

CT American Fund

At a glance

An active US equity fund with a balanced style profile that offers broad exposure to the American market.

Key reasons to invest

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Research intensity: We conduct original, independent, forward looking research that aims to drive consistent returns for our clients. Our three proprietary research teams – fundamental, quantitative and responsible investment (RI) – generate deeper insights and enhanced collaboration.

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Improving fundamentals: We believe that companies with improving business fundamentals are well positioned to outperform peers over a market cycle. We look for businesses with sustained/ growing market share, increasing profitability, improving free cashflow and growing returns, and which are integrating RI considerations in their business model.

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Valuation support: Investors tend to exhibit behavioural biases that affect their decision making, giving rise to persistent inefficiencies that result in valuation opportunities. These behavioural biases enable us to find businesses at a potentially more attractive valuation than would otherwise be available in the marketplace.

Key facts

Fund inception date:

5 February 1968

Fund objective:

Please refer to the Fund KIID for the objective and policy of this fund

Fund size:

£1.7 billion (as at 31.12.2024)



**Benedikt
Blomberg**

Portfolio Manager
(since Feb 2024)

“The London-based US equity team draws from a deep and broad resource encompassing the US and the UK, while benefiting from collaboration and transferring insights across the firm. This creates a differentiated research culture which, in turn, informs better portfolio decisions.” – **Benedikt Blomberg**

Investment philosophy and process

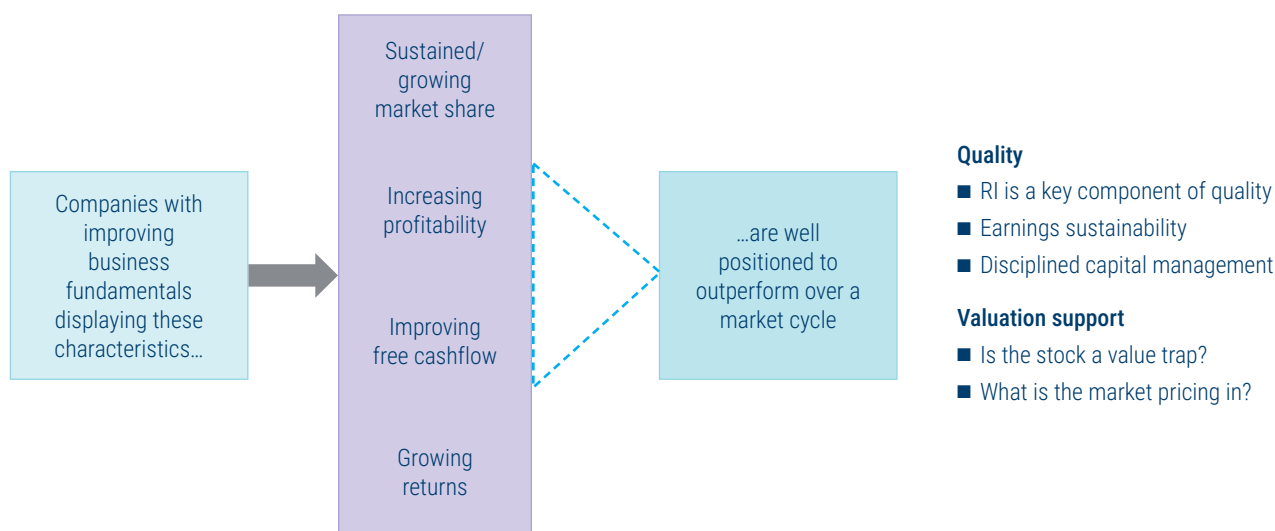
We believe companies with improving fundamentals that are integrating RI considerations in their business models have the potential to deliver strong, sustainable returns over the long term. Our team thoroughly analyses both fundamentals and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) credentials, working closely with RI analysts to build a portfolio of high-quality companies that we believe are undervalued by the market.

We are not simply looking for companies with the highest returns, but ones where they are improving. We seek out businesses that can sustainably increase returns on invested capital, profitability and free cashflow generation. Our research framework aims to identify the source and durability of these companies' competitive advantages, as well as risks to their sustainability.

Our portfolio managers have a close, collegiate working relationship with dedicated US equity fundamental research analysts through daily interactions. This research intensity helps us to narrow down the investment universe to companies with key characteristics we seek, while also discussing insights and ideas with analysts and portfolio managers across asset classes and sectors.

We are active owners of the companies we invest in, which for us involves continuous monitoring, targeted engagements and strategic voting to drive change and help create future value. Overall, we think that companies which demonstrate sustainable business models, organisational stability and the ability to effect positive change are well positioned to outperform their peers. Embedding RI principles in our research therefore increases the potential to generate better long-term, risk adjusted returns for our clients.

Factors driving outperformance



Key risks

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and the fund may not achieve its investment objective. Your capital is at risk. The value of investments can fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the sum originally invested.

Where investments are in assets that are denominated in multiple currencies, or currencies other than your own, changes in exchange rates may affect the value of the investments.

The investment policy of the fund allows it to invest in derivatives for the purposes of reducing risk or minimising the cost of transactions.

The fund typically carries a risk of high volatility due to its portfolio composition or the portfolio management techniques used. This means that the fund's value is likely to fall and rise more frequently and this could be more pronounced than with other funds.

All the risks currently identified as being applicable to the Fund are set out in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

Please read the Key Investor Information Document and the Fund Prospectus if considering investing.



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