positioned for growth with leadership positions in many fast-growing markets.

Energy, which makes up a material part of the fund, has been a laggard this year on weak oil and gas prices. Russian oil supply has remained more resilient than expected, US strategic reserves have been depleted, demand concerns have persisted due to recession fears and the first half of the year is seasonally weak for oil. As such prices have fallen, which has impacted the equities we own, and we have added to our positions into this weakness. However, the longer-term supply-demand imbalance we see has not changed and at current oil prices, the companies we own are making healthy profits and paying healthy shareholder distributions. It is notable to us that global oil demand continues to reach new highs in 2023 even with an uneven global recovery and recession concerns.

## **NOTABLE CHANGES**

We have added a UK-based wealth manager to the fund during the quarter, a position we're still in the process of building. Growing investment complexity in the UK and an ageing population are leading to an increased need for financial advice, which they are ideally placed to provide through their considerable advisor force. A large amount of latent earnings power is hidden due to a unique financial model but once understood is very compelling. Concerns about the general UK economy and weaker inflows have given us an opportunity to buy an incredibly well-placed company with an attractive, multi-year, growth outlook. We sold our holding in Ollie's Bargain Outlet as it had neared our assessment of fair value.

### OUTLOOK

Inflation continues to dominate the headlines and has proven (especially core measures) to be sticker than central bankers and economists expected. We're not surprised. It seems, however, that we're through the worst of it, but getting back down to target levels will take time and require more pain. Consequently, interest rates around the world are much higher than they have been for many years and we expect to see the effects playing out for some time still.

Global markets have been more robust year to date than we would have expected in January, partly driven by Al hype in the technology sector but also due to the simple resilience of many companies' earnings. The impending US recession seems to keep being pushed out and it currently looks like they may be able to avoid one completely. Investor enthusiasm has returned in a big way in both institutional and retail buying behaviour.

# **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY CONTINUED**

We do not try to give overall market outlooks nor invest in that manner, but with inflation still above historic levels, increased interest costs and continued geopolitical tensions we think some caution is warranted. The companies we own are attractively valued with good prospects. The fund has a healthy cash balance, ready to take advantage of any volatility in the months to come.

Walter Aylett

30 June 2023





#### GLOSSARY:

Annualised performance: Annualised performance shows longer-term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest & Lowest performance: The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

NAV: The Net Asset Value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities

CPU: Cents per unit

Alpha: Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk-free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

Max Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

% Positive Month: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

#### **FUND SPECIFIC RISKS:**

**Default risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

Derivatives risk: The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.

Developing Market (excluding SA) risk Some of the countries invested in may have less developed legal, political, economic and/or other systems. These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed.

Foreign Investment risk: Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations.

Interest rate risk: The value of fixed income investments (e.g., bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.

% Property risk: Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

Currency exchange risk: Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

Geographic / Sector risk: For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

Derivative counterparty risk: A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.

Liquidity risk: If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected.

Equity investment risk: Value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. bankruptcy), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

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