

For the six months ended 30 June 2017 (unaudited)



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\*The above information collectively forms the Authorised Corporate Director's report.

# Profile of the fund

## Investment objective and policy

The aim of Fundsmith Equity Fund ("the Fund") is to achieve long term growth in value.

The Fund will invest in equities on a global basis. The Fund's approach is to be a long-term investor in its chosen stocks. It will not adopt short-term trading strategies.

The Fund has stringent investment criteria which the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) and any appointed investment manager adhere to in selecting securities for the Fund's investment portfolio. These criteria aim to ensure that the Fund invests in businesses:

- that can sustain a high return on operating capital employed;
- whose advantages are difficult to replicate;
- which do not require significant leverage to generate returns;
- with a high degree of certainty of growth from reinvestment of their cash flows at high rates of return;
- that are resilient to change, particularly technological innovation; and
- whose valuation is considered by the Fund to be attractive.

## **Risk profile**

The Fund has no exposure to derivatives and no borrowings. Further, the investments are all in large publicly quoted companies where there is significant liquidity in the stock. The principal risk factor is the market price of the securities held by the Fund which is kept under review in the light of the Fund's objectives.

Currency risk: The Fund's portfolio is a global share portfolio and many of the investments are not denominated in Sterling. There is no currency hedging in place and the price may therefore rise or fall purely on account of exchange rate movements.

Concentration risk: The investment criteria adopted by the Fund significantly limits the number of potential investments. The Fund generally holds 20 to 30 stocks and so it is more concentrated than many other funds. This means that the performance of a single stock within the portfolio has a greater effect on the price of the shares of the Fund.

## **Risk warning**

Any stock market investment involves risk. These risk factors are contained in the full Prospectus. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

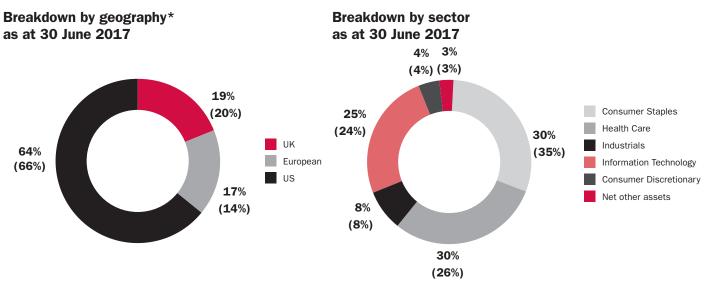
| Ri | Risk and reward profile |                                       |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|    |                         | Lower risk<br>Typically lower rewards |   |   |   | Higher risk<br>Typically higher rewards |   |
|    | 1                       | 2                                     | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6                                       | 7 |

The risk category reflects the significance of the Fund's share price fluctuations based on historical data. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The risk category of the Fund is not guaranteed and may change over time. Further, the lowest category of risk does not mean risk free.

Generally, the higher the risk category, the greater the potential for higher returns but also the higher the risk of losing money. The Fund is in Category 5 reflecting the risks inherent in the Fund's investment portfolio, including that of capital losses. The underlying investments are, however, in large companies with shares that are highly liquid.

There are a number of other risks that are not covered by the indicator above. A full description is contained in the prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors". The most material are currency risk and concentration risk which are explained above.

# Information on the fund



The figures in brackets show comparative figures at 31 December 2016.

# Summary of significant changes

| For the six months to 30 June 2017 |               | For the six months to 30 June 2016 |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Largest purchases                  | Cost (£)      | Largest purchases                  | Cost (£)      |
| Novo Nordisk                       | 250,633,332   | JM Smucker                         | 226,237,478   |
| Intuit                             | 109,941,712   | Estee Lauder Companies             | 146,265,496   |
| Automatic Data Processing          | 99,973,922    | Paypal                             | 145,088,440   |
| Waters                             | 93,003,605    | Waters                             | 110,474,383   |
| Intertek                           | 65,919,040    | Amadeus IT                         | 106,815,629   |
| Total                              | 619,471,611   | Total                              | 734,881,426   |
| Total purchases for the six months | 1,074,829,345 | Total purchases for the six months | 1,764,492,129 |
| Largest sales                      | Proceeds (£)  | Largest sales                      | Proceeds (£)  |
| JM Smucker                         | 140,182,067   | Procter & Gamble                   | 95,276,499    |
| Reckitt Benckiser                  | 18,679,638    |                                    | -             |
| Total                              | 158,861,705   | Total                              | 95,276,499    |
| Total sales for the six months     | 158,861,705   | Total sales for the six months     | 95,276,499    |

