

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....
Liontrust Special Situations Fund**

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective	
<p>The investment objective of Liontrust Special Situations Fund is to provide long-term capital growth. To achieve this aim, the Fund will invest primarily in a concentrated portfolio of UK companies' shares. The Fund will invest where the fund manager believes there are the greatest opportunities to provide long term capital growth. The Fund will not be restricted in choice of investment by either size or sector. The Fund may also invest in transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its property in units or shares in collective investment schemes. The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.</p>	

Inception Date	10 th November 2005
Fund Factsheet Link	https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=FOGBR061PH

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Anthony Cross	10 th November 2005
Julian E C Fosh	2 nd June 2008

Investment Style Details	
Equity Style	
Market Capitalisation	% of Equity
Giant	25.73%
Large	7.89%
Medium	20.65%
Small	34.97%
Micro	10.75%

Top 10 Holdings		
Total number of holdings		
Assets in Top 10 Holdings		
Name	Sector	% of Assets
RELX PLC	Communication Services	4.07%
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	Healthcare	3.87%
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	Consumer Defensive	3.70%
Diageo PLC	Consumer Defensive	3.63%
Sage Group (The) PLC	Technology	3.34%
Unilever PLC	Consumer Defensive	3.34%
Spirax-Sarco Engineering PLC	Industrials	3.27%
BP PLC	Energy	3.08%
Compass Group PLC	Consumer Cyclical	2.91%
Royal Dutch Shell PLC B	Energy	2.89%

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Volatility Measurements (quarter end)	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	13.00%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	0.13%

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1st January 2014 to 30th April 2020:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Liontrust Special Situations Fund	0.95%	12.81%	14.61%	15.59%	-3.11%	20.39%	-13.78%
FTSE UK All Share Index	1.18%	0.98%	16.75%	13.10%	-9.47%	19.17%	-21.45%

Performance over 12 months, 3 years, 5 years and since launch:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Launch
Liontrust Special Situations Fund	-8.45%	9.13%	36.74%	351.55%
FTSE UK All Share Index	-16.68%	-7.53%	4.77%	101.00%

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 a well-respected fund which has been managed by Anthony Cross since its launch. There is now a team of five managing the strategy. In terms of recent changes, they have always been used to working from home, so the current environment is no different in terms of how they interact with each other and how they contact and engage with companies. They have also worked through different crisis like the dot.com bubble and Global Financial Crisis and therefore this provides them with level heads.

In terms of the process nothing has changed, this is a process and framework that has been built over time. They are looking for companies with intellectual property, distribution networks and / or high contracted recurring income. Beyond that they look at customer relationships, brands and culture.

The fund focuses mainly around healthcare, IT, media, oil majors and engineering companies. What it tends to avoid is retail banks, miners and consumer cyclical.

The fund has held up fairly well in this environment but companies like Page Group and Robert Walters who are recruitment firms have seen a significant drop in business. On the flip side these businesses have significant net cash and IT systems to enable staff to work from home.

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Oil and oil services has been an area of weakness for the fund and both Shell and BP have been hit hard. However, they believe these to be strong businesses and continue to hold them.

In summary, this is a UK all cap fund which has outperformed the index. It has a strong team and a process developed over many years. The latest crisis has not altered what they are doing, and they have made very few changes.

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