

## FUND OVERVIEW



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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fund Manager(s)               | Steve Bolton                 |
| Fund Size                     | £2,424.56m                   |
| Domicile                      | United Kingdom               |
| ISA                           | Eligible                     |
| Benchmark Index               | FTSE World Europe ex UK      |
| Investment Association Sector | IA Europe Excluding UK       |
| Currency                      | GBP                          |
| Initial Charge                | 0.0%                         |
| Fund Management Fee (FMF):    | A Acc: 1.10%<br>M Acc: 0.70% |

### Share Class M (Accumulation)

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Unit Launch Date   | 30.04.10 |
| Minimum Investment | £100,000 |
| SEDOL              | B52VBP7  |
| Mid Price          | 1426.00p |
| Historic Yield     | 1.87%    |

### Share Class A (Accumulation)

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Unit Launch Date   | 10.03.87 |
| Minimum Investment | £1,000   |
| SEDOL              | B52DGB4  |
| Mid Price          | 1318.00p |
| Historic Yield     | 1.52%    |

# ROYAL LONDON EUROPEAN GROWTH FUND

29.02.24

## Overview

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return (combination of capital growth and income) over the medium term (3-5 years) by investing at least 80% in the shares of European companies, not including the UK, listed on European stock exchanges. The Fund's performance target is to outperform, after the deduction of charges, the FTSE Europe ex-UK Total Return GBP Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index. In addition to the benchmark for the Fund's performance as noted above (the "Index"), the IA Europe ex UK sector is considered an appropriate benchmark for performance comparison.

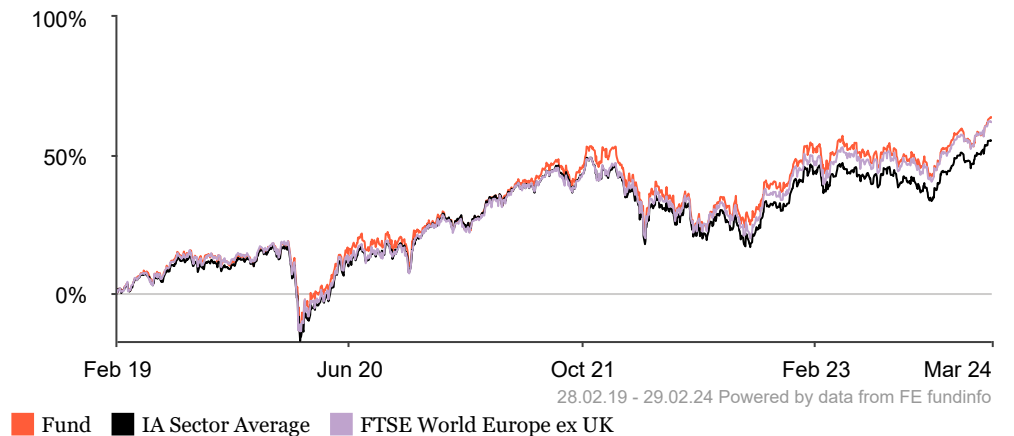
## Year-on-year performance

|                              | 31.12.22 to<br>31.12.23 | 31.12.21 to<br>31.12.22 | 31.12.20 to<br>31.12.21 | 31.12.19 to<br>31.12.20 | 31.12.18 to<br>31.12.19 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Share Class M (Accumulation) | 14.5%                   | -8.4%                   | 20.1%                   | 10.7%                   | 20.6%                   |
| Share Class A (Accumulation) | 14.0%                   | -8.8%                   | 19.5%                   | 10.2%                   | 19.8%                   |

## Cumulative Performance (as at 29.02.24)

|                              | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Share Class M (Accumulation) | 7.1%     | 9.2%     | 8.5%   | 32.3%   | 63.6%   |
| Share Class A (Accumulation) | 7.0%     | 8.9%     | 8.1%   | 30.8%   | 59.8%   |
| IA Sector Average            | 7.9%     | 9.3%     | 8.5%   | 25.5%   | 55.1%   |
| FTSE World Europe ex UK      | 7.4%     | 9.6%     | 10.7%  | 32.7%   | 61.8%   |
| Quartile Ranking             | 3        | 3        | 3      | 2       | 2       |

## Performance Chart



**Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.**

Source: RLAM and FE fundinfo as at 29.02.24. Fund performance is shown on a mid to mid price basis, net of fees and gross of taxes, with gross income reinvested unless otherwise stated. Benchmark performance is shown gross of fees and taxes.

Fund performance shown is valued at midday, the benchmark is valued at close of business.

## Fund Manager(s)



### Steve Bolton

Lead Manager

Fund Manager tenure:

01.10.17

## Yield Definitions

The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. Reported yields reflect RLAM's current perception of market conventions around timing of bond cash flows.

