

Artemis UK Select Fund

An Afternoon with Artemis 2025

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Investment team



UK equities at Artemis

10
INVESTMENT
PROFESSIONALS
FOCUSED
ON UK EQUITIES





£13.5_{bn}

INVESTED ACROSS

5

DEDICATED
UK INVESTMENT
STRATEGIES

EXTENSIVE INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE



CIRCA

450

UK COMPANY MEETINGS PER YEAR



ARTEMIS UK EQUITIES

SMARTGARP UK EQUITY

Philip Wolstencroft

INCOME

Adrian Frost Andy Marsh Nick Shenton

UK SELECT

Ed Legget Ambrose Faulks

UK SMALLER COMPANIES

Mark Niznik William Tamworth

UK SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Andy Gray Henry Flockhart

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

Fund overview



Artemis UK Select Fund

- Concentrated multi-cap 'best ideas' UK equity fund targeting long-term capital growth
- Actively seeking to generate alpha in all market conditions
- Fund benchmarked to FTSE All-Share; limited shorting capability offers potential for better risk adjusted returns
- ESG integrated into fundamental investment analysis

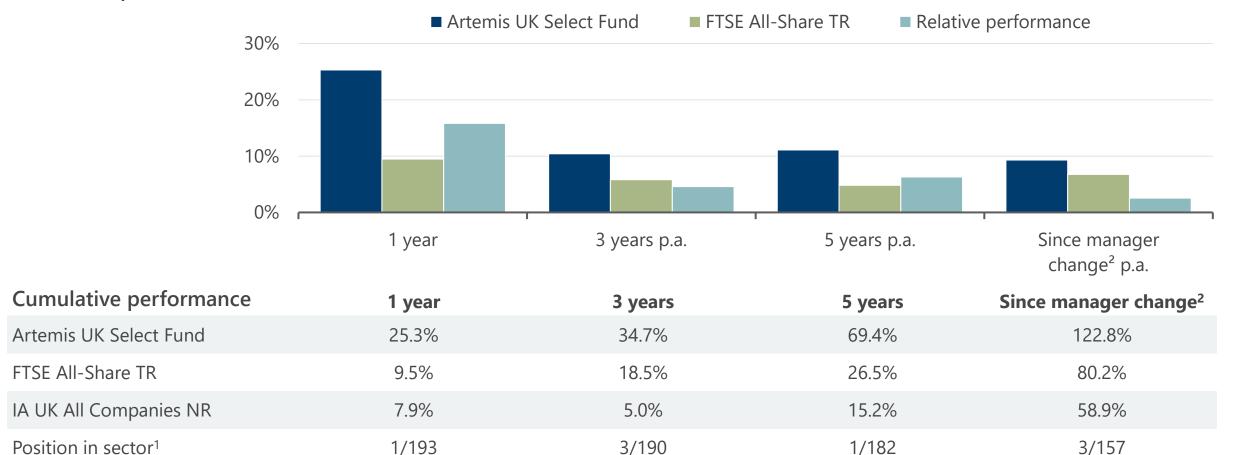
Fund launch	April 1998	Number of holdings	40-50 long, 3-10 short
Fund size	£3,556.4m	Active share	c.75%
Benchmark	FTSE All-Share	Average holding period	>12 months, short <12 months
Management team	Ed Legget and Ambrose Faulks	Median market cap	£5.7bn
Objective	Capital growth over a five-year period	Alpha source(s)	Stock selection, asset allocation

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

Note: the indicative information above reflects the current view of the fund manager and may change over time. For information about formal investment restrictions relevant to this fund please refer to the prospectus.

Performance

Annualised performance

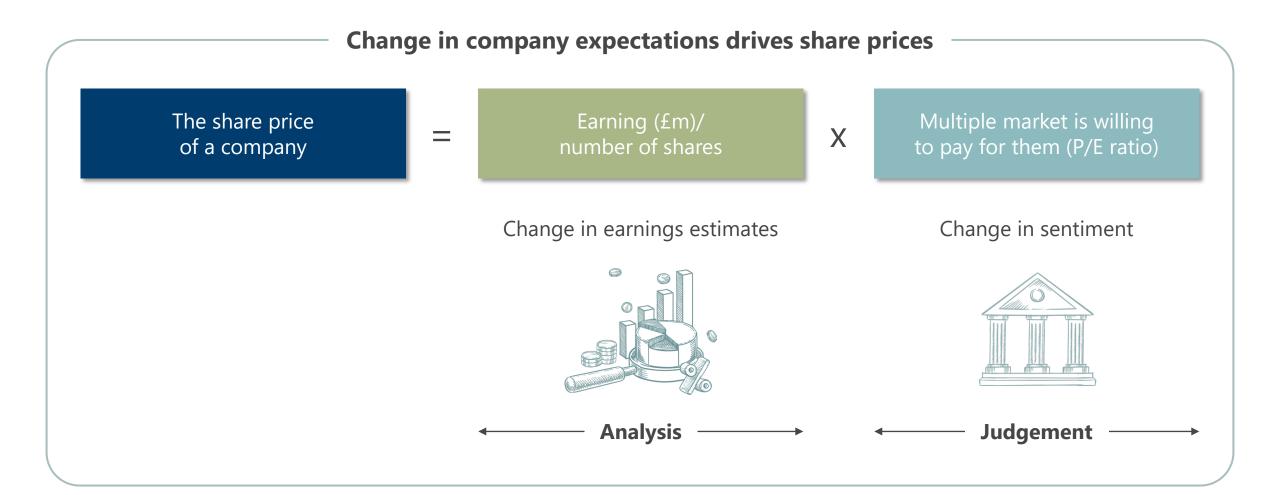


Past performance is not a guide to the future. Source: Lipper Limited, class I accumulation units in GBP as at 31 December 2024. All figures show total returns with dividends and/or income reinvested, net of all charges. Performance does not take account of any costs incurred when investors buy or sell the fund. This class may have charges or a hedging approach different from those in the IA sector benchmark. ¹Sector is IA UK All Companies NR. ²Ed Legget and Ambrose Faulks began managing the Artemis UK Select Fund on 31 December 2015.

