

Ash Park Global Consumer Franchise UCITS Fund

Global Consumer Franchise Equity

April 2020

Fund Overview

The Ash Park Global Consumer Franchise UCITS Fund is managed by a London-based team with extensive experience covering consumer companies. The Ash Park fund pursues a long-only, 'Buy-and-Hold' strategy focused solely on global Food, Beverage, Tobacco and Household & Personal Care companies (together, the 'Consumer Staples' sector). These companies have historically produced higher long-term returns than the market, and with lower volatility, and the sector tends to combine attractive income generation with inflation protection and growth, supported by brands and franchises which have often been built over decades, even centuries.

The Ash Park fund does not measure itself against any benchmark but has the objective of beating inflation consistently, with low risk and low volatility, through the ownership of high-quality Consumer Staples stocks that it believes are capable of growing their earnings and cash flows at attractive rates almost indefinitely. The Ash Park fund seeks to balance its desire to own the best quality stocks with a need to diversify its portfolio risk. However, its holdings will be concentrated (typically c.20 stocks) and it will be aiming for low turnover.

Monthly Portfolio Comment

Class A units in the Ash Park Global Consumer Franchise UCITS Fund in April were up 8.53% in Euros, +8.07% in CHF, +8.34% in USD and +6.50% in GBP. For the year, Class A units are down -7.47% in Euros, -10.01% in CHF, -9.71% in USD, and -5.17% in GBP.

Following two negative months for the fund in EUR in February and March, April proved to be a very positive one. It appears the initial shock on markets of the developing Coronavirus pandemic abated as bold government and central bank actions gathered pace. April also gave us the first insights into the impact of the pandemic on portfolio companies through their Q1 reports. Unsurprisingly, businesses with exposure to out-of-home consumption suffered (Estee Lauder, Campari, Heineken, Coca-Cola), whilst those with at-home exposure and/or categories geared to the current crisis reported robust levels of growth (Clorox, Reckitt Benckiser, Fever-Tree). The Tobacco companies remained largely unaffected by the current situation. Portfolio activity was limited to one notable change. Having watched one of our holdings, Nomad Foods, lag a group of stocks we deem to be beneficiaries of current events, we booked profits in other parts of the portfolio to increase its weighting by nearly a fifth. Nomad Foods is the European leader in frozen foods and is currently seeing strong demand. More importantly, we would expect the crisis to have a longer-term, positive impact on the consumption of frozen food as consumers appreciate its quality and reliability; Nomad Foods is ideally placed to both drive and benefit from that change. The top 3 contributors in the month were Fever-Tree, BAT and Reckitt Benckiser. There was only one detractor in the month, which was Lindt.

Fund Performance Since Inception (EUR)



Class A, net of fees / expenses. Fund launched on 14th Oct 2014 (=100)
Source: Ash Park

The monthly performance figures quoted above and overleaf represent the performance of the Ash Park Global Consumer Franchise UCITS Fund in the relevant currency class. Euro is the base currency of the fund and is the best indication of fund performance. These performance figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

The Manager



Geographic Split

At 30th April 2020, By Country of Listing

UK	32.2%
US	31.1%
Netherlands	10.9%
Switzerland	7.9%
Germany	4.2%
Italy	4.1%
Hong Kong	3.8%
Japan	1.3%
Net Cash	4.4%

Sector Split

At 30th April 2020, By Company Listing

Tobacco	26.6%
Beverages	21.0%
Household Care	20.1%
Personal Care	14.2%
Food Manufacturing	13.7%
Net Cash	4.4%

Fund Facts

Structure	UCITS Fund
Domicile	Ireland
Liquidity	Daily
Fund AUM	\$39 million
Strategy AUM	\$215 million
Number of Stocks	20
Inception	14 th October 2014

A Class	
Share Class	
Currency	EUR/CHF/USD/GBP
Mgt. Fee	1.00%
ISIN Codes	EUR: IE00BQQFW266 USD: IE00BQQFW480 CHF: IE00BQQFW597 GBP: IE00BQQFW373

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GBP Class A – launched 14th October 2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.78%	5.62%	-3.71%	4.53%
2015	6.21%	1.72%	-0.42%	-1.12%	1.56%	-5.59%	5.90%	-4.92%	2.87%	5.57%	1.05%	1.58%	14.48%
2016	3.04%	1.02%	3.14%	-1.16%	0.32%	11.44%	0.48%	0.23%	0.79%	1.68%	-9.04%	2.81%	14.48%
2017	0.43%	7.80%	1.97%	-1.63%	8.00%	-2.82%	-1.68%	1.89%	-4.69%	1.16%	0.43%	3.53%	14.45%
2018	-3.40%	-5.49%	-0.38%	-0.96%	0.79%	3.32%	4.32%	-1.03%	-0.72%	-1.99%	-1.35%	-6.63%	-13.19%
2019	0.62%	3.51%	7.09%	-0.66%	-0.19%	1.90%	3.87%	0.31%	-1.84%	-5.06%	3.46%	0.58%	13.88%
2020	-0.69%	-7.11%	-3.48%	6.50%									-5.17%

EUR Class A – launched 17th April 2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.36%	-3.30%	-3.64%
2016	-0.44%	-1.16%	1.42%	0.22%	2.55%	2.56%	-0.86%	-0.73%	-0.93%	-2.22%	-3.63%	2.26%	-1.15%
2017	-0.20%	8.44%	1.80%	-0.04%	4.36%	-3.59%	-3.47%	-1.24%	-0.20%	1.61%	0.02%	2.73%	10.05%
2018	-2.11%	-6.47%	0.59%	-1.01%	0.79%	2.49%	3.43%	-1.39%	-0.22%	-1.56%	-1.43%	-7.69%	-14.14%
2019	3.53%	5.46%	6.39%	-0.43%	-2.95%	0.69%	2.22%	0.87%	0.33%	-2.58%	4.64%	1.19%	20.63%
2020	0.09%	-9.19%	-6.20%	8.53%									-7.47%

USD Class A – launched 19th February 2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2016	-	-1.21%	6.37%	0.73%	-0.32%	2.35%	-0.21%	-1.13%	-0.03%	-4.90%	-6.46%	1.68%	-3.66%
2017	2.26%	6.63%	2.47%	1.77%	7.76%	-2.22%	-0.21%	-0.41%	-0.76%	0.13%	2.37%	3.46%	25.30%
2018	1.55%	-8.42%	1.43%	-2.75%	-2.62%	2.52%	3.65%	-1.94%	-0.39%	-3.97%	-1.50%	-6.80%	-18.27%
2019	3.92%	4.66%	4.91%	-0.62%	-3.50%	2.90%	-0.06%	-0.23%	-0.68%	-0.30%	3.42%	3.01%	18.45%
2020	-1.19%	-9.99%	-6.30%	8.34%									-9.71%

CHF Class A – launched 19th May 2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y-T-D
2017	-	-	-	-	1.41%	-3.22%	0.54%	-0.81%	-0.08%	3.15%	0.84%	2.67%	4.45%
2018	-3.13%	-6.90%	2.77%	0.53%	-3.29%	3.54%	3.34%	-4.21%	0.61%	-1.11%	-2.14%	-8.06%	-17.32%
2019	-0.30%	10.25%	4.88%	1.69%	-4.74%	-0.26%	1.47%	-0.28%	0.10%	-1.34%	4.74%	-0.18%	16.35%
2020	-1.58%	-9.66%	-6.34%	8.07%									-10.01%

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