

# WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund

November 2024



**Gresham House**  
Specialist investment

## Fund objective

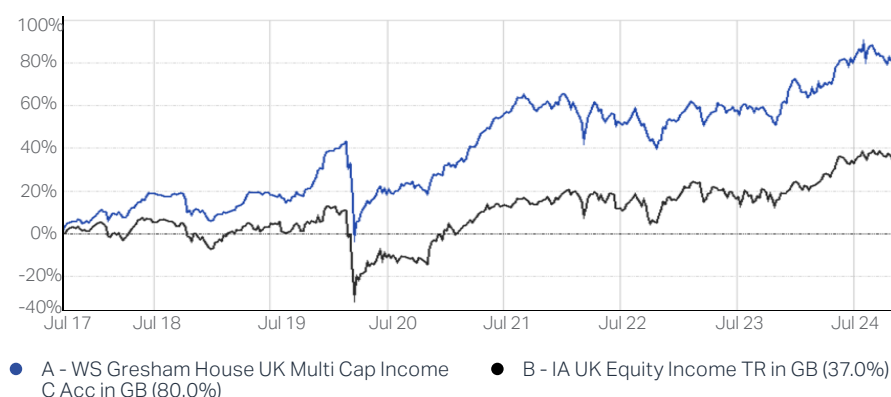
To achieve income with the potential for capital growth, over any five-year period, after all costs and charges have been taken. **Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over any time period.**

## Fund rank

Financial Express (FE) rank 13/70 over 5 years to 30 November 2024

## Fund performance

Source: FE Analytics based on the returns of the C share class, net of charges, since launch to 30 November 2024



## Cumulative performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 30 November 2024

Cumulative returns month ending 30 November 2024	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch (30 June 2017)
WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund	-0.1%	-4.6%	4.3%	11.2%	13.8%	37.6%	80.0%
IA UK Equity Income	2.1%	-1.5%	10.0%	15.4%	21.3%	27.2%	37.0%
Quartile	4	4	4	4	4	1	1

## Discrete performance

Source: FE Analytics net of charges, as at 30 November 2024

Discrete annual returns	YTD 2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund	4.3%	12.5%	-7.2%	26.3%	-5.6%	30.6%
IA UK Equity Income	10.0%	7.0%	-1.7%	18.4%	-10.7%	20.1%

## Performance

Performance in the WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund decreased by **0.1%** during November, underperforming the IA UK Equity Income sector which increased by **2.1%**.<sup>1</sup>

Key positive contributions came from **TP ICAP (+0.5% Contribution to Total Return ("CTR"))** following a positive trading update which reiterated a potential listing of the Over-the-Counter (OTC) market data division, Parameta, in the United States; **Domino's Pizza (+0.5% CTR)** following a trading update which disclosed a strong Q3 for order growth, reaffirmed full-year profit expectations, and commented on continued trading momentum into Q4; and **Elixirr (+0.3% CTR)** on no specific news flow during the period.

The largest detractors to performance were **Pets at Home (-0.6% CTR)** as interim results relayed expectations that growth for the temporarily subdued pet retail market would not accelerate in the second half, driving small downgrades to full-year profit guidance; **Halfords (-0.3% CTR)** as analysts materially reduced future year profit forecasts to reflect the impact of recent changes to UK employer national insurance contributions and National Minimum Wage rise announced in the Autumn budget; and **Schroders (-0.3% CTR)** as a Q3 trading update showed ongoing mix shift in the mutual funds business towards lower margin fixed income products, ongoing flow pressure in the Chinese joint venture with the Bank of Communications, and a post period-end £8 billion Scottish Widows mandate loss in the Solutions business, collectively driving downgrades to analyst profit forecasts for current and future years.

1. The IA UK Equity Income sector and FTSE All-Share Index comparator are used for illustrative purposes only.

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## Fund managers



**Co-Manager**  
**Ken Wotton**

24 years' experience



**Co-Manager**  
**Brendan Gulston**

13 years' experience

## Fund information

Launch date 30 June 2017

Fund size £854.3mn

Fund sector IA UK Equity Income

Number of holdings 42

Portfolio turnover rate 21%  
(12-month period to 30 November 2024)

Dividend yield 4.1%

Fund price 179.96p C Acc (as at 30 November 2024)

Pricing 12:00 noon (GMT)

ISA eligible Yes

Ratings



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## Platforms hosting the Fund<sup>1</sup>

- Aegon
- AJ Bell
- Allfunds
- Aviva
- BNY Mellon
- Embark
- FNZ
- FundsNetwork
- Hubwise
- James Hay
- Pershing Nexus
- Nucleus
- M&G
- Platform Securities
- Parmenion
- Raymond James
- 7IM
- Aberdeen Wrap
- Transact
- Wealthtime
- Zurich

1. Selection only

## Dividends

	XD date	Pay date	Dividend
C Sterling Income	December 2023	February 2024	1.25p
C Sterling Income	March 2024	May 2024	1.04p
C Sterling Income	June 2024	August 2024	1.82p
C Sterling Income	September 2024	November 2024	1.18p

## Fund statistics<sup>1</sup>

Source: FE Analytics, based on three years to 30 November 2024. Volatility, Alpha, Beta, Sharpe and Info Ratio are benchmarked against the Fund's own sector average

Risk ratios month ending 30 November 2024	Volatility	Alpha	Beta	Sharpe	Information Ratio
WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund	11.52	-1.59	0.85	0.08	-0.34
IA UK Equity Income	11.73	0.00	1.00	0.27	0.00