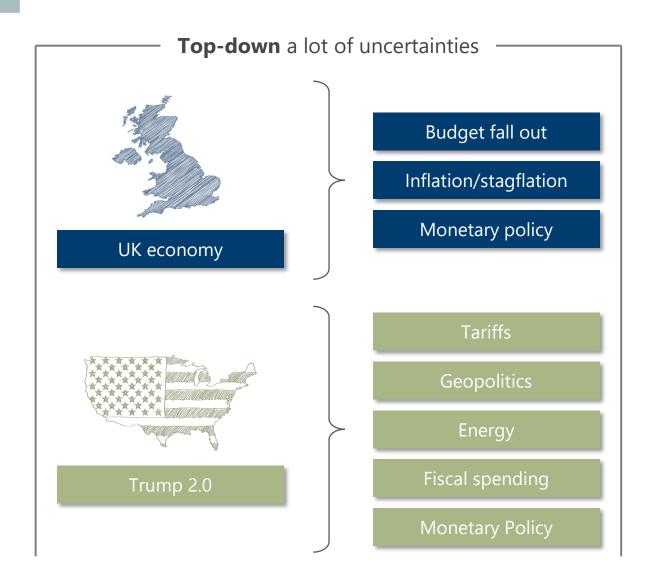
Investment approach

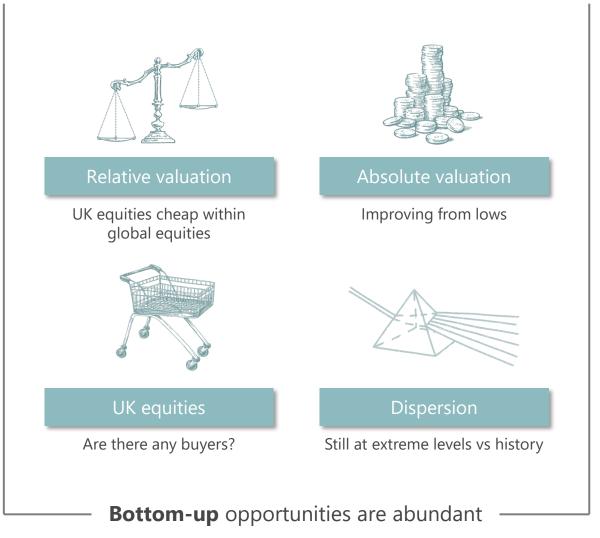


Investment philosophy



Investment backdrop





UK Macro outlook



UK macro

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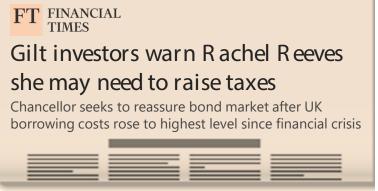
Consumer and corporate

INFLATION

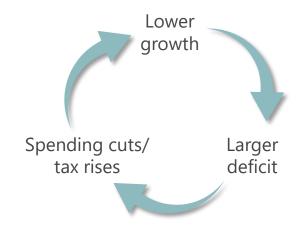
National Insurance National Living Wage Employment Laws

UNEMPLOYMENT





FISCAL STRESS



Markets extrapolating latest economic data points

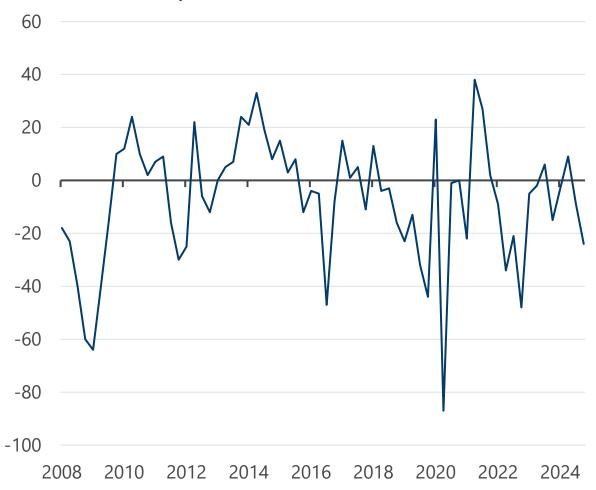
UK Budget – a knock to confidence

UK consumer and corporate confidence

GfK UK Consumer Confidence Index¹



UK CBI Business Optimism Index²



UK Budget – tax rises inflationary but transitory



Services inflation is high but should start falling through H2 2025 – interest rates should follow

—Services —Headline inflation —Core inflation

—Goods

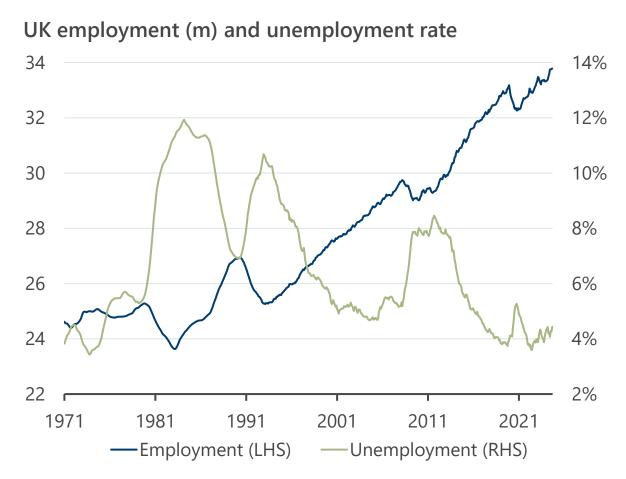
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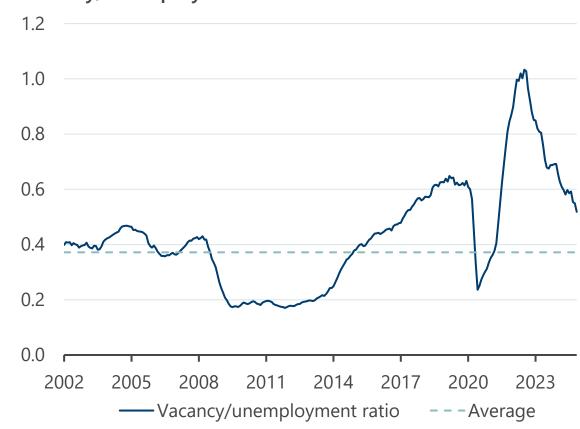
-4%