\*Breakdown by geography is by country of listing and not reflective of breakdown by operations.

# **Portfolio statement**

|  |            |                | Percentage of |
|--|------------|----------------|---------------|
| as at 30 June 2017 (unaudited)         | Holdings   | Market Value £ | Net Assets (% |
| Consumer Discretionary 4.46% (4.27%)   |            |                |               |
| InterContinental Hotels                | 11,846,768 | 505,264,655    | 4.46          |
|  |            | 505,264,655    | 4.46          |
| Consumer Staples 29.69% (34.67%)       |            |                |               |
| Colgate-Palmolive                      | 1,874,820  | 107,085,098    | 0.95          |
| Diageo                                 | 9,943,508  | 225,568,479    | 1.99          |
| Dr Pepper Snapple                      | 5,137,295  | 360,681,343    | 3.18          |
| Estée Lauder Companies                 | 3,730,957  | 275,915,724    | 2.44          |
| Imperial Brands                        | 9,081,160  | 313,163,803    | 2.77          |
| JM Smucker                             | 2,043,846  | 186,329,574    | 1.65          |
| L'Oreal                                | 1,409,013  | 225,711,304    | 1.99          |
| Nestle                                 | 3,416,623  | 228,998,794    | 2.02          |
| Pepsico                                | 5,097,139  | 453,611,360    | 4.01          |
| Philip Morris International            | 5,011,396  | 453,548,965    | 4.00          |
| Reckitt Benckiser                      | 2,354,516  | 183,228,435    | 1.62          |
| Unilever                               | 8,377,699  | 348,093,393    | 3.07          |
|  |            | 3,361,936,272  | 29.69         |
| Health Care 29.47% (26.47%)            |            |                |               |
| Becton Dickinson and Company           | 2,240,503  | 336,787,528    | 2.97          |
| CR Bard                                | 2,442,546  | 595,293,492    | 5.26          |
| IDEXX Laboratories                     | 4,242,323  | 527,377,073    | 4.66          |
| Johnson & Johnson                      | 3,881,952  | 395,747,602    | 3.49          |
| Novo Nordisk                           | 13,295,158 | 438,157,166    | 3.87          |
| Stryker                                | 4,916,442  | 525,718,505    | 4.64          |
| Waters                                 | 3,658,421  | 518,129,450    | 4.58          |
|  |            | 3,337,210,816  | 29.47         |
| Industrials 7.94% (7.58%)              |            |                |               |
| 3M                                     | 2,072,513  | 332,566,568    | 2.94          |
| Intertek                               | 5,680,382  | 239,541,709    | 2.12          |
| Kone                                   | 8,331,637  | 326,598,514    | 2.88          |
|  |            | 898,706,791    | 7.94          |
| Information Technology 25.31% (24.39%) |            |                |               |
| Amadeus IT                             | 13,322,238 | 612,837,757    | 5.41          |
| Automatic Data Processing              | 4,907,117  | 387,283,547    | 3.42          |
| Intuit                                 | 1,019,308  | 104,298,718    | 0.92          |
| Microsoft                              | 10,226,596 | 543,065,020    | 4.79          |
| Paypal                                 | 13,615,665 | 563,048,640    | 4.97          |
| Sage                                   | 44,173,368 | 303,912,772    | 2.68          |
| Visa                                   | 4,886,284  | 353,110,558    | 3.12          |
|  |            | 2,867,557,012  | 25.31         |
| Portfolio of investments               |            | 10,970,675,546 | 96.87         |
| Net other assets                       |            | 355,006,301    | 3.13          |
| Total net assets                       |            | 11,325,681,847 | 100.00        |

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 December 2016. Unless otherwise stated the above securities are ordinary shares or common stock and admitted to an official stock exchange listings.

