SHINING A LIGHT ON THE……
Liontrust Global Alpha Fund

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective
The investment objective of Liontrust Global Alpha Fund is to generate long term (5 years or more) capital growth. The Fund invests, directly or indirectly, in a mix of asset classes across the world including, but not limited to, equity, fixed income and alternatives. There is no predetermined exposure to any asset class or region.

Inception Date	19 January 2012
Fund Factsheet Link	https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F0GBR04OVV

Management	
Manager Name	**Start Date**
Robin Geffen	31 December 2001

Investment Style Details	
Equity Style	
Market Capitalisation	**% of Equity**
Giant	28.35%
Large	32.33%
Medium	30.87%
Small	7.47%
Micro	0.97%

Top 10 Holdings		
Total number of holdings	39	
Assets in Top 10 Holdings	4.43%	
Name	**Sector**	**% of Assets**
RingCentral Inc Class A	Technology	5.77%
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Cyclical	5.04%
Liontrust Global Technology C GBP Acc	-	4.79%
Alphabet Inc A	Communication Services	4.53%
CME Group Inc Class A	Financial Services	4.34%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co	Financial Services	3.41%
Twilio Inc A	Communication Services	3.31%
Rapid7 Inc	Technology	3.22%
Brown-Forman Corp Class B	Consumer Defensive	3.01%
Horizon Therapeutics PLC	Healthcare	3.00%

Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	**3-Yr Mean Return**
13.88%	8.88%

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2020:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Liontrust Global Alpha Fund	17.13%	1.87%	6.52%	25.33%	-1.05%	15.47%	-4.52%
MSCI World	11.46%	4.87%	28.24%	11.80%	-3.04%	22.74%	-15.65%

Performance over 1 year, 3 years, 5 years and since launch:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
Liontrust Global Alpha Fund	1.11%	29.07%	34.42%	506.06%
MSCI World	-5.83%	6.77%	40.45%	206.60%

You should note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns and the value of your investments can fall as well as rise. The total return reflects performance without sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all on-going fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be reduced.

UPDATE….

This update has been written at the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020, which has impacted the global financial markets in a way that has never been seen before.

This is the first introduction to the fund. The manager, Robin Geffen, set up Neptune Fund Managers and this was recently sold to Liontrust. The main message was that the only change to the style was that he no longer runs the company so can focus fully on the management of the fund.

The fund has displayed a strong long-term track record, with a focus on protecting on the downside, which it has proven to be able to do in 2018 and year to date. Going back, in 2008 it did not manage to do this, and again in 2011. For any potential investor it would be worth understanding the reasons behind this and whether the strategy has changed. Robin has managed the fund since its launch but may have changed direction in the last few years.

The key to the fund performing well in this current environment are the technology holdings, with over 40% of the fund tilted towards IT sectors. It is also invested in disrupters within sectors and technology led healthcare companies. The fund has over 80% in the US, 8% in emerging markets and 5% in Japan. This feels more like a US tech fund with some global holdings bolted on.

The strategy is unlikely to change as Robin explained that now tech offers defensive characteristics and valuations are driven by earnings expansion.

Holdings which have done well for the fund and have benefited from the current environment include Zoom (video conferencing software), Ring Central (cloud communications platform software) and Rapid7 (cybersecurity).

In summary, the fund has held up well in the current environment and they believe remains positioned in the areas which will disrupt and grow in the coming years. We would want to understand more about the fund when this period has passed to see if there was a change in direction.

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