UK Budget – impact on employment

Labour market showing some signs of weakening



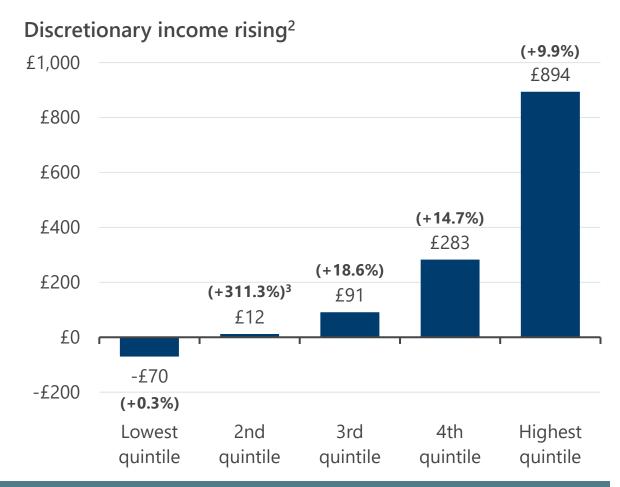
Vacancy/unemployment ratio



Unemployment key for the consumer story

UK consumer: Cashflow on a positive trend



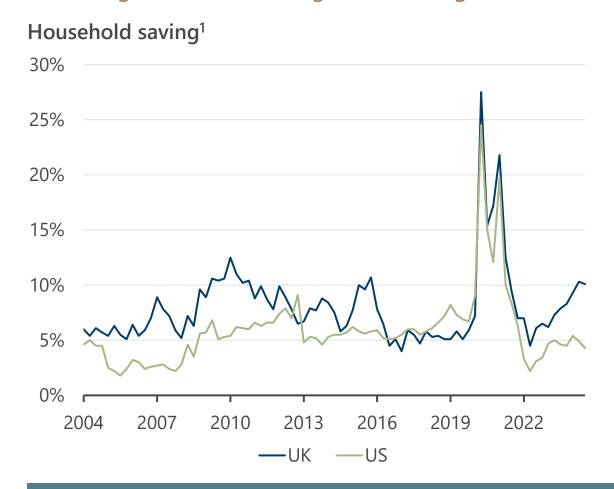


Medium term wage inflation the key determinant of medium term interest rates

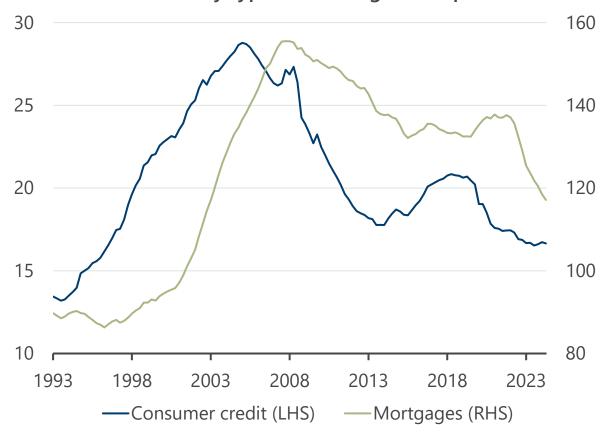
Source: ¹Lazarus Economics & Strategy/ONS as at 31 December 2024. ²Asda, 'Asda Income Tracker' report, December 2024. ³2nd quintile saw discretionary income rise from £2.9 to £11.8 over the past year, explaining the anomalous annual growth rate.

