SHINING A LIGHT ON THE……
F&C Investment Trust

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective
To secure long-term growth in capital and income from an international diversified portfolio of listed equities, as well as unlisted securities and private equity with gearing. Company is restricted to invest mainly in readily realisable, publicly listed securities and that the level of borrowings.

Inception Date	19 March 1868
Fund Factsheet Link	https://tools.morningstar.co.uk/uk/cefreport/default.aspx?SecurityToken=F0GBR052PD%5D2%5D0%5DFCGBR%24%24ALL

Management	
Manager Name	**Start Date**
Paul Niven	1st July 2014

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1st January 2016 to 31st May 2021:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
F&C Investment Trust	23.72%	21.05%	-0.57%	22.89%	4.61%	8.96%
FTSE World ex UK	30.42%	13.45%	-2.68%	23.10%	14.15%	7.21%

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

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Fund Manager Inception
F&C Investment Trust	29.62%	30.82%	110.29%	156.12%
FTSE World ex UK	24.09%	43.78%	109.16%	146.81%

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
2.12	-	101.30	105.79	36.11	1.04	(0.93)	Growth/Large

Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	18.56%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	9.37%

Investment Style Details	
Giant	40.34%
Large	36.39%
Medium	19.12%
Small	3.78%
Micro	0.38%

Top 5 Holdings – 409 Equity Holdings		
Pe Investment Holdings 2018 Lp Pe Invest	-	2.87%
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Cyclical	2.33%
Alphabet Inc Class C	Communication Services	1.75%
Microsoft Corp	Technology	1.70%
Facebook Inc A	Communication Services	1.48%

Top 5 Sectors	
Technology	15.8%
Financial Services	15.3%
Consumer Cyclical	11.7%
Healthcare	10.8%
Industrials	10.6%

Top 5 Regions	
United States	50.2%
Japan	6.8%
UK	6.3%
China	3.5%
Germany	2.5%

UPDATE….

This was a follow up to our previous update in 2020. The feeling we had in 2020 has not really changed. The performance is average, and investors might be better to hold a fund that tracks the index rather than pay for the active management that comes with this strategy.

So why would someone consider this strategy? This is really seen as a one stop shop for investors looking for exposure to the global equity market.

The fund manager uses external companies to invest parts of the portfolio. This includes T Rowe Price, Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, BMO, LGM, Pryford and Pantheon HarbourVest. When we look at the report and accounts these managers do not seem accountable for their performance and therefore it is hard for an investor to judge whether they are good (or not). With performance only average we must question whether the fund manager is choosing the right companies.

The second aspect is the dividend, and they make a lot of play on increasing dividends for over 20 years. However, the yield is just 1.45% and therefore investors could get higher yields and better performance from other trusts.

In the latest update the manager spent more time talking about the macro picture and only about 10 minutes on the strategy. For us therefore it does not feel there is much that we can pinpoint to say that this is different and adds value. We would not add this to our watchlist for the simple reason that the message is unclear, and the website and report and accounts do not provide any additional insight. Having said that, some investors may want to invest for the income, but again we believe there are better options available.

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