# **Investment Manager's review**

The table below shows the performance of the Fund during the first half of 2017 and since inception compared with a number of benchmark indices:

|                       | 01.01.17 -           | Since in        | ception         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                       | <b>30.06.17</b><br>% | Cumulative<br>% | Annualised<br>% |
| Fundsmith Equity Fund | 13.4                 | 236.3           | 20.0            |
| MSCI World            | 5.3                  | 121.7           | 12.7            |
| FTSE100               | 4.7                  | 66.9            | 8.0             |
| UK Gilts              | 0.5                  | 33.1            | 4.4             |
| Cash                  | 0.2                  | 4.2             | 0.6             |

Our Fund outperformed what is perhaps the most obvious benchmark – the MSCI World Index – by a bit over 8% during the first half of 2017. It outperformed the FTSE100 Index which is relevant to many of our UK investors by a little more.

The main contributors to our performance in the first half of 2017:

| TOP 5                  | % Contribution* |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| CR Bard Inc            | 1.59            |
| Idexx Laboratories Inc | 1.38            |
| Amadeus IT Group SA    | 1.29            |
| Waters Corp            | 1.13            |
| Paypal Holdings Inc    | 1.11            |

CR Bard was bid for during the period by one of our other holdings Becton Dickinson. We believe that Bard is a good business and we will retain a holding in it through Becton Dickinson.

The top five detractors from our Fund's performance during the period were:

| BOTTOM 5                    | % Contribution* |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Jm Smucker Co/The           | -0.28           |
| Automatic Data Processing   | -0.2            |
| Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc | -0.15           |
| Intuit Inc                  | -0.02           |
| Colgate Palmolive Co        | 0.08            |
|                             |                 |

At the moment J M Smucker is not reaping the benefits of its acquisition of Big Heart Pet Brands which we had expected. We are keen on investments in companies which supply goods and services for companion animals or pets as they are commonly known. Our investment in IDEXX which has performed well yet again is in the area. Big Heart is also a business which we had held and which made good returns for us before it was taken private, but at the moment Smucker is struggling to make it work.

With regard to portfolio changes, we did not make any outright sales of holdings during the period. We began purchasing a holding in Intuit. It is the leading provider of online accounting services to US businesses and as such is complementary to our holding in Sage which is the UK business we own in the same sector.

Our portfolio turnover was -0.44% (negative 0.44%). Once again I am faced with the task of trying to explain the concept of negative turnover. It is likely to arise during a period when we had flows into our Fund and relatively little dealing activity using the formula which we are obliged to use for this calculation.

Perhaps more meaningful is the question of how much we spent on dealing. Voluntary dealing – in which we made a decision to buy or sell a stock rather than deploying flows into the Fund – cost  $\pm 301,837$  in the first half of 2017 which is 0.003% or a third of a basis point (a basis point or bp or "bip" as it is pronounced being one hundredth of a percent) of the average value of the Fund in this period. This is very low.

\*Contribution shows the gross contribution to the Fund's return by stock as calculated by State Street Investment Analytics.

# Investment Manager's review (continued)

The Ongoing Charges Figure or OCF for our Fund was just 5bps over the Annual Management Charge down from 8bps in the first half of 2016. If you are paying 1% AMC, as I am for my investment in the Fund, then the OCF is 1.05% down from 1.08% last year. If you add the costs of all dealing to derive the Total Cost of Investment or TCI this rises to 1.06% down from 1.12%.

We eagerly await the outcome of the consultation which will follow the Financial Conduct Authority's ("FCA") recently published Asset Management Market Study because we are confident that the TCI on the Fundsmith Equity Fund will compare favourably with any disclosure of "all-in fees" including dealing costs by the remainder of the active asset management industry.

