FIDELITY INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Fidelity European Trust PLC

31.08.2024 Monthly Factsheet

Investment Objective

To achieve long-term growth in both capital and income by predominantly investing in equities (and their related securities) of continental European companies.

Investment Company Facts

Launch date: 05.11.91
Portfolio manager: Sam Morse, Marcel Stotzel
Appointed to trust: 01.01.11, 01.09.20
Years at Fidelity: 20, 9
Total Net Assets (TNA): £ 1,718m
Ordinary shares in Issue: 408,730,523
Share price: 394.00p
NAV: 420.33p
Discount: 6.26%
Gross Market Gearing: 12.1%
Net Market Gearing: 10.3%

Performance comparator

Market Index:	FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index Total Return

The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.

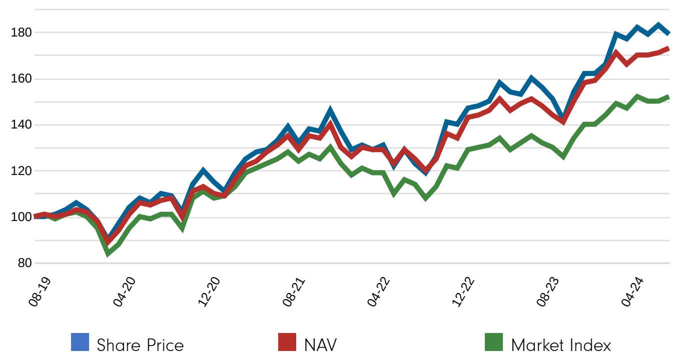
Portfolio Manager Commentary

The month started with big negative equity market moves prompted by the Bank of Japan's decision to increase interest rates by 25 basis points in early August, and subsequent unwind of 'carry trades' that had relied on cheap Japanese debt to fund investments in global risk assets. Market sentiment was also impacted by weak US economic data. Specifically, a small increase in the unemployment rate sparked fears of a US recession. However, Continental European equities, along with other equity markets, recovered through the month and ended higher in August but underperformed the US market.

The Trust marginally underperformed the index in August. The underperformance was driven by weak stock picking in the healthcare and consumer discretionary sectors with gearing also contributing modestly to the underperformance. The Trust's holdings in ASML and Puma were the top two detractors. ASML's shares were impacted by the overall weakness in the semiconductor sector after the US chipmaker Intel reported disappointing earnings and announced a cost-cutting plan to reduce jobs and suspend dividend payments. The Trust's holding in PUMA was weak after the company reported lacklustre Q2'24 results. However, the Trust's exposure to Deutsche Börse added value after the company announced settlements with some plaintiffs related to Postbank acquisition lawsuits. Elsewhere, luxury conglomerate Hermès and low-cost airline Ryanair were also modest contributors.

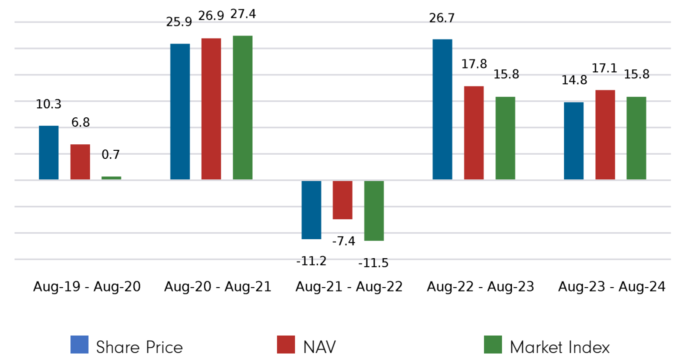
On a rolling 12-month basis, the Trust recorded NAV and share price returns of 17.1% and 14.8% respectively, compared to 15.8% for the index.

Cumulative performance in GBP (%)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



Performance to 31.08.24 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 05.11.91*
Share Price Cumulative Growth	-2.2	-1.6	10.8	14.8	29.1	79.3	6142.9
NAV Cumulative Growth	1.4	1.7	9.5	17.1	27.7	73.0	6329.7
Index Cumulative Growth	1.5	-0.1	8.9	15.8	18.7	52.3	1638.4
Share Price Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	8.9	12.4	13.4
NAV Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	8.5	11.6	13.5
Index Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	5.9	8.8	9.1

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.
Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.
*Performance commencement date.

Key Risks

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. Overseas investments may be more volatile than established markets. The shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their price is affected by supply and demand. The investment trust can gain additional exposure to the market, known as gearing, potentially increasing volatility.

Equity Exposure % Total Net Assets (% TNA)

	Exposure (% TNA)
Gross Market Exposure	112.1
Net Equity	110.3
Other	2.6
Uninvested Cash	0.0

Notes on Portfolio Construction and a description of how data is calculated and presented are on page 3. Definitions of the terms used in the Equity Exposure table are in the Glossary.