The UK consumer: Leverage low vs history

UK savings ratio remains high and leverage low



UK household debt by type as a % of gross disposable income²

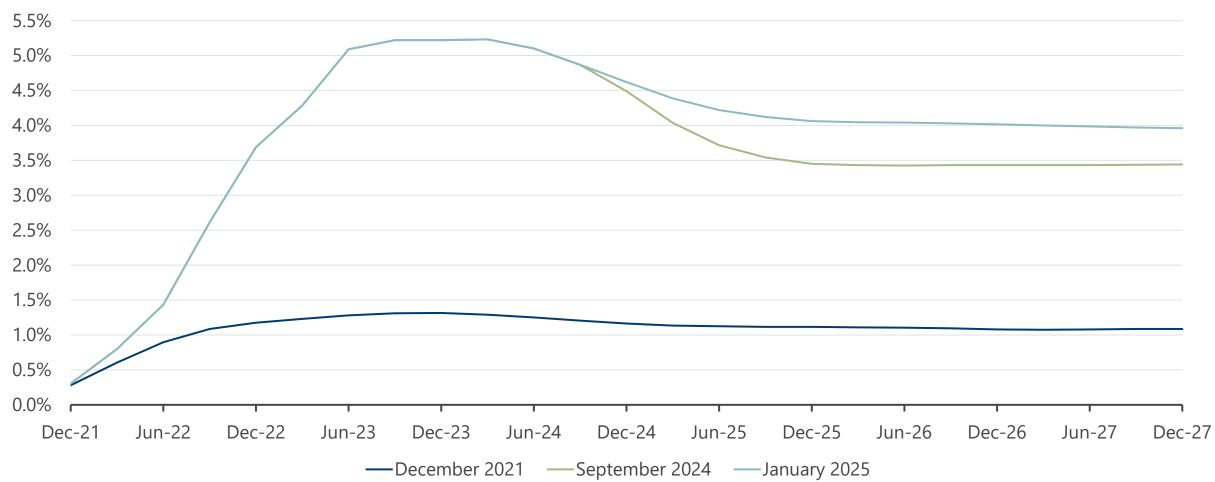


Every 1% decrease in savings ratio is circa £15bn of additional spending

UK Interest rate expectations

Market expectations closer to the US than the Eurozone

Market interest rate expectations



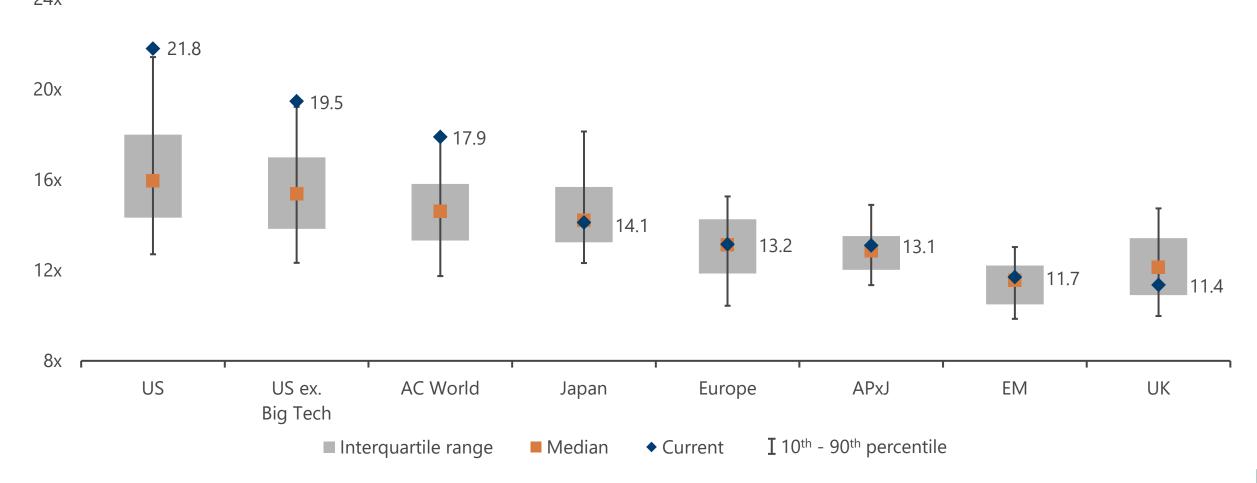
UK market outlook



World equity markets valuations versus history

12m forward P/E ranges over last 20 years



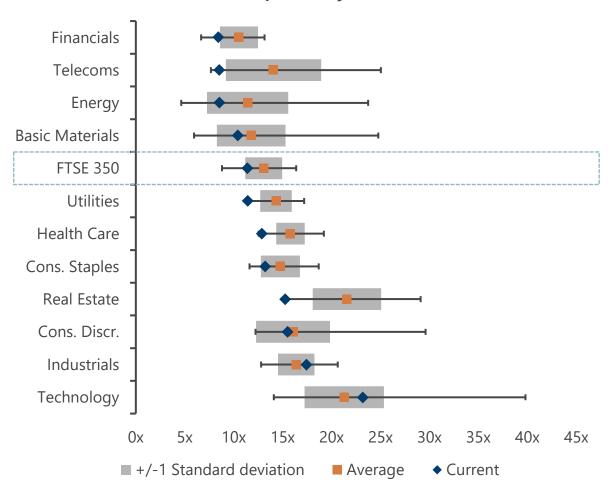


Source: Goldman Sachs as at 4 January 2025.

UK valuation dispersion remains wide

Higher risk free rates driving multiple compression

12m forward P/E over the past 10 years

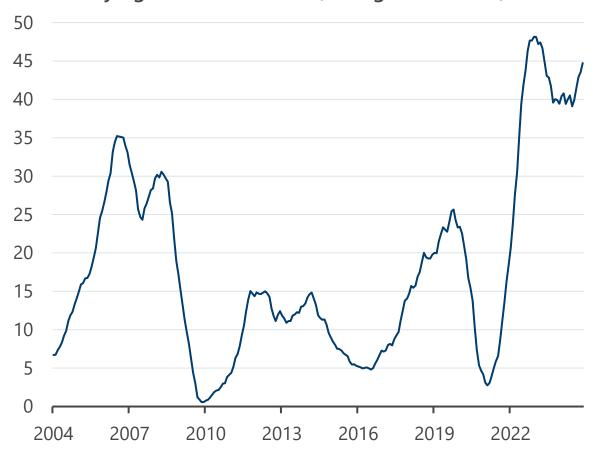


12m forward P/E premium/discount

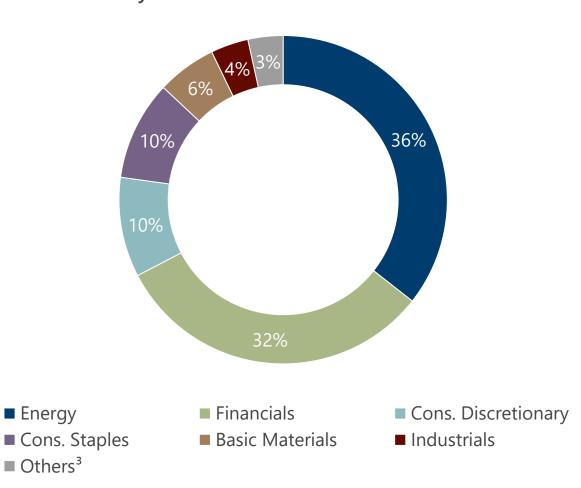


Source: Goldman Sachs as at 4 January 2025.

UK Plc buying their own shares (rolling annual £bn)¹



Share of net buybacks – FTSE 350²



Source: ¹Haver Analytics and Goldman Sachs Research as at 30 November 2024. ²Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research as at 31 December 2024. ³Others = Telecoms, Utilities, Real Estate, Tech and Healthcare.

Inbound M&A – strategic buyers & private equity – \$60bn in 2024





























Companies who have relisted...











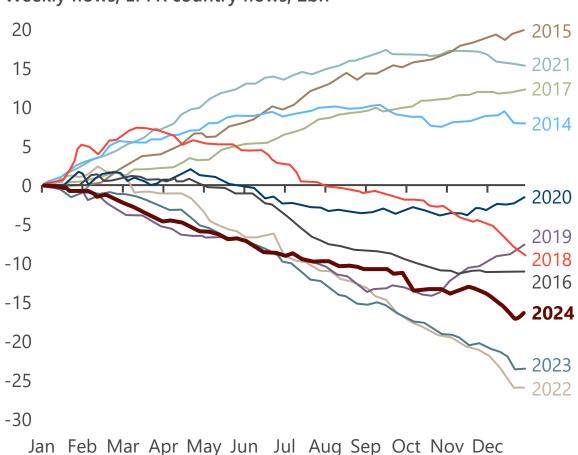


... and more companies discussing it.