This is an important subject but more heat than light is generated by the discussion of fees. In order to maximise your returns you need to maximise the returns you can attain after the total cost of investment. Investors often seem to focus simply on the AMC or at most the OCF, which includes administrative costs charged to the fund, and work on the basis that minimising that is their primary goal. However, this is only part of the picture of what you pay before you get the benefit of the performance of the shares in your fund. You need to also take into account the costs of dealing as well as any fees paid to any intermediaries. Moreover, some investors focus on the fees but ignore the performance. There is not much point in minimising fees whilst accepting poor performance. I accept that a low fee poorly performing fund is better than one with high fees but that is a bit like saying it's better to be run over by a small car than by a lorry. Whilst it's hard to disagree, surely it's best to cross the road carefully and avoid getting hit at all.

We are confident that the TCl on the Fundsmith Equity Fund is very competitive partly because we deal so infrequently but we will have to await the outcome of the FCA's consultation in order to demonstrate that.

Terry Smith Fundsmith LLP 22 August 2017

# Report of the Authorised Corporate Director of Fundsmith Equity Fund

## For the six months ended 30 June 2017 (unaudited)

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of Fundsmith Equity Fund (the "Company") is Fundsmith LLP. The ACD is the sole director of the Company. The Depositary is State Street Trustees Limited and the Independent Auditors are Deloitte LLP.

The Company is an authorised open-ended investment company with variable capital under Regulation 12 (Authorisation) of the OEIC regulations and the shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. The Company is structured as an umbrella company ("Fund") having the investment powers equivalent to those of a securities Company.

The investment objective of the Fund, the Company's policy for pursuing that objective and a review of the Fund's investment activities for the relevant period are set out in the fund review contained in this Annual Report and Financial Statements.

#### **Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities**

The Authorised Corporate Director of Fundsmith Equity Fund is responsible for preparing the Interim Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) ("the OEIC Regulations"), the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Scheme's Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

The OEIC Regulations and COLL require the ACD to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which: are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association ("IA") (formerly known as the Investment Managerment Association (IMA)) in May 2014; and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at the end of that period and the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the property of the Company for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IMA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the IMA SORP and applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The ACD is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Semi Annual and Annual Report and the financial statements are published and maintained by the ACD ("ACD's website"). The ACD is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the ACD's website, so far as it relates to the Company. The work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of the maintenance and integrity of the ACD's website. Visitors to the ACD's website need to be aware that legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The ACD confirms that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Interim Report and the financial statements were approved by the partners of the ACD of the Company and authorised for issue on  $\bullet$ .

Simon Godwin Partner **Fundsmith LLP** 

as Authorised Corporate Director of Fundsmith Equity Fund 22 August 2017

# **Performance Record**

# As at 30 June 2017

|   |               | T Class (Acc  | umulation shares) | hares)      |  |  |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Change in net assets per share                | 30.06.17      | 31.12.16      | 31.12.15          | 31.12.14    |  |  |
|   | (p)           | (p)           | (p)               | (p)         |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 294.75        | 231.35        | 199.97            | 162.16      |  |  |
| Return before operating charges               | 44.70         | 66.24         | 33.65             | 39.70       |  |  |
| Operating charges                             | (3.38)        | (2.84)        | (2.27)            | (1.89)      |  |  |
| Return after operating charges                | 41.32         | 63.40         | 31.38             | 37.81       |  |  |
| Distributions                                 | (1.76)        | (2.21)        | (2.34)            | (2.05)      |  |  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.76          | 2.21          | 2.34              | 2.05        |  |  |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 336.07        | 294.75        | 231.35            | 199.97      |  |  |
| After direct transaction costs of:            | 0.04          | 0.13          | 0.13              | 0.16        |  |  |
| Performance                                   |               |               |                   |             |  |  |
| Return after operating charges                | 14.02%        | 27.40%        | 15.70%            | 23.32%      |  |  |
| Other information                             | £             | £             | £                 | £           |  |  |
| Closing net asset value                       | 1,843,712,833 | 1,483,593,346 | 999,310,168       | 741,941,491 |  |  |
| Closing number of shares                      | 548,616,574   | 503,333,749   | 431,944,155       | 371,035,373 |  |  |
| Ongoing charge figure*                        | 1.05%         | 1.06%         | 1.07%             | 1.09%       |  |  |
| Direct transaction costs                      | 0.01%         | 0.05%         | 0.06%             | 0.09%       |  |  |
| Prices  | (p)           | (p)           | (p)               | (p)         |  |  |
| Highest share price                           | 349.68        | 305.18        | 233.13            | 202.30      |  |  |
| Lowest share price                            | 293.66        | 221.51        | 196.44            | 155.45      |  |  |