## Important Information

This is a financial promotion and is not investment advice.

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Source: RLAM, FE fundinfo and HSBC as at 29.02.24, unless otherwise stated. Yield definitions are shown above.

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Breakdowns exclude cash and futures.

## Fund Commentary

Globally, February was a good month for risk assets with the Nasdaq in the US and the Nikkei in Japan both hitting all-time highs. The FTSE Europe ex UK index rose by 2.7%. The positive impact which the emergence of newer forms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has had continued to influence stock markets and lead to some large gains from those companies that have direct exposure to it. Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary were the two best performing sectors in Europe. The expectation for interest rate cuts, which was high at the start of the year, has now been pushed out as the rate of inflation remains sticky, with reductions now expected towards the end of the year.

During the month the fund outperformed the benchmark and was ranked in the second quartile when compared with the peer group. Those companies expected to benefit from AI again prospered including Wolters Kluwer, Capgemini, SAP and ASML. The largest positive contributor to performance though came in the Autos sector with Mercedes-Benz. Shares rose after the company announced a plan to return excess capital to shareholders, a policy we are supportive of given the attractive valuation and where we assess the company to be in its corporate lifecycle.

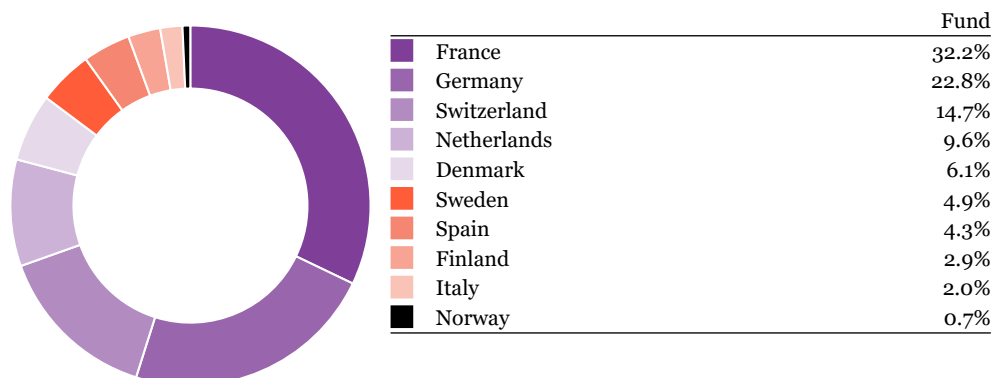
Transactions in the period saw the fund start a new position in Publicis, a global advertising agency with strong digital assets. We also added to the existing position in ASML given the potential for higher future profits. These purchases were funded by selling out of spirits company Pernod Ricard and the energy company Equinor.

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## Sector Breakdown

|                        | Fund  |
|------------------------|-------|
| Industrials            | 21.9% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 17.4% |
| Financials             | 14.9% |
| Health Care            | 14.4% |
| Technology             | 11.9% |
| Basic Materials        | 6.2%  |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.0%  |
| Energy                 | 3.9%  |
| Telecommunications     | 3.2%  |
| Utilities              | 2.3%  |

## Geographical Breakdown



## Top 10 Holdings as at 29.02.24

|                       | Fund         |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| LVMH                  | 5.1%         |
| NOVO NORDISK CLASS B  | 4.9%         |
| SAP                   | 4.3%         |
| NESTLE SA             | 4.0%         |
| ROCHE HOLDING PAR AG  | 3.9%         |
| TOTALENERGIES         | 3.9%         |
| SIEMENS N AG          | 3.9%         |
| ASML HOLDING NV       | 3.8%         |
| AXA SA                | 3.2%         |
| LOREAL SA             | 3.2%         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>40.2%</b> |
| <b>No of Holdings</b> | <b>51</b>    |

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## Key Concepts to Understand

**Total Return:** A total return is a combination of capital growth and income. Capital growth is defined as the rise in an investment's value over time and income as the payment an investment generates, such as dividends or bond coupons.

**Rolling 5 Year Period:** A rolling 5-year period is any period of five years, no matter which day you start on.

**Efficient Portfolio Management:** A list of approved investment techniques, including the use of derivatives, used to protect against excessive risk, reduce cost or generate extra income or growth.

## Fund Risks

**Investment Risk:** The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

**EPM Techniques:** The Fund may engage in EPM techniques including holdings of derivative instruments. Whilst intended to reduce risk, the use of these instruments may expose the Fund to increased price volatility.

**Exchange Rate Risk:** Investing in assets denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund means the value of the investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

**Liquidity Risk:** In difficult market conditions the value of certain fund investments may be difficult to value and harder to sell, or sell at a fair price, resulting in unpredictable falls in the value of your holding.

**Counterparty Risk:** The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.