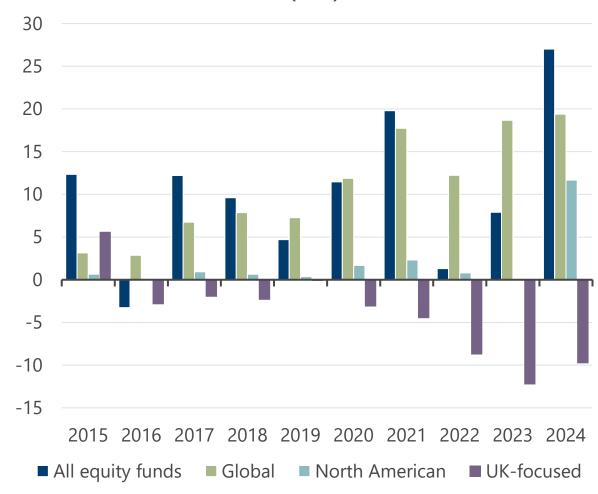
Flows picture remains weak

Global institutional investor selling slows¹

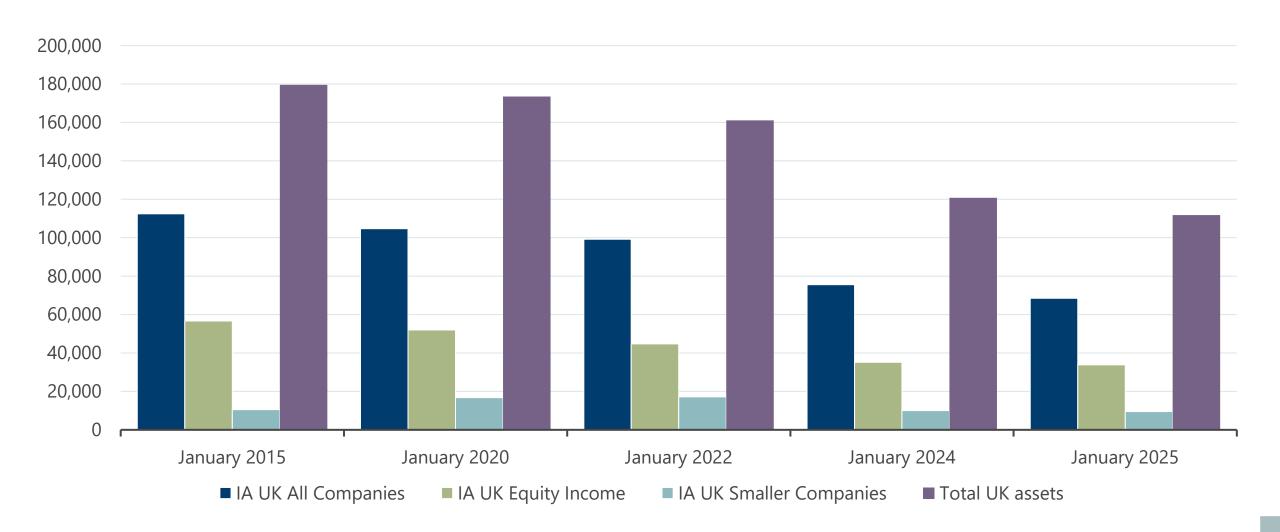
Weekly flows, EPFR country flows, £bn



Domestic outflows continue (£bn)²



UK wholesale active equity assets



Source: IA Echoweb as at 14 January 2025.

Stock views



Sector view: Big banks - still early spring for the sector







Why we them?

- Still under appreciate their stability
- 15+ years in the sin bin, 3 years into rehabilitation

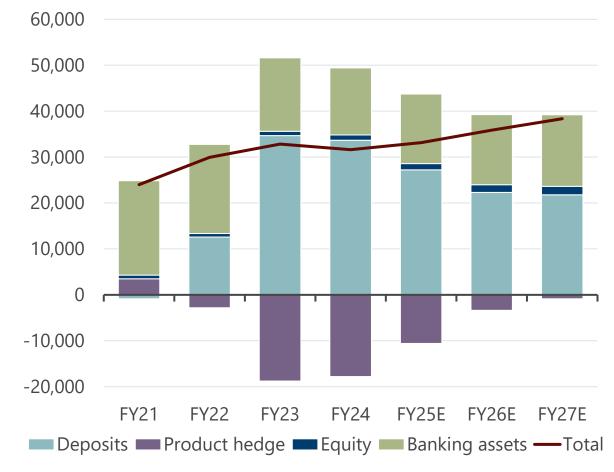
Difference from consensus

- Deposits are calm, asset pricing near effective floor
- Its all about the hedge
- Asset quality at career lows
- Pre provision profits near career highs
- Capital returns to continue
- Regulator onside (delay: Basel 3.1/FRTB, FCA/Chancellor submissions on motor to Supreme Court)
- Capital intensity of income streams misunderstood

Risks

- Geopolitics/oil growth shock = rates collapse
- Unemployment/politics

Income drivers and changes for combined NatWest, Lloyds, and Barclays UK

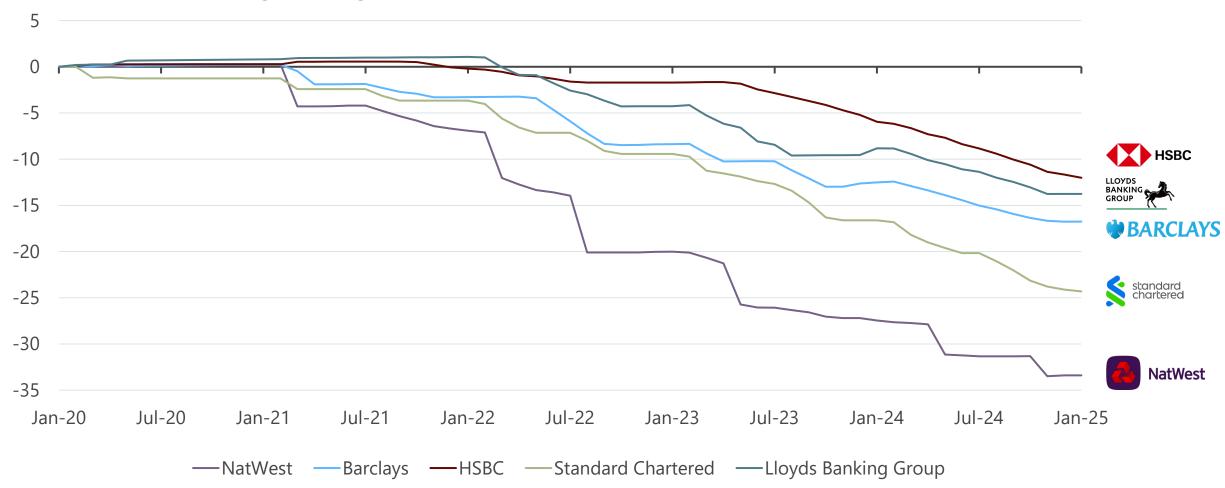


UK bank capital distribution capacity

	Share price		2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
*BARCLAYS 282p	Total distribution yield	6.9%	7.2%	8.3%	10.7%	17.1%	
	Dividend yield	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	7.0%	
LLOYDS BANKING	F7:-	Total distribution yield	10.3%	11.1%	10.3%	17.5%	19.7%
GROUP 57p	Dividend yield	4.8%	5.4%	5.7%	7.3%	8.7%	
NatWest 406p	Total distribution yield	9.9%	11.6%	8.9%	12.7%	14.8%	
	Dividend yield	4.2%	4.9%	5.2%	7.1%	8.1%	
HSBC	814p	Total distribution yield	11.0%	14.8%	13.5%	14.6%	-
71000 814р	Dividend yield	6.1%	8.9%	7.3%	7.9%	_	
standard chartered 1063p	Total distribution yield	7.9%	11.1%	9.2%	11.9%	-	
	Dividend yield	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	-	

UK bank share count reductions last 5 years

Current shares outstanding (% change)



Source: Bloomberg as at 17 January 2025. Image source: brandsoftheworld.com. Note: reference to specific stocks should not be taken as advice or a recommendation to invest in them.