|   | T Class (Income shares) |             |             |            |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Change in net assets per share                | 30.06.17                | 31.12.16    | 31.12.15    | 31.12.14   |
|   | (p)                     | (p)         | (p)         | (p)        |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 275.28                  | 217.80      | 190.37      | 156.18     |
| Return before operating charges               | 41.74                   | 62.21       | 31.80       | 37.97      |
| Operating charges                             | (3.15)                  | (2.66)      | (2.15)      | (1.81)     |
| Return after operating charges                | 38.59                   | 59.55       | 29.65       | 36.16      |
| Distributions                                 | (1.64)                  | (2.07)      | (2.22)      | (1.97)     |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | -                       | -           | -           | -          |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 312.23                  | 275.28      | 217.80      | 190.37     |
| After direct transaction costs of:            | 0.03                    | 0.12        | 0.12        | 0.15       |
| Performance                                   |                         |             |             |            |
| Return after operating charges                | 14.02%                  | 27.34%      | 15.57%      | 23.16%     |
| Other information                             | £                       | £           | £           | £          |
| Closing net asset value                       | 161,510,539             | 139,644,464 | 109,730,718 | 92,563,157 |
| Closing number of shares                      | 51,728,414              | 50,727,913  | 50,382,100  | 48,622,593 |
| Ongoing charge figure*                        | 1.05%                   | 1.06%       | 1.07%       | 1.09%      |
| Direct transaction costs                      | 0.01%                   | 0.05%       | 0.06%       | 0.09%      |
| Prices  | (p)                     | (p)         | (p)         | (p)        |
| Highest share price                           | 326.59                  | 285.76      | 220.17      | 193.31     |
| Lowest share price                            | 274.26                  | 208.54      | 185.52      | 149.73     |

\*The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund.

The net asset value figures in the above table are different from the published dealing prices that were available for investors on the 30 June. This is to comply with accounting rules that require us to publish the net asset value in this report based on close of day prices. The dealing prices were used in the investment managers review and the factsheet as the fund could only be bought or sold at those prices.

# Performance Record (continued)

## As at 30 June 2017

|   | R Class (Accumulation shares) |             |            |             |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Change in net assets per share                | 30.06.17                      | 31.12.16    | 31.12.15   | 31.12.14    |
|   | (p)                           | (p)         | (p)        | (p)         |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 285.82                        | 225.47      | 195.86     | 159.64      |
| Return before operating charges               | 44.07                         | 64.42       | 32.85      | 38.91       |
| Operating charges                             | (4.82)                        | (4.07)      | (3.24)     | (2.69)      |
| Return after operating charges                | 39.25                         | 60.35       | 29.61      | 36.22       |
| Distributions                                 | (0.93)                        | (0.88)      | (1.25)     | (1.16)      |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.93                          | 0.88        | 1.25       | 1.16        |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 325.07                        | 285.82      | 225.47     | 195.86      |
| After direct transaction costs of:            | 0.03                          | 0.12        | 0.12       | 0.15        |
| Performance                                   |                               |             |            |             |
| Return after operating charges                | 13.73%                        | 26.77%      | 15.12%     | 22.69%      |
| Other information                             | £                             | £           | £          | £           |
| Closing net asset value                       | 184,832,510                   | 151,796,524 | 91,894,710 | 114,715,949 |
| Closing number of shares                      | 56,859,380                    | 53,108,693  | 40,756,530 | 58,569,039  |
| Ongoing charge figure*                        | 1.55%                         | 1.56%       | 1.57%      | 1.59%       |
| Direct transaction costs                      | 0.01%                         | 0.05%       | 0.06%      | 0.09%       |
| Prices  | (p)                           | (p)         | (p)        | (p)         |
| Highest share price                           | 338.29                        | 296.25      | 227.21     | 198.17      |
| Lowest share price                            | 284.62                        | 215.83      | 191.78     | 152.95      |

