

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....
AXA Framlington UK Mid-Cap Fund**

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective
The aim of this Fund is to provide long-term capital growth. The Fund has at least 70% of its investments in shares of companies domiciled, incorporated or having significant business in the UK which the Manager believes will provide above-average returns. The Fund invests primarily in medium-sized companies. The Manager selects shares based upon analysis of a company's financial status, quality of its management, expected profitability and prospects for growth.

Inception Date	4 March 2011
Fund Factsheet Link	https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F00000MKL8

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Chris St John	4 March 2011

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1st January 2016 to 28th February 2021:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap Fund	2.92%	19.43%	-14.80%	36.27%	-1.86%	1.02%
FTSE All Share	16.75%	13.10%	-9.47%	19.17%	-9.82%	1.16%

Performance over 12 months, 3 years, 5 years and since fund manager inception:

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since fund manager inception
AXA Framlington UK Mid Cap Fund	12.31%	20.53%	50.47%	205.69%
FTSE All Share	3.50%	3.76%	33.02%	70.28%

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.

Tracking Error	Active Share	Upside Capture Ratio	Downside Capture Ratio	Batting Average	Beta	Alpha	Equity Style
6.37	-	91.62	82.65	50.00	0.85	2.22	Mid/Growth

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Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	19.42%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	6.42%

Investment Style Details	
Giant	0.00%
Large	3.59%
Medium	40.02%
Small	45.07%
Micro	3.07%

Top 5 Holdings – 68 Equity Holdings		
Weir Group PLC	Industrials	2.65%
Future PLC	Communication Services	2.58%
Electrocomponents PLC	Industrials	2.34%
Pets at Home Group PLC	Consumer Cyclical	2.27%
TI Fluid Systems PLC	Consumer Cyclical	2.19%

Top 5 Sectors	
Industrials	21.83%
Consumer Cyclical	18.96%
Financial Services	10.56%
Healthcare	10.30%
Technology	8.84%

UPDATE....

This is a well-run portfolio of around 70 names, investing in the UK mid-cap space. They do not look to hold more than 4% in any single company. It is fundamentally a stock picker's fund, looking to identify those companies that offer something different.

We met the team last year, and at the time they explained there was no change to the investment process and the aim was to invest in companies with strong balance sheets and the ability to compound earnings over time. This has not changed.

The UK remains out of favour, but vaccine Monday did see a change to this, and they remain positive for the outlook.

They have seen an increase in M&A activity, and this impacted some of their holding with Cisco buying one company Codemaster was another company taken over by EA, and then SDL merged with RWS.

In summary, this was a very brief update, but the message remains around consistency of process focusing on the mid-cap space. The UK remains out of favour, but increased M&A activity may be an indication that things are changing. Investing in quality growth companies means that the strategy was able to hold up well in 2020, and they believe it is well positioned going into 2021.

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