Stock view: WH Smith

WH Smith

Why we like it?

- 85% profits from travel
- Should be low double digit top line growth
- Growing global travel retailer, product expansion nearly as important as space
- Market share in US c.12%
- RoW airport wins = densification = improved margin

Difference from consensus

- · Mix effect drive US LFL turnaround
- Sustainability of SBB
- Win rate in the US > 50%

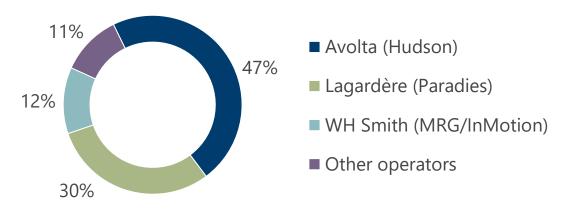
Valuation

- P/E: 12.6x, and 11.3x August 2025 and 2026 (17x median pre covid)
- Div yield: 3.1% and 3.5% 2025, 2026 with SBB on top

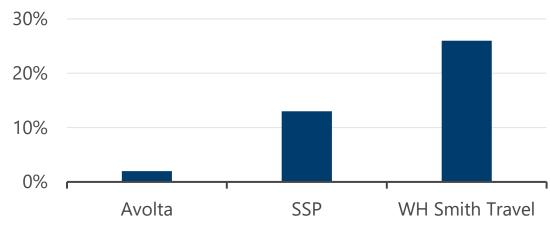
ESG/risks

- US airport wins not hitting expectations
- UK high street limited, but £32m PBT 2024

Estimated North America travel retail airport convenience market share, 2023¹



Travel retail estimated space growth, 2024E vs 2019¹



Source: Artemis/Bloomberg as at 22 January 2025. ¹Company reports, JP Morgan estimates. Image source: brandsoftheworld.com. Note: reference to specific stocks should not be taken as advice or a recommendation to invest in them.

Positioning

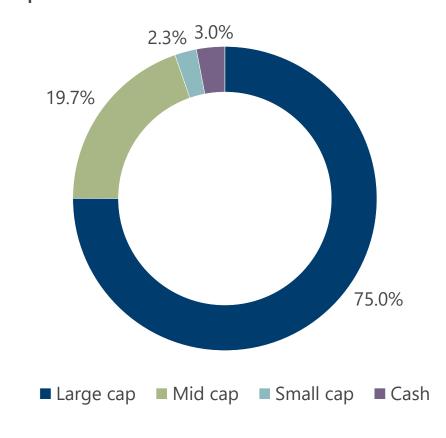


Positioning

Valuation metrics vs benchmark¹

	Artemis UK Select Fund	FTSE All-Share
P/E ratio	9.7	11.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.6	4.0
EV/EBITDA	4.0	6.0

Market cap breakdown²



Source: ¹Bloomberg as at 21 January 2025. ²Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

Note: as per Bloomberg's Index Method which is only available only for certain equity fields, such as price ratios and growth ratios, with the Index Method, calculation of the aggregate price to earnings ratio includes companies with negative earnings.

A thematic view

Capital return champions 15 39% of the fund stocks **BARCLAYS** Shell HSBC **TESCO NatWest** Man WORKSPACE Legal & General **CONDUIT RE** Smurfit Kappa nationalgrid



Consumer recovery 15% of the fund stocks MORGAN SINDALL Vistry WHITBREAD BARRATT **HOWDENS**

Restructuring/cyclicals 15% 12 of the fund stocks **Bodycote** M&S ANGLO AMERICAN **Entain** Melrose synthomer Rolls-Royce Rosebank

Positioning

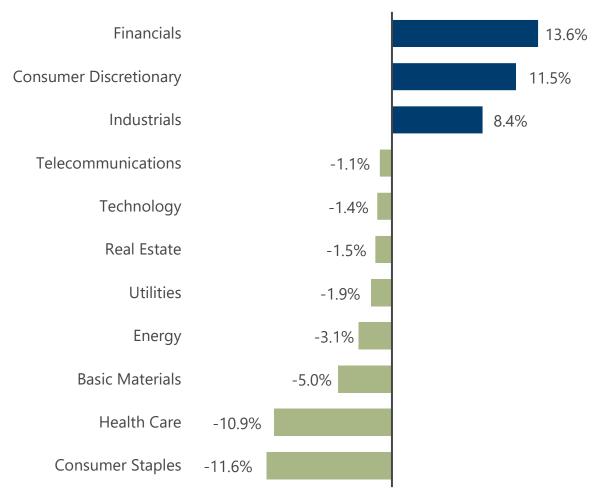
Top 10 holdings

Barclays	5.9%
Standard Chartered	5.7%
NatWest	5.3%
Rolls-Royce	4.8%
International Airlines Group	4.4%
3i	3.9%
Shell	3.4%
HSBC	3.3%
Morgan Sindall	3.2%
Oxford Instruments	2.9%

Top 10 positions relative to the FTSE All-Share

Standard Chartered	4.9%
Barclays	4.3%
NatWest	4.1%
International Airlines Group	3.9%
Morgan Sindall	3.2%
Oxford Instruments	2.9%
Rolls-Royce	2.7%
Smurfit Westrock	2.6%
Melrose Industries	2.6%
3i	2.5%

Sector breakdown relative to the FTSE All-Share



Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

Artemis UK Select

Reasons why

Concentrated multi-cap 'best ideas' UK equity fund targeting long-term capital growth



UK macro uncertainty higher than in 2024

Valuation of UK equities low vs both history and peers

Stock dispersion remains high – capital/balance sheet intensive businesses exceptionally cheap

Flows out of UK have been a significant headwind particularly for small/midcaps



Appendix



Stock view: Oxford Instruments



Why we like it?