Sector/Industry Exposure (% TNA)

ICB Industry	Fund	Index	Relative
Financials	22.0	18.9	3.1
Health Care	20.5	17.3	3.2
Industrials	17.6	18.4	-0.9
Technology	14.3	10.0	4.4
Consumer Discretionary	14.2	12.1	2.1
Consumer Staples	6.8	7.3	-0.5
Basic Materials	4.3	4.2	0.1
Energy	4.2	3.7	0.5
Utilities	2.0	4.0	-2.0
Telecommunications	0.0	3.1	-3.1
Real Estate	0.0	1.1	-1.1
Total Sector Exposure	**105.8**	**100.0**	
Other Index / Unclassified	4.5	0.0	
Total Equity Exposure	**110.3**	**100.0**	

Market Capitalisation Exposure (% TNA)

GBP	Fund	Index	Relative
>10bn	92.7	86.3	6.5
5-10bn	7.8	9.3	-1.4
1-5bn	4.1	3.6	0.5
0-1bn	0.0	0.7	-0.7
Total Market Cap Exposure	**104.6**	**99.8**	
Index / Unclassified	5.7	0.2	
Total Equity Exposure	**110.3**	**100.0**	

Country Exposure (% TNA)

	Fund	Index	Relative
France	30.0	21.1	8.9
Switzerland	19.7	19.4	0.3
Germany	11.4	16.8	-5.3
Netherlands	8.8	9.3	-0.5
Denmark	7.3	6.8	0.5
Sweden	5.8	6.5	-0.7
Italy	5.0	5.7	-0.7
United Kingdom	4.6	0.0	4.6
Finland	4.3	2.0	2.3
Spain	3.6	5.4	-1.8
Others	5.3	7.0	-1.7
Total Geographic Exposure	**105.8**	**100.0**	
Other Index / Unclassified	4.5	0.0	
Total Equity Exposure	**110.3**	**100.0**	

Top Positions (% TNA)

	ICB Industry	Geographic Location	Fund	Index	Relative
NOVO-NORDISK AS	Health Care	Denmark	7.3	4.7	2.7
ASML HOLDING NV	Technology	Netherlands	6.3	3.9	2.4
NESTLE SA	Consumer Staples	Switzerland	5.5	3.1	2.4
SAP SE	Technology	Germany	4.6	2.6	2.0
ROCHE HOLDING AG	Health Care	Switzerland	4.5	2.7	1.8
TOTALENERGIES SE	Energy	France	4.2	1.5	2.6
LVMH MOET HENNESSY SE	Consumer Discretionary	France	4.1	2.0	2.1
ESSILORLUXOTTICA	Health Care	France	3.5	0.8	2.7
L'OREAL SA	Consumer Discretionary	France	3.3	1.1	2.2
3I GROUP PLC	Financials	United Kingdom	3.0	0.0	3.0

Top Overweight Positions (% TNA)

	Fund	Index	Relative
3I GROUP PLC	3.0	0.0	3.0
NOVO-NORDISK AS	7.3	4.7	2.7
ESSILORLUXOTTICA	3.5	0.8	2.7
TOTALENERGIES SE	4.2	1.5	2.6
LEGRAND SA	2.9	0.3	2.6
PARTNERS GROUP HOLDING	2.8	0.3	2.4
ASML HOLDING NV	6.3	3.9	2.4
NESTLE SA	5.5	3.1	2.4
LINDE PLC	2.4	0.0	2.4
ASSA ABLOY AB	2.6	0.3	2.3

Top Underweight Positions (% TNA)

	Fund	Index	Relative
NOVARTIS AG	0.0	2.7	-2.7
SIEMENS AG	0.0	1.5	-1.5
SCHNEIDER ELEC SA	0.0	1.5	-1.5
ALLIANZ SE	0.0	1.3	-1.3
AIR LIQUIDE SA	0.0	1.2	-1.2
UBS GROUP AG	0.0	1.1	-1.1
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG	0.0	1.0	-1.0
ABB LTD	0.0	1.0	-1.0
AIRBUS SE	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Short Position - name withheld	-0.9	0.1	-1.0

Positions Concentration (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
Top 10	46.2	26.1
Top 20	71.4	37.0
Top 50	106.7	56.7

Full portfolio listings, with the appropriate time lag as agreed by the Board, are available on request from Fidelity Investment Trusts.
Figures may not always sum to totals due to rounding

