

**SHINING A LIGHT ON THE.....
EdenTree Amity International Fund**

AT A GLANCE

Investment Objective	
<p>The fund seeks to achieve long-term capital growth with a reasonable level of income through a diversified portfolio of international companies. The Amity International Fund seeks to invest in a portfolio of companies which make a positive contribution to society and the environment through sustainable and socially responsible practices. The Fund seeks to avoid investment in certain areas such as companies which have a material involvement in alcohol, tobacco and weapon production, gambling and publication of violent or explicit materials. The portfolio will consist primarily of transferable securities but the Manager may also invest in units in collective investment schemes, money-market instruments, derivatives and forward transactions, deposits, nil and partly paid securities, bonds, convertible bonds, cash and near cash as deemed economically appropriate to meet the Fund's objective.</p>	

Inception Date	10 th September 1999
Fund Factsheet Link	http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/funds/snaps/hot/snapshot.aspx?id=FOGBR04XC6

Management	
Manager Name	Start Date
Robin Hepworth	10 th September 1999
David Osfield	15 th August 2016
Thomas Fitzgerald	1 st August 2018

Investment Style Details	
Equity Style	
Market Capitalisation	% of Equity
Giant	43.40%
Large	21.24%
Medium	19.99%
Small	13.84%
Micro	1.53%

Top 10 Holdings		
Total number of holdings	67	
Assets in Top 10 Holdings	27.45%	
Name	Sector	% of Assets
Sony Corp	Technology	3.44%
Alphabet Inc A	Technology	3.43%
Bingo Industries Ltd	Industrials	3.35%
Medtronic PLC	Healthcare	2.87%
Cisco Systems Inc	Technology	2.75%
ING Groep NV	Financial Services	2.40%
NXP Semiconductors NV	Technology	2.37%
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	Healthcare	2.35%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co	Technology	2.30%
Dah Sing Banking Group Ltd	Financial Services	2.20%

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Volatility Measurements	
3-Yr Std Dev (volatility)	8.90%
3-Yr Mean Return (average)	16.68%

FUND PERFORMANCE

Performance from 1st January 2013 to 30th September 2018:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Eden Tree Amity International Fund	16.97%	4.52%	-2.37%	24.38%	14.37%	1.91%
iShares MSCI World ETF	30.32%	10.75%	1.17%	8.13%	17.26%	5.24%

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

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch
Eden Tree Amity International Fund	6.68%	57.08%	52.69%	311.06%
iShares MSCI World ETF	11.19%	42.50%	61.70%	-

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 is a global sustainable value strategy which focuses on those companies which have a positive focus, which in turn deliver better revenue growth. The strategy has a value tilt as they don't want to overpay for companies.

In terms of investing they are focused in areas of the market which are less covered, and ESG is under appreciated in Emerging Markets. China is making significant changes, and although they are not the best, nor are the Japanese and US! The fund has tilted away from the US towards ASIA.

David feels the strategy is different in that they avoid the noise (IPOs, roadshows etc). His expression is that they are happy to look right when everyone else is looking left. Through the cycle they want to add value to client's investments and they believe no single stock should be bigger than their process.

Stocks go through their negative and positive screening process and once this has cleared out stocks they then start to dig deep into the companies. The aim is to avoid surprises and avoid value destruction. A red would mean they would not invest in a company; an amber would be where things have been found and further work needs to be done.

Some example holdings include NXP, Mohawk and Bingo Industries. Migration to cities needs solutions; NXP is behind Apple Pay, Oster Cards and Samsung Pay. Bingo Industries in Australia collects commercial and demolition waste. Through recycling it resales 84% of its waste collection.

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Mohawk makes carpets by using recycled products like plastic bottles. The products also repel moisture, dirt and dust making them easy to clean.

They do actively engage with companies to make change happen. One of the many concerns that they have is short-termism of management where they are rewarded for failure. The key is therefore whether the culture within the business is right.

In summary, for those looking for a sustainable fund this is one to consider. The performance has dropped back however this has a value bias and this style of investing has been out of favour. If there is a rotation from growth to value, then we could expect to see the performance pick up.

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