- World leader in scientific instrumentation for nanotechnology research and production – a rapidly growing area of material science
- 75% of end markets have seen trends accelerated by Covid
 - Compound semiconductors EV charging, 5G
 - Quantum computing
 - Healthcare and life science
 - Re-shoring of semiconductor supply chain

Difference from consensus

- New management bringing increased focus to operational improvement
- Move from research R&D to commercial R&D and Production
- Likely M&A target Spectris bid £31 a share vs £22 today

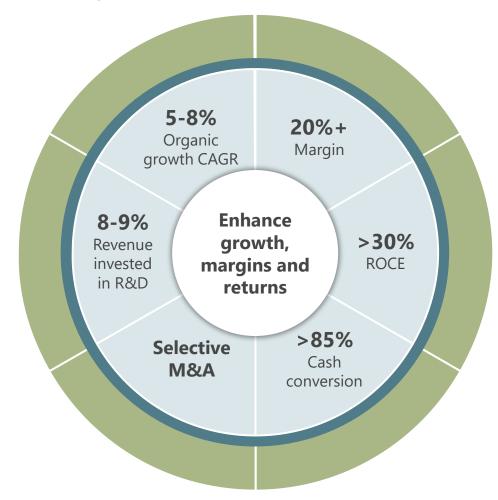
Valuation

• P/E 19.5x March 2025, P/E 18.2x March 2026

ESG/risks

- Regulation on technology transfer (China)
- Re-organisation offers potential for disruption

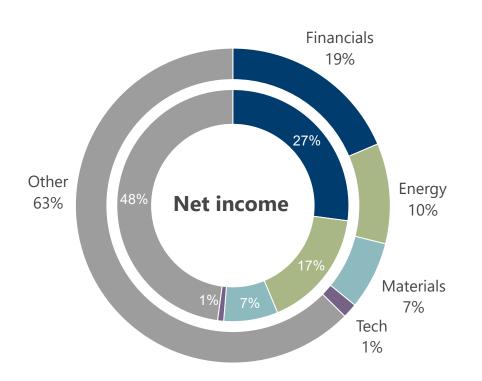
Re-focusing business onto core competencies¹



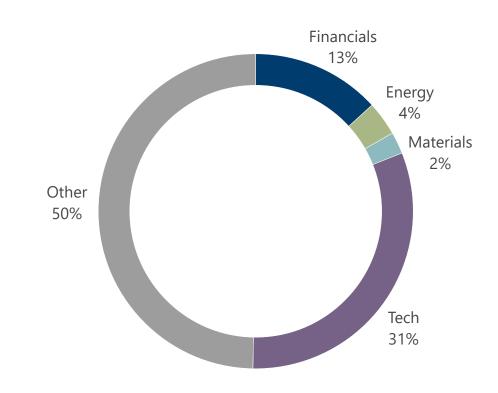
Source: Artemis/Bloomberg as at 20 January 2025. ¹Oxford Instruments full year results presentation as at 11 June 2024. Reference to specific stocks should not be taken as advice or a recommendation to invest in them.

UK sector exposure – by net income more extreme

FTSE All-Share sector exposure

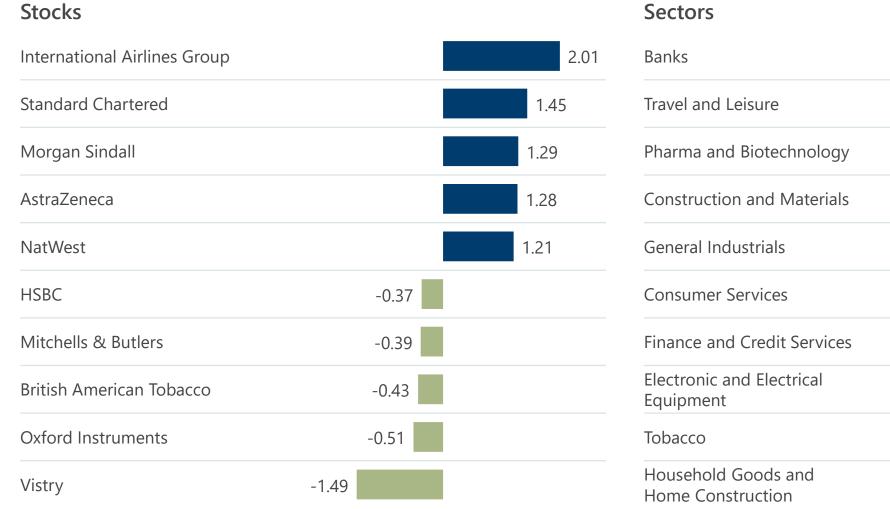


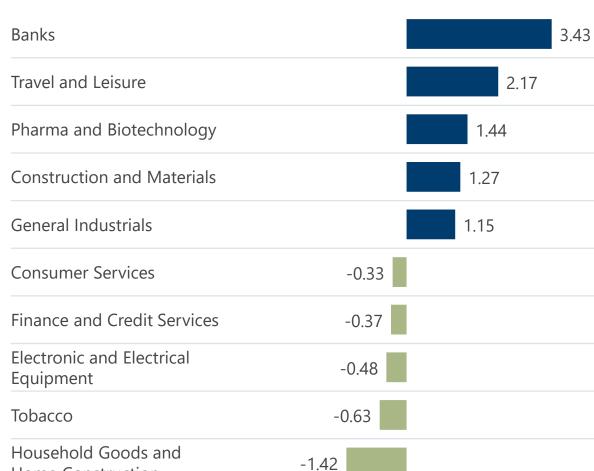
S&P 500 sector exposure



Source: FactSet as at 31 August 2024.

6 month attribution (%)





Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024. Benchmark is the FTSE All-Share Index. Note: short positions are highlighted in red.

