# TB Saracen UK Alpha Fund

## December 2021

### **Fund Overview**

- Objective: to achieve a higher rate of return than the MSCI UK All Cap Index by investing in a portfolio of primarily UK equity securities with the potential for long term growth.
- The portfolio has a bias towards small and medium sized companies and a high active share compared to the benchmark.
- The fund has significant capacity and liquidity at a competitive annual charge.
- The Fund has, since launch in March 1999, outperformed its benchmark in 18 out of 22 years and in 10 out of the last 12 calendar years.
- A concentrated portfolio of 25-35 holdings, with a focus on capital growth,

### **Performance Chart\***

5 Year Performance (%)





\*Source: Refinity Eikon, as at 31st December 2021. Total Return, Bid to Bid, GBP terms.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of your investment and the income derived from it can go down as well as up and you may not get back the money you invested.

## **Cumulative Performance after all charges to 31st December 2021**

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch*
TB Saracen UK Alpha B Acc	6.7%	0.5%	20.6%	52.0%	65.6%	940.5%
MSCI UK All Cap Index (TR)	4.7%	4.3%	18.8%	24.7%	27.2%	
Sector Average	4.5%	2.1%	17.3%	34.7%	36.4%	236.8%
Quartile Ranking	1	4	1	1	1	1

Source: Financial Express; \*launch date 05 March 1999 Sector: IA Sector (UK All Companies)

Note -MSCI AllCap Index returns shown are at market close whilst fund and sector returns are at noon pricing points.







# FOR PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS ONLY

Retail investors should consult their financial advisers

#### **FUND DETAILS**

(as at 31st December 2021)

Fund size: £12.7m Launch date: 05/03/99

No. of holdings: 33 Active share: 96% Source: Refinitiv Eikon

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**Denomination:** GBP

Valuation point: 12 noon

**Fund prices:** 

B Accumulation: 1036.63p

Policy is not to charge a dilution levy except in exceptional circumstances.





**David Clark** Fund Manager

**David Clark** joined the team in March 2019. David has over 30 years' experience managing a variety of UK equity funds including unit trusts, life and pension funds and investment trusts across the whole range of market capitalisations.

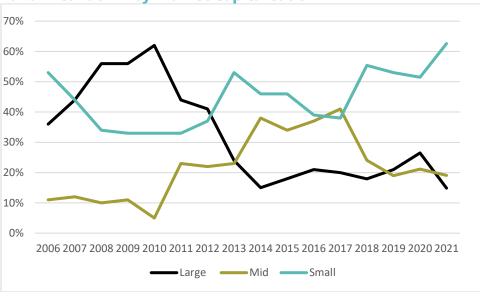
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## **Fund Breakdown by Market Capitalisation**



Data as of 31st December 2021 Source: Saracen Fund Managers

## **Monthly Commentary**

#### **Market Background**

One of the main defining features of December 2021 has to be the fact that inflation forecasts moved significantly higher across the world. In the UK CPI has hit 5.1% and looks to be heading higher. We are only modestly heartened that the "transitional" phrase so beloved of central bankers seems to be getting retired. The Omicron variant of COVID has done its best to ruin everyone's Christmas. China, the engine for global growth since the GFC, is suffering a crisis in its property sector and appears to be restructuring some domestic sectors such as home tutoring, video games and mega cap IT. This has reduced China's GDP growth from 8% during 2021 to an exit rate in Q4 of 3.2% with clear global implications.

#### **Performance**

December was a much better month for the fund turning in a top quartile performance and giving us a very satisfactory out come for the year. The long term track record of the fund remains intact. The best contributer during the month was Clinigen which was the subject of a takeover bid by a private equity firm. One of our long term holdings, Alpha Financial Markets Consulting issued a very positive trading statement at the tail end of November leading to a meaningful jump in the share price. Premier Miton too had a good month when it was announced that they were interested in a tie up with River & Mercantile.

#### **Portfolio Activity**

We have trimmed a few holdings during the month, taking some profits in a few stocks and cutting our position in Rio Tinto following a thorough review of the outlook for the company. We took some profits in Intermediate Capital which seems to continue to defy gravity as well as Alpha Financial Markets Consulting. We have also modestly reduced our position in Kin + Carta.

# **December - Attribution \***

Top Contributors	Positive
Clinigen	+1.22%
Alpha FMC	+0.86%
Premier Miton	+0.53%
Halfords	+0.44%
Vistry	+0.43%
Top Detractors	Negative
Top Detractors Euromoney	Negative -0.16%
Euromoney	-0.16%
Euromoney Brickability	-0.16% -0.15%

\*Source: Refinitiv Eikon as at 31.12.21

#### **Fund Breakdown**

Top 10 Holdings			
Vistry	4.51%		
Alpha FMC	4.37%		
Premier Miton	4.10%		
FRP Advisory	3.95%		
Tyman	3.76%		
Barclays	3.66%		
TT Electronics	3.61%		
Kin and Carta	3.61%		
Inspecs	3.53%		
Halfords	3.29%		
TOTAL	38.39%		

Sector breakdown	
Industrials	34.72%
Financials	17.03%
Consumer Discretionary	13.50%
Materials	9.60%
Information Technology	7.22%
Healthcare	6.69%
Communication Services	4.55%
Consumer Staples	3.27%
Energy	0.00%
Real Estate	0.00%
Utilities	0.00%

	ISIN	SEDOL	Bloomberg	Initial Charge	Annual Charge	Ongoing * Charge
B Acc Shares	GB0005711196	0571119	SFMGRBA LN	0%	0.75%	1.12%

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#### **Platform Partners include:**





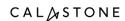


































































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#### **Investment Manager:**

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#### **Regulatory Status:**

FCA Recognised: Yes Scheme Type: OEIC (UCITS)

Issue date - 6th January 2022