|   | R Class (Income shares) |            |            |            |
|---|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Change in net assets per share                | 30.06.17                | 31.12.16   | 31.12.15   | 31.12.14   |
|   | (p)                     | (p)        | (p)        | (p)        |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 274.90                  | 217.60     | 190.21     | 156.09     |
| Return before operating charges               | 42.38                   | 61.93      | 31.74      | 37.87      |
| Operating charges                             | (4.63)                  | (3.79)     | (3.14)     | (2.62)     |
| Return after operating charges                | 37.75                   | 58.14      | 28.60      | 35.25      |
| Distributions                                 | (0.89)                  | (0.84)     | (1.21)     | (1.13)     |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | -                       | -          | -          | -          |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 311.76                  | 274.90     | 217.60     | 190.21     |
| After direct transaction costs of:            | 0.03                    | 0.12       | 0.12       | 0.15       |
| Performance                                   |                         |            |            |            |
| Return after operating charges                | 13.73%                  | 26.72%     | 15.03%     | 22.58%     |
| Other information                             | £                       | £          | £          | £          |
| Closing net asset value                       | 19,611,747              | 18,124,119 | 43,076,791 | 45,962,297 |
| Closing number of shares                      | 6,290,728               | 6,592,971  | 19,796,535 | 24,163,678 |
| Ongoing charge figure*                        | 1.55%                   | 1.58%      | 1.57%      | 1.59%      |
| Direct transaction costs                      | 0.01%                   | 0.05%      | 0.06%      | 0.09%      |
| Prices  | (p)                     | (p)        | (p)        | (p)        |
| Highest share price                           | 325.36                  | 285.01     | 219.46     | 192.72     |
| Lowest share price                            | 273.75                  | 208.29     | 185.24     | 149.57     |

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## As at 30 June 2017

|   | I Class (Accumulation shares) |               |               |             |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Change in net assets per share                | 30.06.17                      | 31.12.16      | 31.12.15      | 31.12.14    |
|   | (p)                           | (p)           | (p)           | (p)         |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 296.56                        | 232.53        | 200.78        | 162.66      |
| Return before operating charges               | 44.81                         | 66.64         | 33.82         | 39.85       |
| Operating charges                             | (3.07)                        | (2.61)        | (2.07)        | (1.73)      |
| Return after operating charges                | 41.74                         | 64.03         | 31.75         | 38.12       |
| Distributions                                 | (1.93)                        | (2.50)        | (2.56)        | (2.24)      |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.93                          | 2.50          | 2.56          | 2.24        |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 338.30                        | 296.56        | 232.53        | 200.78      |
| After direct transaction costs of:            | 0.04                          | 0.13          | 0.13          | 0.16        |
| Performance                                   |                               |               |               |             |
| Return after operating charges                | 14.07%                        | 27.54%        | 15.81%        | 23.44%      |
| Other information                             | £                             | £             | £             | £           |
| Closing net asset value                       | 5,188,514,322                 | 4,038,574,367 | 1,665,042,251 | 843,461,107 |
| Closing number of shares                      | 1,533,717,635                 | 1,361,786,758 | 716,047,119   | 420,087,945 |
| Ongoing charge figure*                        | 0.95%                         | 0.96%         | 0.97%         | 0.98%       |
| Direct transaction costs                      | 0.01%                         | 0.05%         | 0.06%         | 0.09%       |
| Prices  | (p)                           | (p)           | (p)           | (p)         |
| Highest share price                           | 351.99                        | 306.99        | 234.32        | 203.12      |
| Lowest share price                            | 295.49                        | 222.66        | 197.37        | 155.94      |

