

The European Investment Trust plc

End December 2018

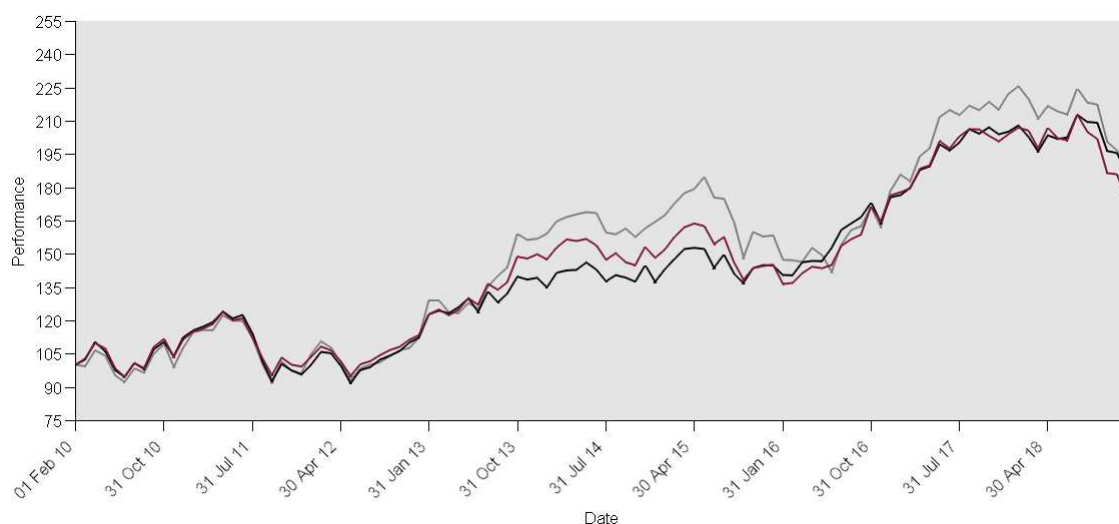
Investment Objective

The objective of The European Investment Trust plc is to achieve attractive investment returns over the long term from a diversified portfolio of European securities.

Philosophy

Edinburgh Partners has a simple and clear investment philosophy. Through disciplined and intensive research we identify stocks which we consider are clearly undervalued. It is our belief that such undervaluation arises because the stock market's investment horizon is too short. We aim to provide our clients with an absolute return and stocks are therefore not included in our portfolio by reference to an index weighting. We believe that a stock price is driven by the company's future profits and so for every potential holding we forecast profits, cash flow and balance sheet over the next five years. We then apply our own valuation basis to these forecasts to produce an estimate of what the price should be. Only if this intrinsic price is well above the current share price would we consider buying the stock. As we are long-term investors we stress the need for patience in investing.

Performance



NAV ■ Index ■ Share Price ■

Periodic Performance* (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	12 Mths	2 Yrs *	3 Yrs *	5 Yrs *	Since Inception *
Share Price	-4.3	-13.3	-15.2	2.7	6.0	3.7	7.4
Net Asset Value (NAV)	-6.5	-13.9	-14.8	-0.7	6.2	3.0	6.4
Index	-4.6	-10.8	-9.1	3.1	8.8	6.0	7.2

Discrete Performance (%)

	31 Dec 17- 31 Dec 18	31 Dec 16- 31 Dec 17	31 Dec 15- 31 Dec 16	31 Dec 14- 31 Dec 15	31 Dec 13- 31 Dec 14
Share Price	-15.2	24.5	12.8	-3.7	4.9
Net Asset Value (NAV)	-14.8	15.7	21.6	-2.1	-1.0
Index	-9.1	16.9	21.2	5.5	-1.4

Past performance is no guide to future performance

*Past performance is shown from February 1st 2010, the date Edinburgh Partners was appointed as investment manager of the Trust. NAV returns are sourced from Edinburgh Partners and include dividends reinvested and current period income. Prior to February 2010 the investment manager was F&C Management Limited. Share price and index performance figures are calculated using total return figures sourced from Thomson Reuters Datastream. Share price returns are calculated on a closing mid price basis. The index is the **FTSE All World Europe ex UK**. Returns shown in the table above for periods greater than 12 months are annualised.

