

# TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund

GBP factsheet July 2020

**CRUX**  
ASSET MANAGEMENT

## Fund Facts as at 30/06/20

### Fund Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth. The Fund will seek to achieve returns that are 2% p.a. in excess of the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index over a rolling three year period, though there is no guarantee that it will do so.

### Inception date

25 September 2014 (renamed TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund on 2 December 2019)

### Structure

OEIC

### Fund Size

£49.9m

### Fund Base Currency

GBP

### XD Dates

31-Dec, 30-Jun

### Dividend Pay Dates

30-Apr, 31-Aug

Market Capitalisation	(%)
> €10bn	69.7%
€1bn-10bn	23.7%
< €1bn	0.3%

Charges (%)	Initial	OCF
A Class (GBP)	Nil	0.88
F Class (GBP)	Nil	0.78

Minimum Investment	
A Share Class	£20,000
F Share Class	£5,000,000

ISIN Numbers (GBP)	
GB00BNY7YH21 (A Acc)	
GB00BNY7K59 (F Acc)	

Top 10 Holdings	%	Top 10 Countries	%	Top 10 Sectors	%
Fresenius Medical Care	4.2	France	30.7	Capital Goods	13.6
Novo Nordisk	4.2	Germany	14.3	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	13.4
Swedish Match	3.9	Switzerland	13.0	Software & Services	8.4
Sanofi	3.8	Netherlands	9.9	Consumer Durables & Apparel	8.3
Roche	3.6	Sweden	7.9	Commercial & Professional Services	7.8
Saint Gobain	2.9	Ireland	5.4	Health Care Equipment & Services	7.3
Smurfit Kappa	2.8	Denmark	4.2	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	6.5
RELX	2.7	Italy	3.9	Materials	4.6
Iliad	2.6	Britain	2.7	Banks	3.3
Prosus	2.6	Spain	1.7	Automobiles & Components	2.9
Total Holdings	48	Cash	6.3		

Source: CRUX Asset Management.

## Fund Manager Commentary

June was a fairly volatile month for equities, with strong swings between cyclical and more defensive names. At the beginning of the month, the former jumped as many European countries announced easing of lockdown restrictions and as the ECB increased its bond-buying limit. However, this optimism quickly evaporated as a second wave of COVID-19 cases emerged especially in the southern states of the US and also in Beijing. Stock markets ended the month in positive territory as the US-China trade deal seemed to be back on track and hopes of further government stimulus and support.

The fund lagged its peers as investors favoured financials and more cyclical stocks where the fund is underweight. Bright spots included many of our more cyclical holdings such as Legrand and Saint Gobain. Vivendi advanced as a US music peer listed on a high valuation. In terms of transactions, we disposed of a few financials after recent rallies such as AXA and ABN, and acquired stakes in some technology names trading on attractive valuations given the structural growth including Capgemini, Prosus and Worldline.

With the US facing a second wave, but as Europe continues to ease lockdown restrictions, investors have started to take another look at European equities, as they should. Our fund includes world-class companies on undemanding valuations, with strong global positions and recurring revenues that have usually proved resilient. Growth comes from structural drivers (such as nutrition, technology, testing, logistics, healthcare) but is augmented with small acquisitions too. In the meantime, we think the underlying portfolio trades on an attractive valuation, with companies that have high returns on capital, low capital needs and incentivised management.

Subject to shareholder approval at the EGM on the 9th July 2020 the TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund will potentially merge with the TM CRUX European Fund. Both funds are managed by Richard Pease and James Milne. If you would like any further information please contact us.

## Fund Manager Profiles



**Richard Pease**  
Fund Manager

Richard has over three decades of experience in the financial industry. After running funds with the Central Board of Finance and Windsor Investment Management, Richard joined Jupiter Asset Management in 1989 where he started and ran the Jupiter European Fund and several other European vehicles.

In 2001, he helped set up New Star Asset Management where he launched and managed both onshore and offshore European funds. On Henderson Global Investor's acquisition of New Star in April 2009, he became a Director of European Equities. In October 2009, Richard launched the Henderson European Special Situations Fund. Richard joined CRUX in June 2015 following a Scheme of Arrangement that allowed him to merge the Henderson European Special Situations Fund with the TM CRUX European Special Situations Fund. Richard also co-manages the TM CRUX European Fund and the TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund.



**James Milne**  
Fund Manager

James worked at Henderson Global Investors as a European equities fund manager from April 2009 until he joined CRUX in June 2015 with the successful merger of the Henderson European Special Situations Fund and the TM CRUX European Special Situations Fund. James co-manages the TM CRUX European Special Situations Fund, TM CRUX European Fund and the TM CRUX European Opportunities Fund with Richard Pease.

Before Henderson, James previously worked at New Star Asset Management, which he joined in July 2006. James began his career in 2002 at KPMG in London where he qualified as a chartered accountant before moving into corporate finance. He graduated from Magdalen College, Oxford with a double first class degree in Engineering Science.

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