

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....  
Premier Miton UK Growth Fund**

**AT A GLANCE**

<b>Investment Objective</b>
The fund aims to achieve capital growth. The Fund's investment policy is to invest in equities, primarily in the UK, in order to seek long term capital growth. The Fund shall be actively managed and the investment strategies pursued will identify opportunities for growth subject to prevailing market conditions.

<b>Inception Date</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> June 1972
<b>Fund Factsheet Link</b>	<a href="https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F0000007X4">https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F0000007X4</a>

<b>Management</b>	
<b>Manager Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Benji Dawes	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Jon Hudson	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017

**FUND PERFORMANCE**

Performance from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Premier Miton UK Growth Fund</b>	5.08%	12.68%	-6.82%	39.42%	11.68%	12.61%	-10.78%
<b>FTSE All Share</b>	16.75%	13.10%	-9.47%	19.17%	-9.82%	18.32%	-0.80%

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

	<b>1 year</b>	<b>3 years</b>	<b>Since fund manager inception</b>
<b>Premier Miton UK Growth Fund</b>	-0.78%	46.63%	48.06%
<b>FTSE All Share</b>	16.03%	18.37%	17.67%

*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.*

<b>Tracking Error</b>	<b>Information Ratio</b>	<b>Active Share</b>	<b>Upside Capture Ratio</b>	<b>Downside Capture Ratio</b>	<b>Batting Average</b>	<b>Beta</b>	<b>Alpha</b>	<b>Equity Style</b>
8.66	0.90	-	116.61	90.61	61.11	0.99	7.47	Mid/Blend

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Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	23.59%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	13.61%

Investment Style Details	
Giant	10.32%
Large	5.95%
Medium	30.42%
Small	26.38%
Micro	25.37%

Top 5 Holdings – 63 Equity Holdings		
IG Group Holdings PLC	Financial Services	3.71%
Spirent Communications PLC	Technology	3.14%
Jet2 PLC Ordinary Shares	Consumer Cyclical	2.78%
Drax Group PLC	Utilities	2.68%
Games Workshop Group PLC	Consumer Cyclical	2.68%

Top 5 Sectors	
Consumer Cyclical	18.42%
Financial Services	15.54%
Communication Services	12.42%
Industrials	10.40%
Basic Materials	8.84%

## UPDATE....

We have followed this fund for some time and like the managers. They have different styles, with Jon focused on value, Benji growth. This enables them to identify the highest quality growth companies without overpaying for them. Everything is jointly agreed and they take responsibility for each holding.

The fund is skewed towards small and mid-cap, but this is an all-cap strategy so can increase the larger cap weighting if needed. It is about where they are finding the opportunities. They run a responsible version of this fund and there is about an 80% overlap, and therefore there is a moral overlay but not the exclusions.

The current market environment has seen this fund struggle as today's growth companies are yesterday's laggards. There has been a shift to materials, energy, telecoms, and banks. This is not an area they have a great deal of exposure to as they want to be invested for the long term. They can be flexible but they don't want to compromise on quality and growth.

An area of interest to them includes the metaverse. The UK video game sector is strong with high barriers to entry and high returns on capital. The area is going through a period of transformation, with big tech giants trying to enter the market, and this has seen M&A (Mergers and Acquisitions) from the likes of Microsoft and Netflix. Compared to the US, the UK offers superior growth potential at lower valuations, and two examples were Devolver and TinyBuild.

Fintech is another area which is harnessing digital technology, and the likes of Alpha FX offer great growth potential at lower valuations to its peers. One other area is cyber security and one of the leading companies is Darktrace.

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In summary, this is about long term returns and there will be periods when this falls out of favour. However, they explain that the S&P 500 is trading at a premium to FTSE 350, and yet the UK has a higher percentage of companies producing ten-fold returns over ten years than the US. They are looking to get exposure to these opportunities in the fund. They also believe that periods of downturn often see sharp rallies after. One final point they made was that times might be changing, but they don't have to change the process to continue to deliver strong levels of return.

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