

INVESTEC
Global Free Enterprise (OEIC)



OBSR Fund Rating
AA

Key Information

Launch Date	14 February 1994	
Fund Size	£340.0m	
Type of Shares Available	Accumulation	
Distribution Dates	28 February, 31 August	
Historic Yield	Nil	
ISA	Yes	
ISA Transfer	Yes	
Standard Fund Management Charges	Initial	4.50%
	Annual	1.50%

Classification

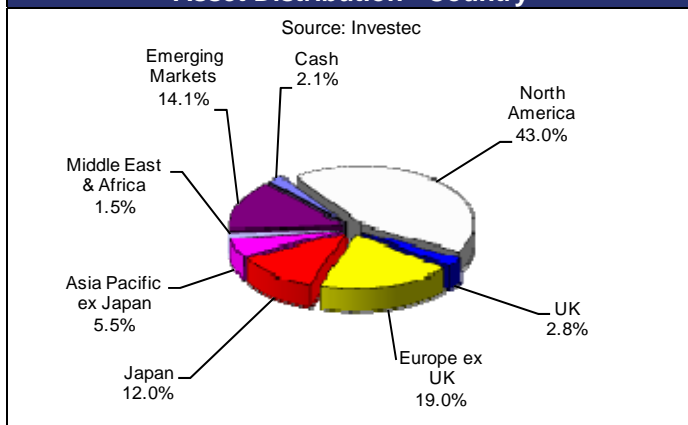
Sector	Global
Market Cap / Style	Large Cap Bias / Blend
Benchmark/Index	MSCI ACWI

Management/Investment Style

Fund Manager	Mark Breedon (July 2004)
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Offers investors exposure to a diversified portfolio of companies selected primarily from the bottom-up using Investec's proprietary 4Factor quantitative process.

Asset Distribution - Country



Top Ten Holdings

	%
Dena	3.0
Hitachi	2.8
Cisco Systems	2.7
Mastercard	2.7
Apple Computers	2.6
Novo Nordisk	2.6
KDDI	2.0
Amerisourcebergen	1.9
Samsung Electronics	1.9
Philip Morris International	1.9
Concentration (Top 10)	24.1

Source: Investec

Investment Objective & Methodology

The fund's objective is to achieve long term capital growth, primarily through investing globally in equities which offer above average opportunities for capital growth. In terms of performance, the manager aims to be positioned in the top quartile of the sector, whilst achieving a lower than average level of volatility. The fund's benchmark is the MSCI World Index.

Mark Breedon took over the management of this fund in July 2004, having joined Investec from Alliance Capital in January 2003. During his 17 years at Alliance Capital, he managed the Alliance Capital Privatisation fund from its launch in 1994 until December 2002. He is assisted by Sandi Merwitz, who joined Investec in 2001, and both are backed by a team of global analysts who provide input to the investment process.

The investment philosophy is based on the idea that superior returns can be achieved through investments in high quality, attractively valued companies with improving operating performance, and which are receiving increasing investor attention. The manager and a team of analysts use the 4Factor process which is Investec's proprietary quantitative screening process. This ranks nearly 4500 companies worldwide on four factors: 1) dynamics, or short-term business momentum as measured by changes in EPS forecast revisions; 2) valuation, based on cash flow return on investment; 3) strategy, specifically identifying management teams who have created value for its shareholders in the past by considering cashflow and its utilization and 4) technicals, highlighting whether stock prices are in an established or new trend as well as the trend's durability. In order to be considered for inclusion in the portfolio, the stock must score highly across all the factors – each factor is graded from 1 (poor) to 4 (good) and an aggregate score between 4 and 16 is given to every stock. The initial quantitative screening is followed by qualitative analysis to allow for a degree of judgment. Analysts look to understand the reliability of those positive factors to isolate the best ideas from the initial list of good ideas. Further analysis is for instance carried out on the quality and sustainability of earnings upgrades, the quality of management and the potential for change that can cause a share price re-rating. When a stock purchase is made the manager will set a price target which will be monitored and reappraised as conditions change.

The fund holds between 75 and 100 stocks and is restricted to holding no more than 20% in emerging markets and no more than 5% in any single stock. The tracking error of the fund tends to range between 5% and 10%. There are no geographical or sector constraints. Currency hedges are not used.

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