Approach and Style

The portfolio managers seek companies based on their prospects for producing dividends and dividend growth as this indicates steady structural growth. They search for companies focusing on four key areas which are positive fundamentals, which includes a good track record, structural growth cycle on cycle and a good return on capital employed; the ability to generate cash, with a robust underlying level of cash generation which relates to profitability; dislikes companies that borrow large sums of money and he looks for opportunities with the flexibility to invest: finally they prefer stocks that are attractively valued as they are not prepared to pay any price for a good opportunity. They look for good quality at a reasonable price and this is why their style has been associated with growth at a reasonable price or GARP. The portfolio will generally have low turnover with a typical holding period of three to five years. The composition of the portfolio is fairly concentrated. The portfolio managers do not have a bias to a particular sector or company size with a diversified selection of holdings. Further growth potential is delivered through the selection of stocks rather than sectors or countries.

Portfolio Construction – Explained

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the fund manager is positioned to achieve the fund's objectives.

The Equity Exposure table provides an overall view of the fund. Net Equity represents - in percentage terms - how much of the fund is invested in the market, netting off long and short positions. The higher the figure, the more the fund will take part in any market rises (or falls). It is important to note that Net Equity can be greater than 100% (for example if the manager is using derivative contracts) and when it is, the portfolio may be described as geared.

The exposure and positioning tables on page 2 break the fund down into a number of different views, each providing a different perspective on the fund's investments.

Administrative & Dealing Information

Financial Year End: 31st December
Reference currency: UK Sterling (GBP)
Company domicile: United Kingdom
Company legal structure: Investment Trust
Capital guarantee: No
ISIN: GB00BK1PKQ95
SEDOL: BK1PKQ9
Bloomberg: FEV LN
Distribution frequency: Bi Annual
Charges made to income or capital: 25/75
Other Ongoing Costs (including AMC/excluding Portfolio transaction costs): 0.77%
Portfolio Transaction Costs: 0.06
Annual Management Charge: 0.85% (net) on the first £400m of assets and 0.65% (net) on funds in excess of £400m.

Independent Assessment

Information in this section is the latest available at date of publication. Further details can be found in the Glossary section of this factsheet. As some ratings agencies may use past performance to produce their assessments, these are not a reliable indicator of future results.
Morningstar rating™ : *****

How data is calculated and presented

Portfolio composition data has been calculated and presented according to several general principles, which are listed below.

- **Aggregation** : all investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage holding for each company. The aggregate holding is referred to in this factsheet as a position. Where a company is listed in two separate countries, each listing may be classified as a separate issuing company. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives on ETFs are treated as individual securities – ie not aggregated.

- **Categorisation** : for investments that have underlying securities we use the attributes of the underlying issuing company or common share to determine the appropriate sector, market capitalisation band and geographic area.

- **Derivatives:** all derivatives are included on an exposure basis and, where necessary, are delta-adjusted. Delta-adjusting expresses derivatives in terms of the equivalent number of shares that would be needed to generate the same return.

- **"Basket" securities:** securities that represent a number of company shares – like index futures or options – are allocated to categories (such as country) whenever possible. Otherwise they are included in the "Other Index / Unclassified" category.

ESG Metrics

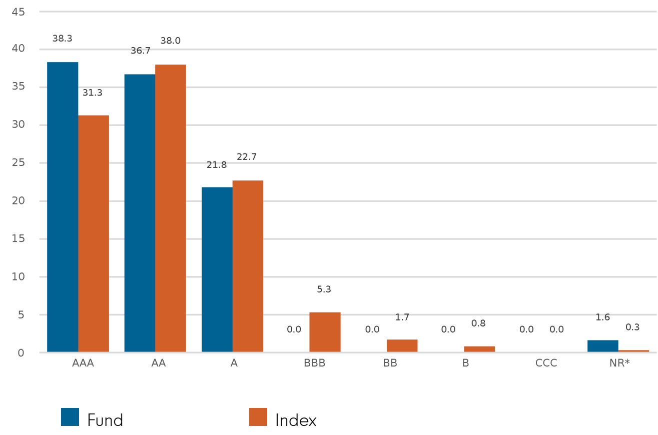
The factsheet is a snapshot of the portfolio at the date indicated above. ESG ratings distribution may vary over time. The portfolio manager may use MSCI ESG ratings or Fidelity ESG ratings as part of investment decisions. Product-specific information can be found on your local Fidelity website which can be accessed via the following link https://www.fidelityinternational.com (Products & services) by selecting your country of residence
Representation of this data (including the distribution of MSCI ESG Ratings) is for informational purposes only.

