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Morningstar Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Growth NR USD
Morningstar Category™	Global Large-Cap Growth Equit
Last Closing Price GBP	10.14
Last Closing NAV GBP	11.49
Discount/Premium %	-11.77
Latest Published NAV	—
Latest Published NAV Date	—
Traded Currency	GBP
Yield	0.31
Dividend Frequency	Annually
Total Assets £ Mil	2,755.3
Net Assets £ Mil	2,631.4
Market Cap £ Mil	2,320.4
Net Gearing %	3.67
Avg Daily Shares Traded Mil (3 month)	0.38
Inception Date	06/02/1929
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Executive Summary

People: An experienced and well-structured management team with support from the wider firm lead to an Above Average People rating. They are thoughtful and passionate investors that make full use of their internal and external networks.

Parent: An exemplary steward.

Board: This trust's board comprises six directors and has a good balance of investment skills and experience.

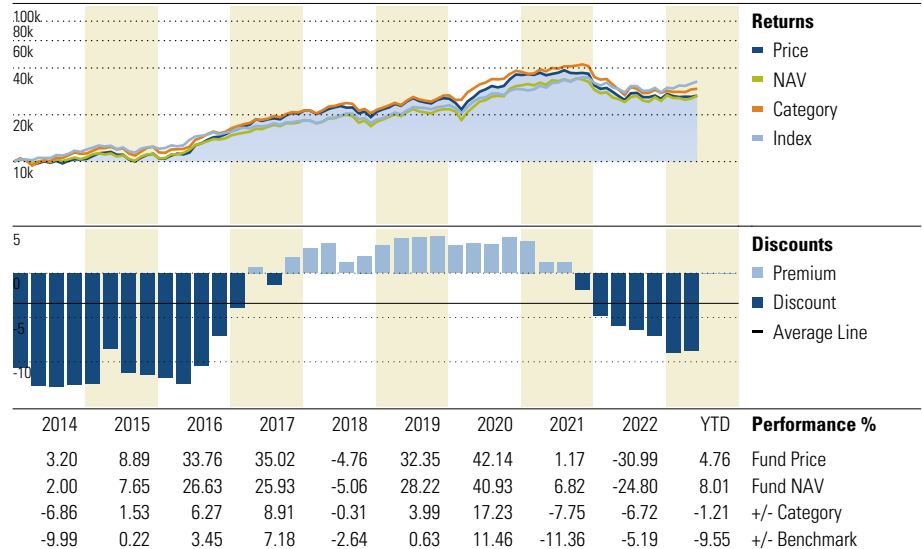
Process: The strategy's established, long-term, and disciplined growth approach warrants an Above Average Process rating.

Performance: Shorter-term performance has suffered from the selloff in growth equities and some stock-specific disappointments. Overall, however, the global alpha team continues to execute on its growth-focused mandate to generate strong long-term results.

Fees:

Role in Portfolio

While the strategy offers broad exposure across sectors, its clear growth bias makes it more suitable as a supporting player.



Morningstar Opinion

19 Dec 2022 | Monks is an attractive proposition from a well-resourced team that continues to execute on this growth-orientated investment philosophy that has served investors well over the long term. It earns a Morningstar Analyst Rating of Silver.

The fund is managed by the experienced duo of Malcolm MacColl and Spencer Adair, with support from portfolio manager Helen Xiong and three dedicated analysts. That follows Charles Plowden's retirement last year. Succession planning was well thought through and well executed. Key-person risk here is somewhat mitigated by Baillie Gifford's approach to succession planning and the co-portfolio manager structure employed. Early indications suggest the transition is going well, and Xiong became a decision-maker on the open-ended funds in May 2021. She is yet to be named as a portfolio manager on this closed-end version, partly to reduce marketing burdens. She is well accustomed to the investment philosophy and process, with experience both as an analyst on the strategy and as an "idea scout" for the key North American equity market. Longer-term continuity is provided by MacColl and Adair, who have worked on this strategy since its inception in 2005. This talented team is supported by three dedicated analysts, in addition to drawing effectively from the in-depth research carried out by other Baillie Gifford investment teams.

The managers target firms that offer durable,




above-average earnings and cash flow growth prospects. They undertake bottom-up, fundamental research that focuses on companies with competitive advantages, superior business models, strong financials, good management, and attractive valuations. There was a sensible update to the way they classify stocks in early 2022. Positions now fall into three growth buckets: compounders, disruptors, and capital allocators. Unlike some peers at Baillie Gifford, this approach provides leeway to invest in companies that grow at different rates, some more cyclical than others. The approach is patient, so turnover has been, and should remain, low. The trust also has access to growth opportunities in the unlisted space.

Long-term returns remain attractive on an absolute and relative basis. More recent returns in the 12-18 months to November 2022 underwhelmed. This is partly style-related and a consequence of the selloff in growth equities, though disappointingly also because of some stock-specific upsets. We are reassured by the actions taken by the managers and that they are staying resolute in their approach. We note that some volatility is to be expected here given the process but that investors have been rewarded for this over the long term.

The patient and disciplined implementation of the investment strategy, along with an experienced team that makes good use of the firm's broader resources, mean this strategy continues to represent a strong choice for global growth exposure.

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	2021	2022	2023
 Gold			
 Silver			
 Bronze			
Neutral			
Negative			
Under Review			
Not Rateable			

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