Trust Features

Inception Date

28 Jun 72

Lead Manager

Craig Armour

Year End

30 September

Total Assets

£354.9m

NAV per share

864.9p

Share Price¹

787.00p

Discount to NAV

9.0%

Gearing (Net)²

None

Annual Management Fee

0.55% to £500m, 0.50% above (based on market cap)

Ongoing Charges³

0.61%

Dividends

Paid twice yearly-January(final) and July(interim)

SEDOL Code

329501

Listing

London Stock Exchange

¹ Quoted is the mid-market closing price on the London Stock Exchange on 31 Dec 2018. GBP to EUR exchange rate 1.11

² The Company has no net gearing

³ Based on total expenses for the year to 30 September 2018 and average monthly net asset value



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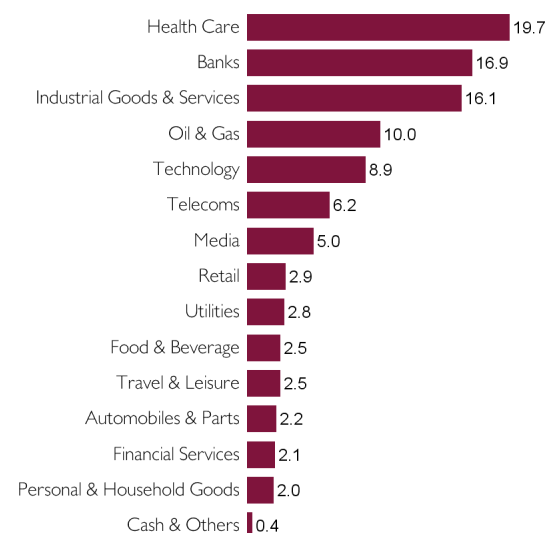
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Top 10 Holdings

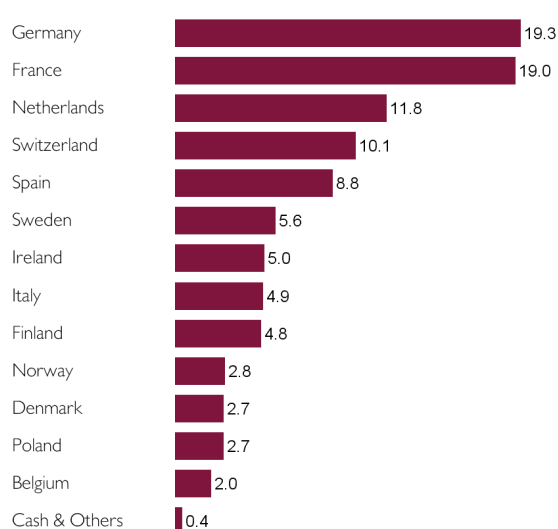
Company	Sector	%
Roche Holdings	Health Care	4.3
Sanofi	Health Care	4.2
Telefonica SA	Telecoms	3.7
Nokia	Technology	3.7
Novartis 'R'	Health Care	3.5
Royal Dutch Shell A	Oil & Gas	3.4
ING Groep Certs.	Banks	2.9
Getinge	Health Care	2.9
ENI	Oil & Gas	2.9
Total	Oil & Gas	2.9

Industrial Analysis (%)*



*% of total assets

Geographic Analysis (%)*



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Risk Warnings

- The Trust is listed on the London Stock Exchange. As a result the value of the shares and any income derived from them can fall as well as rise, and investors may not get back the full value of their investment
- As the Trust invests in overseas securities, fluctuations in exchange rates may also cause the value of the shares (and any income from them) to fall as well as rise
- The Trust can borrow money to make further investments. This is known as 'gearing'. The effect of gearing can enhance returns in a rising market, but if the value of the investments falls, any borrowing will increase the amount of the loss
- The Trust can buy back and cancel its own shares. The risks from borrowing referred to above, are increased when a Trust buys back and cancels its shares
- The Trust portfolio is likely to be more concentrated than that of other similar trusts or funds and the share price and NAV are therefore likely to be more volatile than other more diversified portfolios
- The Trust charges two-thirds of management fees and finance costs to capital and one-third to income. With the exception of costs that are incidental to the acquisition or disposal of investments, which are charged to capital, all other expenses are charged to income. Where income is low, expenses may exceed the total income received and the Trust would not pay a dividend and capital value would be reduced