|   | I Class (Income shares) |               |               |               |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Change in net assets per share                | 30.06.17                | 31.12.16      | 31.12.15      | 31.12.14      |
|   | (p)                     | (p)           | (p)           | (p)           |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 275.31                  | 217.81        | 190.38        | 156.18        |
| Return before operating charges               | 41.60                   | 62.26         | 31.80         | 37.97         |
| Operating charges                             | (2.85)                  | (2.43)        | (1.95)        | (1.64)        |
| Return after operating charges                | 38.75                   | 59.83         | 29.85         | 36.33         |
| Distributions                                 | (1.79)                  | (2.33)        | (2.42)        | (2.13)        |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | -                       | -             | -             | -             |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 312.27                  | 275.31        | 217.81        | 190.38        |
| After direct transaction costs of:            | 0.03                    | 0.12          | 0.12          | 0.15          |
| Performance                                   |                         |               |               |               |
| Return after operating charges                | 14.08%                  | 27.47%        | 15.68%        | 23.26%        |
| Other information                             | £                       | £             | £             | £             |
| Closing net asset value                       | 3,927,499,896           | 3,231,524,070 | 1,645,010,538 | 1,161,061,308 |
| Closing number of shares                      | 1,257,725,075           | 1,173,767,633 | 755,248,320   | 609,850,760   |
| Ongoing charge figure*                        | 0.95%                   | 0.96%         | 0.97%         | 0.98%         |
| Direct transaction costs                      | 0.01%                   | 0.05%         | 0.06%         | 0.09%         |
| Prices  | (p)                     | (p)           | (p)           | (p)           |
| Highest share price                           | 326.78                  | 285.88        | 220.29        | 193.40        |
| Lowest share price                            | 274.32                  | 208.56        | 185.56        | 149.74        |

\*The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund.

The net asset value figures in the above table are different from the published dealing prices that were available for investors on the 30 June. This is to comply with accounting rules that require us to publish the net asset value in this report based on close of day prices. The dealing prices were used in the investment managers review and the factsheet as the fund could only be bought or sold at those prices.

# Statement of total return

## For the six months ended 30 June 2017 (unaudited)

|   |              | 01.01.17 to<br>30.06.17 | (            | 01.01.16 to<br>30.06.16 |  |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
|   | £            | £                       | £            | £                       |  |
| Income                                  |              |                         |              |                         |  |
| Net capital gains                       |              | 1,245,258,428           |              | 869,933,073             |  |
| Revenue                                 | 118,494,023  |                         | 67,663,562   |                         |  |
| Expenses                                | (50,208,940) |                         | (27,446,965) |                         |  |
| Interest payable and similar charges    | (17,501)     |                         | (13,920)     |                         |  |
| Net revenue before taxation             | 68,267,582   |                         | 40,202,677   |                         |  |
| Taxation                                | (8,373,846)  |                         | (6,708,866)  |                         |  |
| Net revenue after taxation              |              | 59,893,736              |              | 33,493,811              |  |
| Total return before distributions       |              | 1,305,152,164           |              | 903,426,884             |  |
| Distributions                           |              | (59,893,783)            |              | (33,493,525)            |  |
| Change in net assets attributable to    |              |                         |              |                         |  |
| shareholders from investment activities |              | 1,245,258,381           |              | 869,933,359             |  |

# Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders

# For the six months ended 30 June 2017 (unaudited)

| £             | £  | £                                    | £  |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 9,06          | 63,256,890   | 4,554                                | ,065,176   |
| 1,118,736,398 | 1,984  | ,839,216                             |  |
| (141,338,063) | (374,  | ,297,487)                            |  |
| 97            | 7,398,335  | 1,610,                               | 541,729  |
|               |  |                                      |  |
| 1,24          | 45,258,381   | 869,                                 | 933,359  |
| 3             | 39,768,241   | 24,                                  | 662,484  |
| 11,32         | 25,681,847   | 7,059,                               | 202,748  |
|               | 30<br>£<br>9,06<br>1,118,736,398<br>(141,338,063)<br>97<br>1,24<br>3 | 9,063,256,890<br>1,118,736,398 1,984 | 30.06.17 30.06   £ £ £   9,063,256,890 4,554   1,118,736,398 1,984,839,216   (141,338,063) (374,297,487)   977,398,335 1,610,   1,245,258,381 869,   39,768,241 24,0 |

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 June 2016 whereas the current accounting period commences 1 January 2017.

