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Aim of fund

The objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve capital growth from a portfolio of predominantly US and Canadian securities. The Sub-Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes.

Fund features

This Fund could be an ideal holding for an investor seeking capital growth from a portfolio of American securities. The fund management team use our extensive research capability to take strong over or underweight positions in sectors and stocks.

Risks which may affect this investment

- Changes in rates of exchange may affect the value of investments in overseas companies
- There may be a higher risk due to either a limited number of securities, investment in a single country or geographical area
- Investments in smaller companies may be less liquid than larger companies and may have more volatile share prices

These factors may affect the performance of the Fund. You should read the Simplified Prospectus in full to understand the features and risks associated with this Fund.

General information

Fund details

Fund size (million) £ 38.77
 IMA sector North American
 Historic yield (%) 0.00
 Historic yields are not indicative of future yields.

Minimum investment amount

Lump sum £ 1,000
 Regular/per month £ 50
 Initial charge 4.00%
 Annual management charge 1.50%

Key dates

Fund launch 31 Oct 1986
 Euro share class launch 07 Mar 2000

Distribution dates

31 Oct

Fund manager

Simon Laing

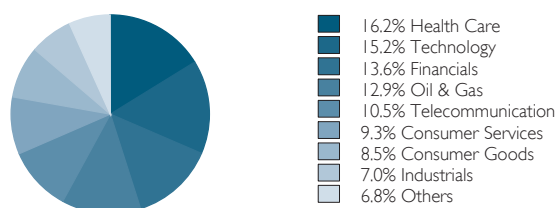
Statutory performance data updated quarterly

From	31 Mar 08	30 Mar 07	31 Mar 06	31 Mar 05	31 Mar 04
To	31 Mar 09	31 Mar 08	30 Mar 07	31 Mar 06	31 Mar 05
Fund	-10.8%	0.2%	-3.7%	24.0%	4.7%

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Cumulative	-15.66%	0.15%	16.40%	-8.86%
Sector average	-19.25%	-12.48%	1.40%	-17.83%
Average annual growth	-	0.05%	3.09%	-0.92%
Rank	20 of 81	5 of 71	6 of 64	12 of 49
Quartile rank	1	1	1	1

Source: Lipper as at 31 May 2009. Total return including income net of UK tax and annual charges, but excluding initial charge. All figures are in sterling terms. The impact of the initial charge, which may be up to 4%, can be material on the performance of your investment. Performance figures including the initial charge are available upon request. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Industrial split



Top 10 holdings

Sprint Nextel Corp	4.79%	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	3.21%
Wyeth	3.51%	Goldman Sachs Group Inc	3.01%
Travelers Co Inc	3.35%	Devon Energy Corp	2.93%
XTO Energy Inc	3.30%	Lilly (Eli) & Co	2.87%
Microsoft Corp	3.22%	Cisco Systems Inc	2.66%

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