

# WS Lancaster Absolute Return Fund

## Net Performance (GBP)

|                                | 1-month | 3-month | 1-year | 3-year | 5-year | YTD  | Inception | Inception CAGR |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Fund</b>                    | -2.0    | 1.3     | -14.2  | 4.2    | 56.1   | -1.4 | 364       | 11%            |
| <b>MSCI Daily TR Net World</b> | 5.1     | 10.7    | 19.8   | 41.7   | 82.5   | 6.7  | 461       | 12%            |
| <b>Relative</b>                | -7.1    | -9.4    | -34.0  | -37.5  | -26.3  | -8.1 | -96       | -1.4%          |

## Yearly Trailing Performance (net)

| 1-year to                      | 29-Feb-20 | 28-Feb-21 | 28-Feb-22 | 28-Feb-23 | 29-Feb-24 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Fund</b>                    | -3.7      | 55.6      | 1.2       | 19.9      | -14.2     |
| <b>MSCI Daily TR Net World</b> | 8.8       | 18.4      | 15.3      | 2.6       | 19.8      |
| <b>Relative</b>                | -12.4     | 37.2      | -14.1     | 17.3      | -34.0     |

## Monthly Performance (net)

|             | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr  | May  | Jun   | Jul  | Aug   | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | YTD   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| <b>2024</b> | 0.6   | -2.0  |       |      |      |       |      |       |      |      |      |      | -1.4  |
| <b>2023</b> | 6.2   | -0.3  | -1.3  | -0.1 | -7.7 | -7.1  | -0.4 | 2.9   | 4.0  | -1.8 | -4.1 | 2.7  | -7.8  |
| <b>2022</b> | 9.6   | -10.9 | -7.0  | 10.3 | 8.1  | -11.1 | -0.8 | 1.6   | -6.3 | 8.1  | 11.7 | 0.7  | 10.7  |
| <b>2021</b> | -12.5 | 21.3  | 1.1   | 2.8  | 4.2  | -9.0  | -0.8 | 2.1   | 8.9  | -7.6 | -8.6 | 12.9 | 9.9   |
| <b>2020</b> | -5.4  | -6.9  | -10.6 | 10.1 | 6.9  | 3.0   | -6.1 | 13.2  | -4.4 | 6.6  | 22.8 | 1.6  | 29.1  |
| <b>2019</b> | 6.8   | -4.9  | 0.3   | -1.7 | 3.1  | -5.3  | -4.1 | 0.7   | 0.3  | 4.2  | 2.2  | 10.1 | 11.1  |
| <b>2018</b> | -0.3  | 0.7   | 0.9   | 4.8  | 3.2  | 0.3   | 2.6  | -5.6  | 1.8  | 0.4  | 2.8  | -7.3 | 3.8   |
| <b>2017</b> | 1.2   | -3.4  | 0.0   | 1.6  | 2.9  | 0.6   | -1.3 | 7.1   | 0.9  | 1.4  | -1.6 | -6.0 | 2.9   |
| <b>2016</b> | -3.8  | 5.3   | -5.2  | -3.6 | 4.4  | 2.1   | -2.0 | -1.2  | 0.4  | -8.9 | -1.1 | -4.8 | -17.8 |
| <b>2015</b> | -2.6  | -2.3  | 1.1   | 5.6  | -5.4 | 5.0   | 1.4  | 1.0   | -1.2 | 4.5  | -0.6 | 1.4  | 7.6   |
| <b>2014</b> | 0.4   | 3.0   | -1.7  | -4.7 | 1.4  | -3.0  | -0.5 | 0.3   | 3.6  | 2.4  | 3.2  | 1.5  | 5.5   |
| <b>2013</b> | 6.7   | 3.0   | 1.2   | 2.0  | 7.9  | 1.2   | 3.5  | 1.1   | 4.9  | 1.8  | 2.0  | 3.0  | 45.6  |
| <b>2012</b> | 6.9   | 8.9   | 2.3   | -1.2 | -3.2 | 3.7   | 0.9  | 3.6   | 3.0  | 4.1  | 1.4  | 2.3  | 37.2  |
| <b>2011</b> | 7.5   | 2.8   | 1.7   | 1.0  | 2.4  | -1.1  | -1.1 | -10.9 | 1.0  | 3.8  | -2.9 | 0.3  | 3.5   |
| <b>2010</b> | -0.5  | -0.5  | 0.8   | 2.9  | -2.5 | -4.7  | 3.4  | -4.8  | 9.2  | 2.4  | 2.8  | 7.2  | 15.7  |
| <b>2009</b> |       |       |       |      | 3.9  | 2.0   | 2.3  | 6.3   | 8.8  | -1.4 | -1.0 | 0.5  | 22.9  |