## Top 10 holdings

Holding	Description	NAV
Domino's Pizza	UK-based pizza restaurant chain	4.0%
XPS Pensions Group	Actuarial consultancy	4.0%
Intermediate Capital Group	Private equity firm	3.6%
TP ICAP	Brokering service provider	3.5%
Telecom Plus	Multi-utility supplier	3.5%
GlaxoSmithKline	Multinational pharmaceutical company	3.2%
Ricardo	Engineering and environmental consultancy	3.2%
Balfour Beatty	International construction group	3.1%
B&M	General merchandise discount retailer	3.1%
Sainsbury's	Supermarket chain	3.1%

## Portfolio activity

We made no new investments during the period. The team however did make select follow-on investments including into **B&M European Value Retail**, a leading discounter specialising in fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) and general merchandise. B&M harnesses inherent supply-chain economies of scale to generate market-leading pricing versus peers, driving higher volume market share and store-level EBITDA growth, supplemented by an extensive store rollout programme which continues to demonstrate fast and accretive returns on invested capital. Nevertheless, the business is trading on highly attractive valuation metrics of c.6.5x EV/EBITDA and a c.6.3% dividend yield (2025); **GSK**, a global pharmaceutical company which we believe offers multi-year growth prospects and good earnings quality, underpinned by a diversified portfolio of approved and marketed drugs, a strong vaccines business with protective IP and barriers to entry, trading at a material discount to the net asset value of the on-market drug portfolio; and **Telecom Plus**, a capital light B2C multi-utility re-seller (energy, broadband, mobile, and insurance) which continues to deliver double-digit customer growth and increased multi-service penetration supported by a differentiated partner selling model, creating shareholder value over the medium-to-long term.

We made one full exit during the period from **3i Group** following a long period of exceptional performance driven by an earnings upgrade cycle for the key portfolio asset, Action (66% NAV). We exited primarily on valuation grounds, as 3i valued Action on 18.5x trailing EV/EBITDA and the shares traded at a 40% premium to NAV. This asset delivered 6.2% CTR since initial investment in June 2020.

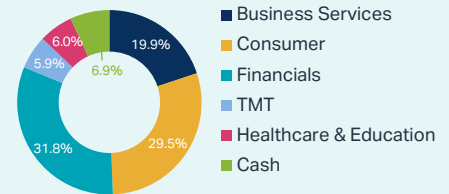
Opinions expressed are those of individual fund managers.

## Primary share class information

C Sterling		
Type	Acc	Inc
Minimum investment	£10,000	£10,000
Minimum top up	£1,000	£1,000
Minimum regular savings plan	n/a	n/a
Initial charge (fully discounted)	Up to 2.50%	Up to 2.50%
Annual management charge	0.75%	0.75%
Ongoing Charges	0.80%	0.80%
ISIN code	GB00BYXVGS75	GB00BYXVGT82
SEDOL code	BYXVGS7	BYXVGT8
MEX ID	CGAFC	CGAFD

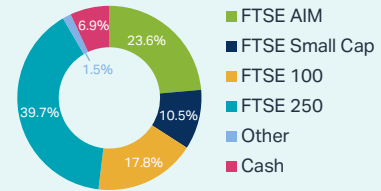
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## Sector allocation



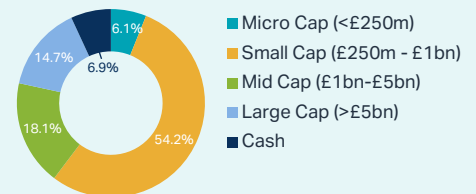
Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 30 November 2024)

## Index weighting



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 30 November 2024)

## Market cap breakdown



Source: Gresham House Asset Management Limited (portfolio at 30 November 2024)

## 1. Fund statistics definitions

**Volatility** is a statistical measurement that, when applied to an investment fund, expresses its volatility, or risk. It shows how widely a range of returns varied from the fund's average return over a particular period.

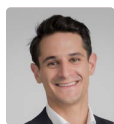
**Alpha** is a measure of a fund's over-or-underperformance in comparison to the benchmark of the fund. Alpha represents the extra value the manager's activities have contributed, the greater the alpha, the greater the outperformance.

**Beta** is a statistical estimate of a fund's volatility in comparison to its benchmark. It depicts how sensitive the fund is to movements in the section of the market that comprises the benchmark.

**Sharpe** is the level of a fund's return over and above the return of a notional risk-free investment, such as cash or government bonds. The difference in returns is then divided by the fund's standard deviation (volatility). This is an indication of the amount of excess return generated per unit of risk. In general it is considered that the higher the Sharpe ratio, the better.

**Information ratio** is a risk-adjusted measure of actively managed fund performance. It assesses the degree to which a manager uses skill and knowledge to enhance the fund returns. The higher the information ratio, the better. It is generally considered that a figure of 0.5 reflects a good performance, 0.75 very good, and 1 outstanding.

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## Portfolio manager

### Gresham House Asset Management Ltd (GHAM)

As the operating business of Gresham House, GHAM manages and advises funds and co-investments across a range of differentiated alternative investment strategies for third-party clients. Gresham House is a specialist asset manager and adviser with c.£8.8bn AUM.

Source: Gresham House as at 30 June 2024.

## Key risks

- The value of the Fund and the income from it is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. As your capital is at risk you may get back less than you originally invested
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance
- Funds investing in smaller companies may carry a higher degree of risk than funds investing in larger companies. The shares of smaller companies may be less liquid than securities in larger companies

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