Transactions

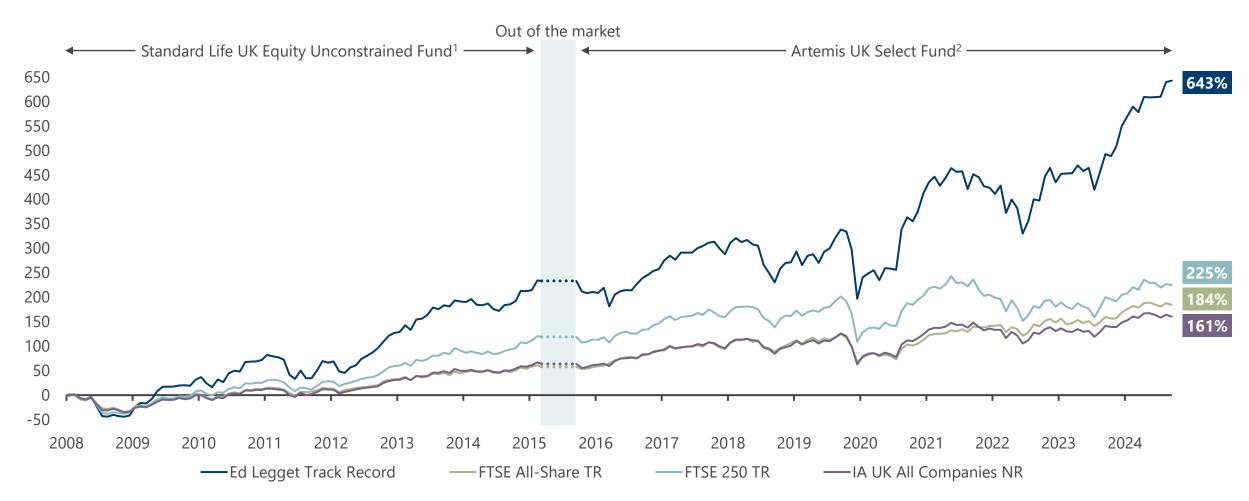
Top purchases – 3 months

	% trans.
St James's Place	1.69%
Aviva	1.31%
Smurfit Westrock	1.03%
Standard Chartered	1.02%
Lloyds Banking Group	1.00%
HSBC	0.94%
Barclays	0.86%
Intermediate Capital Group	0.80%
Tesco	0.75%
Rolls-Royce	0.73%

Top sales – 3 months

	% trans.
DS Smith	-1.02%
Quanex Building Products	-0.09%

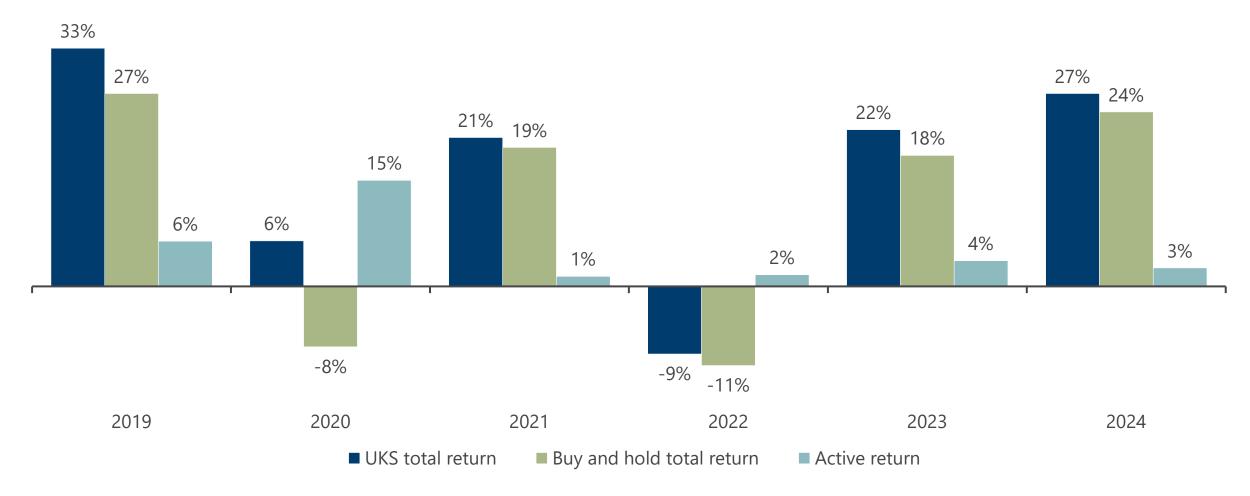
Ed Legget: Historic track record



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Trading analysis – activity

Performance of buy and hold portfolio vs Artemis UK Select Fund: Annual periods



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Climate change and the environment at Artemis

Climate change is a material risk and opportunity for many of the companies we invest in on behalf of our clients and as such our fund managers assess, monitor and manage its impact within portfolios.

Artemis aims to reduce its carbon footprint as part of a long-standing commitment to behaving responsibly as a business.

How we relate to the world beyond fund management is a part of the distinctive Artemis culture and partnering with environmental charities is core to our Foundation.



Artemis as an **employer**

Conscious of our environmental impact as consumers of the earth's scarce resources:

- Environmental working group established with an aim to improve our operational energy efficiency
- Workshops to engage staff in supporting efforts to become more sustainable

Partnered with Planet Mark since 2019 to obtain annual environmental certification:

- Commitment to measure our annual carbon footprint and reduce over time
- Annual operational emissions are offset via carbon credits which are verified by Gold Standard, an industry-leading certification standard that is used to verify carbon offset projects



Artemis as an **investor**

As with all risks/opportunities, our analysis of climate risk is rooted in the investment case:

- Engagement with the boards of investee companies
- How we vote at company AGMs
- Assessing climate risk in portfolios

Actively participate in and are signatories to the:

- Net Zero Asset Managers initiative
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change
- Climate Action 100+
- UN-backed Principles for Responsible Investment
- Transition Pathway Initiative supporter

The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative





Artemis in the wider world

The environment is one of the Artemis Charitable Foundation's core themes:

- Focused on increasing the share of donations to environmental causes
- Our donations principally reflect the urgent need to address the climate crisis and biodiversity loss across the natural world

Key beneficiaries include:

River Action UK



Diversity, equity and inclusion at Artemis

We embrace difference: different backgrounds, ideas, opinions, experience and approaches create our advantage.

This applies to how we: operate our investment strategies and run our business.

Artemis as an **employer**

Diversity, equity and inclusion is integrated into our business through:

- Our corporate values
- Policies to attract, retain, reward and develop our people

Our partners and associations include:

- 10.000 Black Interns
- 30% Club mentoring scheme
- Arrival Education
- Future Asset
- Investment 20/20

- LGBT Great
- Progress Together
- The Diversity Project
- · Women in Finance Charter













Artemis as an investor

We encourage diversity of thought in the companies we invest in through:

- Engaging with the boards of investee companies
- How we vote at company AGMs

Industry initiatives include:

- The Investment Association's policy work
- The Investor Forum
- Signatory to the UK Stewardship Code
- UN-backed Principles for Responsible Investment





Artemis in the wider world

Improving equality of opportunity is integrated into our charitable activities through:

- The Artemis Charitable Foundation £13m donated since 2007
- Volunteering opportunities for our people 30% of our people volunteered in 2023

Our partners and associations include:

- Brass for Africa
- City Harvest
- Shivia





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