Sustainability Characteristics (31.08.2024)

	Fund	Index
MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	**AA**	**N/R**
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCo2e/$M Revenue)	**30.1**	**90.5**
SFDR Classification	**N/A**	**N/A**

N/A - Not Applicable
N/R - Not Rated

MSCI ESG Ratings Distribution % (31.08.2024)



ESG Fund rating based on holding as at 31.03.24 with 97.5% security coverage. Carbon intensity data based on holdings as at 31.08.24 with 95.8% security coverage.

Glossary

MSCI ESG Fund Rating: This shows the fund's ESG rating based on the Quality Scores given to the fund by MSCI. This ranges from AAA, AA (Leader), A, BBB, BB (Average) to B, CCC (Laggard). To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund's gross weight must come from covered securities (and excluding cash), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old and the fund must have at least ten securities.
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity: is calculated as the sum of each portfolio weight multiplied by the Co2e per $M of Revenue of each holding. This metric provides a snapshot of the fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies and includes scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions. For carbon data, the coverage of underlying securities must be over 50% for data to be shown.
SFDR Classification: Shows the latest available classification given to each fund as part of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Article 9 funds have sustainable investment as their objective and promote environmental or social characteristics. Article 8 funds promotes environmental or social characteristics, but do not have a sustainable investment objective. Article 6 funds integrate sustainability risks (unless specified otherwise in the prospectus) into investment analysis and decision-making, without the funds promoting environmental or social characteristics or having sustainable investments as their objective. Information on sustainability-related aspects is provided pursuant to SFDR at https://www.fidelity.lu/sfdr
MSCI ESG Ratings Distribution: This shows the percentage distribution of ESG ratings in the fund, based on the Net Asset Value of holdings excluding cash, liquidity funds, derivatives and Exchange Traded Funds.

Disclaimer

Glossary / Additional Notes

Equity Exposure notes

GROSS MARKET EXPOSURE

Gross Market Exposure is the total of long exposures, plus the total of short exposures, and less the total of exposures hedging the portfolio, expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds (Total Net Assets).

NET EQUITY

The net positive exposure to the market with short and hedge positions subtracted from long positions.

OTHER

The value of any non-equity investments (excluding cash funds) expressed as a percentage of TNA.

UNINVESTED CASH

This is 100% minus the fund's Net Equity exposure and minus Other. This leaves any residual cash exposure that is not invested in shares or via derivatives.

Investment Company Facts

NAV

The total value of a company's assets less the total value of its liabilities is its net asset value (NAV). For valuation purposes it is common to divide net assets by the number of shares in issue to give the net assets per share. NAV calculations can include or exclude current financial year income. For the purposes of this factsheet, they are valued with assets including income and costs and with debt valued at the market.

PREMIUM

If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

DISCOUNT

If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

GEARING

Gearing is the Market Exposure figure (either gross or net) expressed in excess of Total Net Assets. It represents the additional exposure to the market above Shareholders' Funds.

FAIR VALUE

The fair value of investments is initially taken to be their cost and is subsequently measured as follows: Listed investments are valued at bid prices, or last market prices, depending on the convention of the exchange on which they are listed; and

Unlisted investments are investments which are not quoted, or are not frequently traded, are stated at the Directors' best estimate of fair value and take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments and financial performance of the investment since purchase.

General notes

TOTAL NET ASSETS (TNA)

The Company's total assets minus its total liabilities - also known as Shareholders' Funds. It represents the amount by which a company is financed through common and preferred shares.

INDEX

The index used in the positioning tables on page 2 is the index defined in the Performance Comparator section on page 1.

TOP NET LONG POSITIONS

Those companies in which the largest percentages of the trust's total net assets are effectively invested. Positions in other funds – including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear.

TOP OVERWEIGHT & UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS

Those positions which have the largest active weight relative to the index. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear. In the underweight table, any short position names have been withheld in line with Fidelity's disclosure policy.

NET LONG POSITIONS CONCENTRATION

Illustrates the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the trust and the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the index. It does not attempt to show the coincidence of security ownership between fund and index. The sector/industry classification used (i.e. GICS, ICB, TOPIX and IPD) varies by fund. Full descriptions can be found below.

Glossary / Additional Notes

ONGOING COSTS (KID)

These include Portfolio transaction costs (the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments) and Other ongoing costs (the costs that we take each year for managing the investment).

These are based on the methodology prescribed by EU Regulation (PRIIPS) and differ from other presentations of costs such as the Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) in the Company's Annual Report & Accounts.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

These are costs incurred when trading underlying investments.

SECTOR INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.
More information is available at http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/gics/en/us

ICB: The Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) is an industry classification developed by Dow Jones and FTSE. It is used to segregate markets into sectors within the macroeconomy. The ICB uses a system of 10 industries, partitioned into 20 supersectors, which are further divided into 41 sectors, which then contain 114 subsectors.
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