

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....  
Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity Fund**

**AT A GLANCE**

Investment Objective
The objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth over the long-term, being five years or more. The Investment Adviser aims to achieve the objective of the Fund by investing in an actively managed portfolio with a minimum of 80% of its assets in shares in companies incorporated, domiciled or which have a significant part of their business in the UK. The Investment Adviser will focus on companies that act responsibly; those with a strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) profile and those that it believes are part of long-term themes that have a positive influence on society and the environment.

<b>Inception Date</b>	28/07/1986
<b>Fund Factsheet Link</b>	<a href="https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F0GBR04D7U">https://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snapshot/snapshot.aspx?id=F0GBR04D7U</a>

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Benji Dawes	01/07/2019
Jon Hudson	01/07/2019

**FUND PERFORMANCE**

Performance from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity Fund</b>	3.98%	18.69%	-16.75%	38.66%	10.58%	13.77%	-25.40%
<b>FTSE4Good UK TR GBP</b>	15.62%	12.30%	-7.14%	19.56%	-11.30%	17.38%	-5.14%

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

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since fund manager inception
<b>Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity Fund</b>	-25.84%	7.86%	10.28%	13.94%
<b>FTSE4Good UK TR GBP</b>	-2.73%	3.59%	13.22%	3.59%

*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.*

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Tracking Error	Active Share	Upside Capture Ratio	Downside Capture Ratio	Batting Average	Beta	Alpha	Equity Style
12.66	-	131.89	132.88	47.22	1.22	0.93	Small / Blend

Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	23.22%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	2.59%

Investment Style Details	
Giant	8.79%
Large	4.21%
Medium	21.12%
Small	39.04%
Micro	18.20%

Top 5 Holdings (49 holdings)		
Spirent Communications PLC	Technology	4.33%
GSK PLC	Healthcare	4.08%
Moneysupermarket.com Group PLC	Communication Services	3.71%
Indivior PLC Ordinary Share	Healthcare	3.59%
Unilever PLC	Consumer Defensive	3.27%

Top 5 Sectors	
Financial Services	21.57%
Healthcare	17.71%
Industrials	14.75%
Technology	12.49%
Consumer Cyclical	9.39%

<b>Fund Benchmark</b>	FTSE4Good UK TR GBP
<b>Fund size (Mil)</b>	GBP 179.85
<b>Ongoing Charge (share class A)</b>	0.89%

Bull points (pros)	Bear points (cons)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excludes companies with negative impacts</li> <li>Active engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability means that there may be parts of the market the fund does not invest in and therefore in periods where, for example, oil is outperforming this could impact the performance</li> <li>Focus on smaller companies and therefore this can be more volatile than other strategies</li> </ul>

## UPDATE....

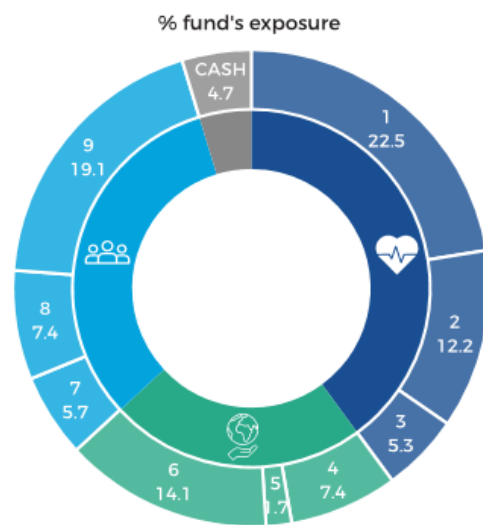
The strategy will appeal to investors wanting to invest in the UK with a responsible mandate. The strategy has three positive themes – health and education, protecting the planet and enhancing society. Within this there are sub themes. As an example, under protecting the planet comes clean energy, better resource efficiency and sustainable infrastructure and cities.

How this addresses key global challenges is represented below:

## How the fund addresses key global challenges

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 <b>Health &amp; education</b>	1	Physical health
	2	Mental health & well-being
	3	Education and social development
 <b>Protecting the planet</b>	4	Clean energy
	5	Better resource efficiency
	6	Sustainable Infrastructure and cities
 <b>Enhancing society</b>	7	Providing quality work
	8	Reducing inequality
	9	Sustainable economy & finance



Source: Premier Miton, data as at 31.08.2022. The figures have been rounded and may be above or below 100%.

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The strategy has a negative screening overlay:



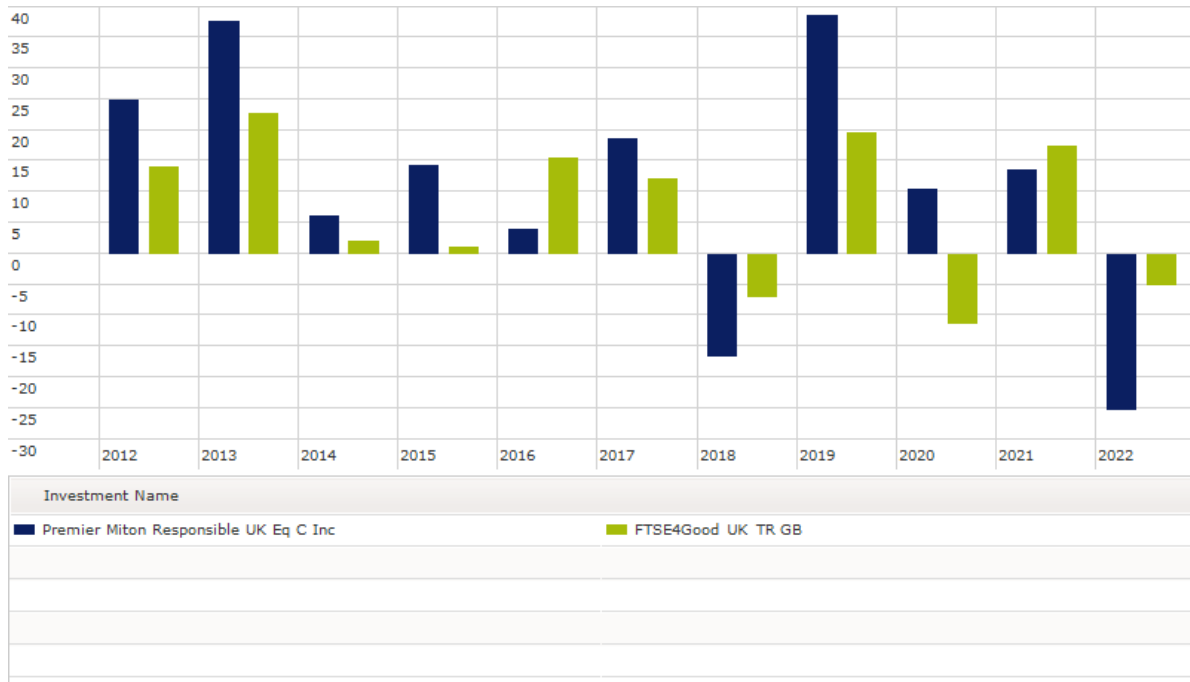
- with major tobacco interests
- with major business in gambling
- with major business in fossil fuels
- involved in violent or pornographic material
- that promote the irresponsible use of alcohol
- that damage the environment
- that contravene human rights
- involved in animal cruelty or testing (except if required by regulators for testing in a specific jurisdiction)
- that pursue aggressive tax avoidance policies
- that manufacture armaments

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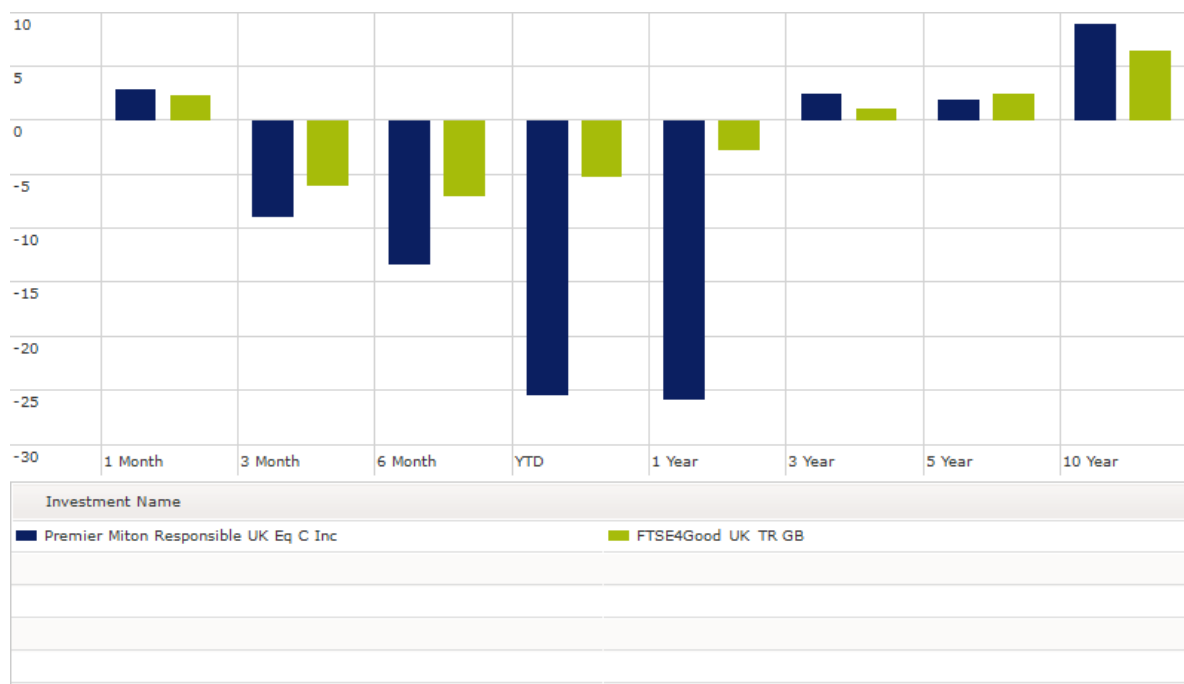
Engagement is an important element of the process as this is the way they believe they can add value. Engagement includes meetings, external initiatives, written correspondence and voting.

The strategy has a quality tilt which considers return on capital, sustainability of returns, high cash conversion and strong balance sheets.

Although this is an all-cap strategy, it does have a bias towards smaller cap and this will bring in extra volatility. This also means that in times of market uncertainty, smaller caps tend to perform worst but over the long term the picture is different. This is reflected in the recent under performance:



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Examples of holdings include:

## Sprint Communications

Theme: Sustainable Infrastructure and Cities

Providing solutions across IT support, telecoms, mobiles and telematics

## Drax Group

Theme: Clean Energy

Renewable energy company engaged in renewable power generation, the production of sustainable biomass and the sale of renewable electricity to businesses

## Indivior

Theme: Physical Health

Specialist pharmaceutical company developing medicines to treat addiction and serious mental illnesses

## Euromoney Institutional Investor

Theme: Sustainable Economy and Finance

Global B2B information-services business

## B&M European Value Retail

Theme: Reducing Inequality

Operating general merchandise and grocery stores in the UK and France

In summary, since taking over the strategy the team have outperformed the benchmark. The focus on quality and sustainability should deliver strong long-term performance. However, the tilt towards small and mid-cap can create greater volatility in periods of market uncertainty.

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