

Reporting date: 31 January 2024

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the investment fund is to provide consistent long term capital and income growth. The investment policy for achieving the objective is for the Manager to invest primarily in equity securities. There is no restriction to economic securities or geographical areas, but the manager considers the objective can be achieved from investing predominantly in UK equities and seeking undervalued overseas opportunities.

Managers' commentary

Consistent Opportunities Unit Trust fell 2.0% in the month of January against a return in the FTSE All Share Index of -1.3% and the FTSE250 Index -1.7%. Geo-Political tensions, an Artificial Intelligence frenzy and Interest Rate expectations continued to dominate markets. The UK lagged Global markets in the first month of 2024 with UK Retail sales disappointing and CPI surprising to the upside in December. Equity outflows from UK Funds continued with over £16bn withdrawn over the last two years but the pace looks to have slowed and it is anticipated the trend could finally reverse this year on the back of falling inflation data and expected interest rate cuts. M&A activity continued at pace with further take private deals expected with valuations continuing to look an anomaly to Global peers.

Across the portfolio, Inspects Group and Portmeirion Group issued disappointing trading updates. Inspects blamed a difficult consumer environment particularly in Germany although net debt was lower than expected and there remains growth opportunities across new brand launches. Portmeirion Group experienced a pleasing Christmas trading period but remains cautious on the outlook particularly in the key US and South Korean Markets. There were strong returns across Microlise Group (+29%), Kier Group (+19%) and Boku (+19%) which all delivered encouraging trading updates, particularly Boku, the digital payments leader which announced a healthy upgrade to numbers. Kier Group saw strong demand for their Senior Loan Notes pricing and we continue to believe the shares are mispriced particularly once dividends are restarted and income investors return to the investment case.

We reduced the Kin & Carta holding above the current take private offer price, whilst making a small reduction into a strong share price across the investment in Hill & Smith. The proceeds were recycled into the existing investments of FTSE250 listed Heat Treatment specialist Bodycote, Brickability Group and Lords Group Trading, all of which continue to trade at highly attractive valuation multiples.

Thank you for your continued longterm support, I continue to invest personally in the Fund each month and believe UK equities particularly small and mid-capitalisation companies, look well positioned for a period of strong returns over the next few years.

Performance data*

As at 31 January 2024	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Income	-2.0%	8.8%	-0.5%	-6.3%	3.9%	36.3%
Accumulation	-2.0%	8.8%	-0.4%	-6.3%	3.9%	36.3%
FTSE All-Share TR	-1.3%	6.2%	1.1%	1.9%	27.5%	30.4%

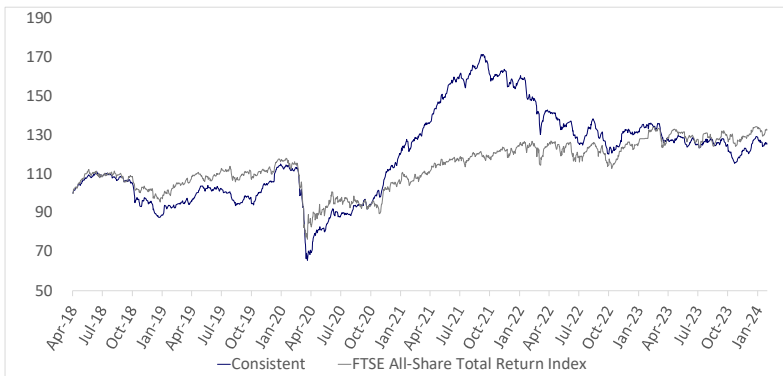
*Source: Published prices.

Market capitalisation exposure (%)

	%
£2.5bn to £7.5bn	2.7
£750m to £2.5bn	11.4
£250m to £750m	29.4
< £250m	55.6
Cash	0.9

Based on current market capitalisation

Relative performance 1 April 2018 to 31 January 2024



The above graph shows the performance of Consistent Unit Trust Income Units with net income reinvested and the FTSE All-Share TR Index. The price of the units and index have been re-based to 100 as at 1 April 2018.

Top ten holdings

	% of Fund Size
1 Wilmington	3.99
2 TP ICAP Group	3.66
3 Hill & Smith	3.65
4 Boku	3.59
5 Alumasc Group	3.48
6 Hargreaves Services	3.48
7 Kier Group	3.47
8 Kitwave Group	3.31
9 Coats Group	2.82
10 Zotefoams	2.77
Total	34.22

Source: all data sourced from Yealand Fund Services Limited at the reporting date, unless otherwise stated.

The above past performance data is no guide to future performance, the value of units and the income from them may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. Returns are shown net of annual management charge, other expenses and net income reinvested.

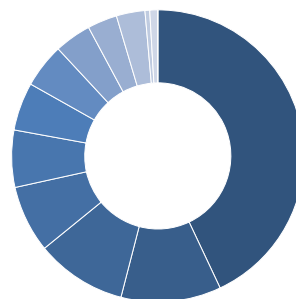
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Key Information

Authorised Fund Manager	Nick Pritchard Consistent Unit Trust Management Company Limited	
Valuation point	31 January 2024	
Fund size	£13.4m	
No. of holdings	53	
Unit class	<i>Income</i>	<i>Accumulation</i>
Fund size split	£6.9m	£6.5m
Mid price	59.02p	161.8p
Net yield	2.90%	2.90%
Ongoing charges*		
AFM	1.00%	1.00%
Other expenses	0.20%	0.20%
ISIN	GB0002164092	GB0002177581
Bloomberg ticker	CONUNTI LN	CONUNTA LN
KIID risk rating	6	6
Launch date	22 January 1988	
Legal status	UCITS	
Category	Unit Trust	
Domicile	United Kingdom	
Period end dates	Interim 31 January, Final 31 July	
Distribution dates	Interim 31 March, Final 30 September	
Minimum investment	£1,000	
Regular savings	£50	

*The OCF is the total expenses paid by the fund (excluding bank overdraft interest), annualised, against its average net asset value. The OCF will fluctuate as the average net assets and costs change. The OCF is updated following the publication of accounts for the periods ending 31 January and 31 July.

Sector classification of investments



How to buy units in the Fund

The Fund is available through a number of distributors including:

AJ Bell
Charles Stanley Direct
Cofunds
Fidelity Funds Network
Funds Direct
Hargreaves Lansdown
Novia Financial

Other investment information



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