# **Balance Sheet**

# As at 30 June 2017 (unaudited)

| Assets                                  |             |              |             |               |  |
|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|
|   | :           | 30.06.17     |             | 31.12.16      |  |
|   | £           | £            | £           | £             |  |
| Fixed assets                            |             |              |             |               |  |
| Investments                             | 10          | ,970,675,546 |             | 8,826,019,976 |  |
| Current assets                          |             |              |             |               |  |
| Debtors                                 | 82,183,917  |              | 51,095,233  |               |  |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 380,358,425 |              | 216,533,094 |               |  |
| Total current assets                    |             | 462,542,342  |             | 267,628,327   |  |
| Total assets                            | 11          | ,433,217,888 |             | 9,093,648,303 |  |
| Liabilities                             |             |              |             |               |  |
| Investment liabilities                  |             |              |             |               |  |
| Creditors                               |             |              |             |               |  |
| Distribution payable on income shares   | 23,416,441  |              | 10,409,079  |               |  |
| Other creditors                         | 84,119,600  |              | 19,982,334  |               |  |
| Total other liabilities                 |             | 107,536,041  |             | 30,391,413    |  |
| Total liabilities                       |             | 107,536,041  |             | 30,391,413    |  |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 11          | ,325,681,847 |             | 9,063,256,890 |  |

# Notes to the financial statements

## For the six months ended 30 June 2017 (unaudited)

## **1. Accounting policies**

#### a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the revised Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Authorised UK Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (the IMA) (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014.

The ACD is confident that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The Company has adequate financial resources and its assets consist of securities which are readily realisable. As such, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and are described in those financial statements.

# **Further information**

## **Report and accounts**

Each year, we publish annual and semi-annual reports discussing investment activity during the period and providing management commentary. The reports are also available online at www. fundsmith.co.uk/documents.

## **UCITS IV**

The Fund is an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS IV") for the purpose of the Council Directives 2001/107/EC ("the Management Directive") and 2001/108/EC ("the Product Directive").

### **Prospectus**

The Fund Prospectus, an important document describing Fund Smith Equity Fund in detail, is available from the ACD, which is responsible for the management and administration of the Funds.

Also available are the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and the Supplementary Information Documents (SID). The above documents are available at www.fundsmith.co.uk/documents.

The ACD for Fundsmith Equity Fund is Fundsmith LLP located at 33 Cavendish Square, London W1G OPW.

## **Minimum investment**

The company has three different types of share classes:

I shares, R shares and T shares.

The T share class has been used as the representative share class.

There are two types of share available in each class – Income shares or Accumulation shares.

The following table summarises the investment levels for T shares.

| Minimum lump sum investment level    | £1,000 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Minimum regular sum investment level | £100   |
| Minimum top-up investment amount     | £250   |
| Minimum holding level                | £1,000 |

## **Publication of prices**

The most recent share prices will be published daily in the Daily Telegraph or Financial Times.

## **Dealing Charges**

There are no dealing charges on the purchase, sale or switching of shares.

## **Dilution Adjustment**

The ACD may impose a dilution adjustment to the share price.

The dilution adjustment aims to mitigate the costs to the Company of making investments (when additional cash is available following new investment into the Company) or selling investments in order to meet redemption requests.

Further information regarding the circumstances in which a dilution adjustment may be applied is set out in the full Prospectus.

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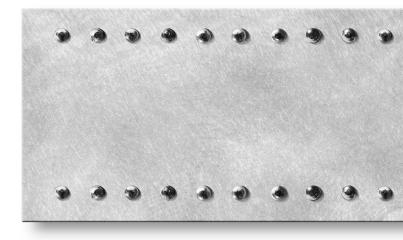
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