

As at the end of March 2024.

Key facts

Lead managers: Justin Oliver/Alison Brooks

Fund size: \$116m

Ireland inception date: 26/09/2008

ISA/PEP eligible: Yes SIPP eligible: Yes UK reporting status: Yes FCA recognised: Yes CBol Authorised: Yes

MAS restricted foreign scheme: Yes International Peer Group: Morningstar EAA Fund USD Aggressive Allocation²

Other information

Minimum investment

Initial (or currency equivalent):

A class: \$5,000 T class: \$5,000 R class: \$50,000 H class: \$500,000

Ongoing (or currency equivalent): \$1,000

Domicile: Ireland

Custodian/Trustee: Northern Trust

Yield: 0.0%³
SRRI: 5⁴
Dealing

Cut-off time: 2pm

Dealing frequency: Daily

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Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

The returns are shown in USD. These returns may differ significantly when converted to other currencies at the prevailing exchange rates.

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Canaccord Genuity Growth Fund

Investment objectives

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate capital growth by investing in an internationally diversified portfolio of shares and units in collective investment schemes and individual high quality fixed interest instruments.

Return profile1



* 2024 YTD is data for year to date from 01 January 2024 to 31 March 2024. Source: Morningstar & CGWM

Discrete performance (%)1

Total return to end of last calendar quarter (peer group data from Morningstar, these figures are unaudited)

| | 01/04/2023 | 01/04/2022 | 01/04/2021 | 01/04/2020 | 01/04/2019 |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 31/03/2024 | 31/03/2023 | 31/03/2022 | 31/03/2021 | 31/03/2020 |
| Growth Fund | +14.77 | -9.85 | +0.55 | +42.48 | -8.39 |
| Intl. peer group | +13.15 | -6.48 | +3.01 | +36.23 | -10.56 |

Cumulative performance (%)1

Total return from inception to 31/03/2024 (peer group data from Morningstar, these figures are unaudited)

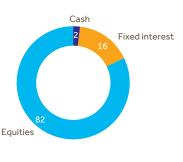
| | 1 month | 3 months | YTD | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | Inception (Sep 2008) |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Growth Fund | +2.50 | +5.96 | +5.96 | +14.77 | +4.03 | +35.79 | +115.68 |
| Intl. peer group | +2.63 | +5.16 | +5.16 | +13.15 | +9.00 | +32.81 | +95.56 |

Top 10 holdings (%)

Vanguard S&P500 UCITS ETF INC USD 11.16 CT (Lux) US Disciplined Core Eq N USD Acc 9.42 Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF 6.15 GQG Partners US Equity I USD Acc 5.96 Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity R2 USD 5.02 Hermes Asia ex Japan Equity F Acc \$ 4.85 Polar Capital Healthcare Blue Chip SI USD Dis 4.85 Blackrock Continental Europe Flexible EUR 4.83 Polar Capital Global Technology I USD Inc 4.77 SPARX Japan Fund GBP E Acc

Source: CGWM

Sector analysis (%)



- 1. The performance data shown represents the actual performance of the Canaccord Genuity Growth Fund ('CG Fund'), which transferred into the Fund on 26/09/08. The CG Fund was a cell of The Canaccord Genuity PCC Ltd and was managed with comparable parameters and investment process by the same investment team as the Fund. The Fund commenced on 26/09/2008. Performance and expenses of the Fund will vary from this historical performance. Future asset allocation including geographical allocations will depend on prevailing market conditions and sentiment and may be significantly different to the asset allocation of the past. From 01/01/2019 the Fund performance shown has changed from the A class to the R class, for consistency with peers; performance and expenses of the Fund will vary from this point.
- 2. The International Peer Group was changed from GIFS USD Aggressive Allocation to EAA Fund USD Aggressive Allocation on 01/09/20 due to Morningstar ceasing to produce the GIFS. Performance is shown against an international peer group for reference purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.
- 3. Source: Northern Trust
- 4. The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) displays the historic volatility of the fund's performance and categorises it accordingly. The values will range from 1 to 7, where 1 will mean lower risk and 7 indicates that the level of risk is relatively high.

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Canaccord Genuity Growth Fund - Manager's commentary

The Canaccord Genuity Growth Fund rose 2.50% during March, outperforming its benchmark peer group, the Morningstar EAA Fund USD Aggressive Allocation sector, which rose 2.63%.

Reviewing asset returns over the first quarter, it is noticeable that technology stocks have again led the way, with the Magnificent Seven stocks gaining just over 17% in aggregate, although there has been a wide divergence. For example, Nvidia has gained 82% in the first three months of the year, while Tesla's shares have fallen 29%. Other areas that have performed well in US dollar terms include Japan even though the yen has been very weak. What didn't perform well include Latin American equities, high-grade bonds, while China's CSI300 Index only eked out a marginal gain of just over 1% in US dollar terms.

During the month, US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jay Powell reiterated that the central bank is in no rush to cut interest rates, but outlined that policymakers are getting close to having sufficient confidence to do so. Powell told the Financial Services Committee of the US House of Representatives that it will likely be appropriate to begin lowering borrowing costs "at some point this year," but he made it clear officials are not ready yet. However, expectations for interest rate cuts were pared back during the month, as inflation figures came in higher than expected, while there are continuing signs that activity in the US economy is still expanding at a brisk pace.

As expected, US interest rates were left on hold following the Fed's March deliberations, but just as importantly, policymakers' updated forecasts for future rates – the 'dot plot' – continued to show officials expect 3 rate cuts in 2024, in line with markets' expectations. Underneath the bonnet, policymakers became slightly more hawkish, but markets chose to adopt a glass half full mentality.

China will target economic growth of around 5% this year, while announcing a budget deficit in line with last year's and new special central government bonds, but disappointed those who had been hoping for more stimulus to bolster the economy. There were also new measures to help boost the ailing property sector and improve maternity policies to help the low birth rate. China's consumer prices rose for the first time since August. The price rebound was helped by the Lunar New Year holiday temporarily boosting demand. Meanwhile, producer prices fell 2.7%, continuing the longest string of declines since 2016. High-frequency data are already pointing to a rapid decline in food prices since the end of the Lunar New Year holiday three weeks ago.

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) became the world's last central bank to end the era of negative interest rates, raising borrowing costs for the first time since 2007. Policymakers have confidence that mild inflation in Japan will continue, most companies are passing on inflation costs to consumers, and labour shortages are contributing to higher wages. This is a positive development for Japan and underlines our positive investment thesis. The yen fell, as the focus remained on the wide interest rate differential with the US, and the BoJ noted that rates will be kept very accommodative in order to support the economy.

In terms of activity, the cash weighting of the Fund fell from 4%, to 2.2%, as a result of the decision to increase the fixed income exposure through an additional purchase of the iShares USD Corporate Bond fund. There are signs of a return of the diversification benefits from duration in fixed income, and we therefore slightly increased the weight in one of the Fund's investment grade credit funds. We also took the decision to remove the sector specific technology exposure of the L&G Battery Value Chain, L&G Cyber Security and ROBO Global Robotics funds and invested the proceeds in the broad-based Polar Capital Global Technology fund. Similarly, the Candriam Oncology fund was sold and replaced with the Polar Capital Healthcare Blue Chip fund.