

# Purple Global Adaptive Equity UCITS Fund

## Systematic Risk Managed Global Equity

April 2020

### Performance Returns

The Purple Global Adaptive Equity UCITS Fund returned -0.35% for the month (GBP A Share class). This gives the fund a net return since launch on 18 February 2016 of 0.8%.

### Investment Objective & Strategy

The Montlake Purple Global Adaptive Equity fund is our flagship fund which is designed to adapt seamlessly to market conditions by knowing when to take risks and when to preserve capital. It is a product for use by clients who are willing or need to take equity risk but would benefit from the portfolios proactive systematic risk management capability which looks to preserve capital when market conditions deteriorate.

The fund is a global equity fund with a risk management overlay. It holds a basket of equities from the US, European, UK and Japanese markets. These equities are selected based on fundamental data and are chosen on a quality bias.

Each geographical area is treated as a separate portfolio for risk management purposes, with positions being equally weighted to avoid one position dominating performance. It is in our specialised risk system ARES™, however, where this product differentiates itself and seeks to add value. This risk system directs the overall level of market exposure that the fund takes in each geographical region, with the ability to be completely hedged across all markets when required. It is this system of allowing the fund to take on market risk in rallies and hedging during downturns that gives the fund its edge.

We expect the fund to outperform over the longer term, particularly over a full market cycle.

### Monthly Commentary

Following on from the market crash in March, equity markets staged a recovery in April as investors came to terms with the impact that COVID-19, society lockdowns and fiscal and monetary stimulus will have on the economy for the rest of the year and beyond. Volatility and dislocations still remain in the market, as demonstrated by negatively priced oil in mid-April. Despite the rally, this is a time to remain vigilant to the possible longer-term ramifications that the coronavirus crisis will have on the economy, and society as a whole.

At the start of April, the fund was fully hedged to the market and remained hedged for the entire month, picking up a small amount of beta to market towards the end of April. The stock book mainly performed in line with the market, although the UK book underperformed slightly due to some of its holdings in the tourism and hospitality sector which has been hit hard by the crisis. This accounts for the small negative return in April. We expect the fund to continue with steady, low volatile returns in the short term.

### GBP Institutional Class A UCITS Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2020	-0.11%	-7.34%	-7.55%	-0.35%									-14.75%
2019	1.98%	1.36%	-0.22%	0.85%	-1.52%	1.26%	-0.09%	-0.08%	0.96%	-0.62%	1.38%	1.56%	6.97%
2018	1.49%	-2.43%	-1.02%	0.61%	1.10%	0.49%	2.02%	1.05%	0.24%	-4.82%	0.75%	-3.44%	-4.13%
2017	0.55%	2.79%	0.35%	1.16%	1.51%	-0.06%	0.58%	0.12%	1.48%	1.64%	1.26%	1.06%	13.15%
2016	-	-0.53%	0.71%	-1.13%	0.38%	0.66%	0.56%	-0.14%	-0.18%	-2.80%	2.97%	1.44%	1.87%

The performance figures quoted above represent the performance of the Purple Global Adaptive Equity UCITS Fund, GBP Inst. A Share Class since launch on the 18-Feb-2016. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

### The Manager



#### Colin Leggett CFA

##### Investment Director – Investment Management

Colin has over 20+ years industry experience. Colin started his career at Abbey National Asset Management, specialising in futures trading and risk analysis before moving onto Metage Capital in 2006, a London-based hedge fund. In 2009, Colin became Investment Manager where he was responsible for running the asset allocation and hedging strategies for the fund. Colin's depth of knowledge and experience in a multi-asset environment through various trading conditions adds significant expertise to the team, where he works to deliver investment performance within the Group. Colin has a BA (Hons) in History & Politics and is a CFA charter holder.

#### Dr Tony Wilkinson

##### Investment Director – Quantitative Solutions

Tony has an exceptional academic career, with a BSc (1st Class) in Experimental Physics, an MRes in Nuclear Physics and an MSc in Physics & Computing in Medicine, leading to his formative career as a Senior Nuclear Medicine Physicist for the NHS in Cumbria. In 2007, Tony commenced a Ph.D. in Astrophysics, before changing career direction, joining the research team at Altis Partners in 2011, where Tony became the Product Specialist of the Global Futures Portfolio - a fully systematic hedge fund, trading a diverse range of over 100 international futures markets. In 2014, Tony joined Wonga as an Innovation Analyst, where he applied cutting-edge machine learning techniques to solve supervised classification problems related to credit-risk for products. In ISG, Tony supports the CIO in developing the quantitative tools that support the proprietary group investment process.

### Fund Facts

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$163 million
Inception	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2016

#### Share Class Institutional Class A

Currency	EUR/USD/CHF/GBP/AUD
Mgt. Fee	0.70%
Perf. Fee	0%
Min Init. Sub.	1,000,000
ISIN Codes	GBP: IE00BZ1NRQ72 EUR: IE00BZ1NRP65 CHF: IE00BZ1NRR89 USD: IE00BZ1NRS96 AUD: IE00BDTYLH74

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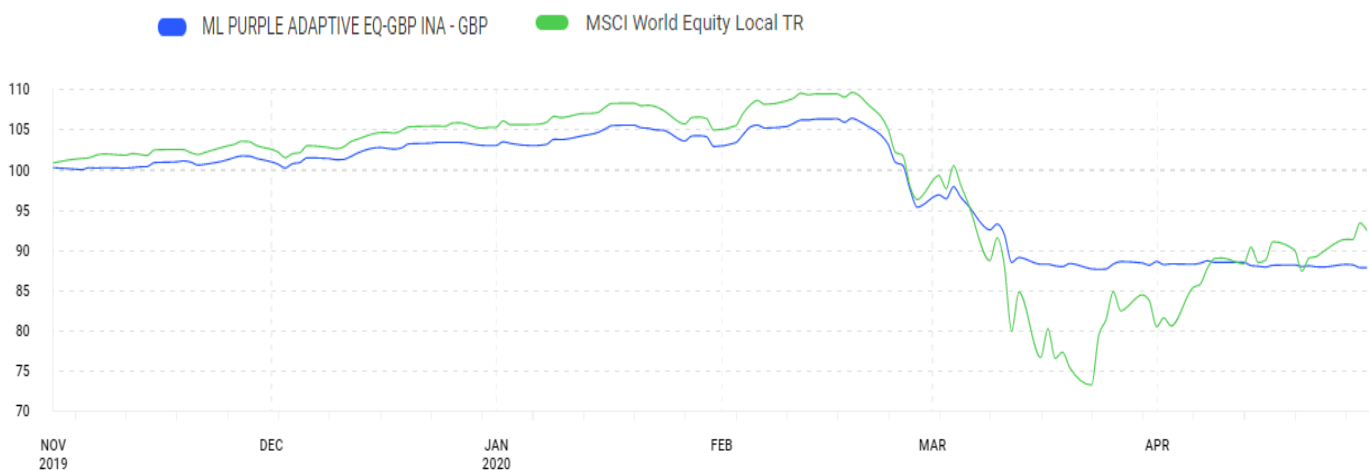
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Market	End Mar Beta to Market	End Apr Beta to Market	Hedging in Place
US	0.00	0.02	Yes
UK	0.00	0.02	Yes
EU	0.00	0.11	Yes
Japan	0.00	0.17	Yes
<b>Overall</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Source: PSC

### Return vs MSCI World over last 6 months



Source: PSC Collidr

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