## Fund details<sup>1</sup>

|                 |                                                         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| £ I Class       | 464.24                                                  |
| £ R Class       | 433.61                                                  |
| \$ I Class      | 2.59                                                    |
| € I Class       | 2.51                                                    |
| Fund Size       | £339 million                                            |
| Strategy AUM    | £835 million                                            |
| Fund Inception  | 11 May 2009                                             |
| Class Inception | 11 May 2009                                             |
| Fund Type       | UK Long Short UCITS                                     |
| Comparators     | Primary: Cash<br>Secondary: MSCI Daily TR Net World GBP |
| Base Currency   | £                                                       |

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## Top 10 Long Equities

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| IWG                   | 9.1% |
| Plus500               | 8.3% |
| iShares FTSE 250 ETF  | 8.2% |
| Fraser's Group        | 7.5% |
| Ubisoft Entertainment | 7.4% |
| Jet2                  | 6.2% |
| Liberty Global        | 4.6% |
| Baclays               | 4.3% |
| AO World              | 4.2% |
| Arcelor Mittal        | 4.2% |

## Portfolio Characteristics

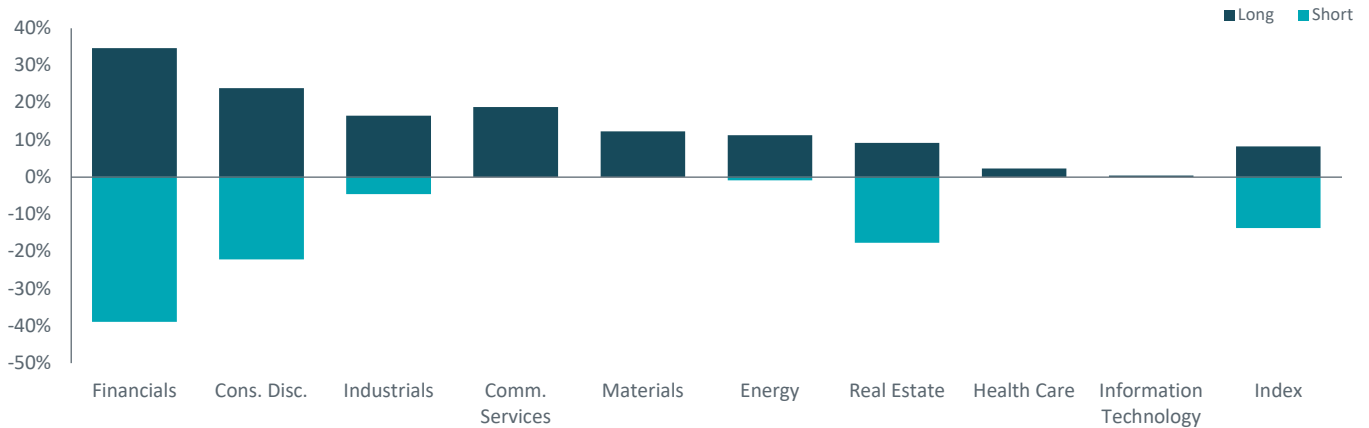
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| Long position count                 | 42   |
| Short position count                | 39   |
| Gross long exposure                 | 137% |
| Gross short exposure                | -98% |
| Total gross exposure                | 235% |
| Net exposure                        | 39%  |
| Net exposure – 2-year beta adjusted | 21%  |

## Important information

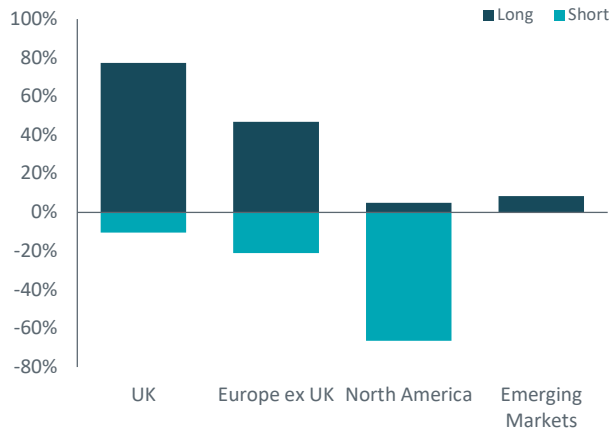
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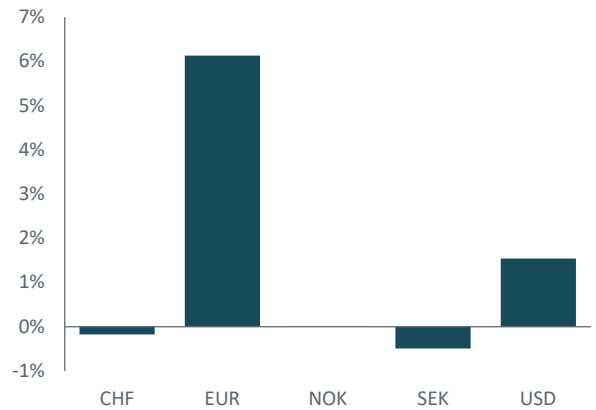
## Equity exposure by sector



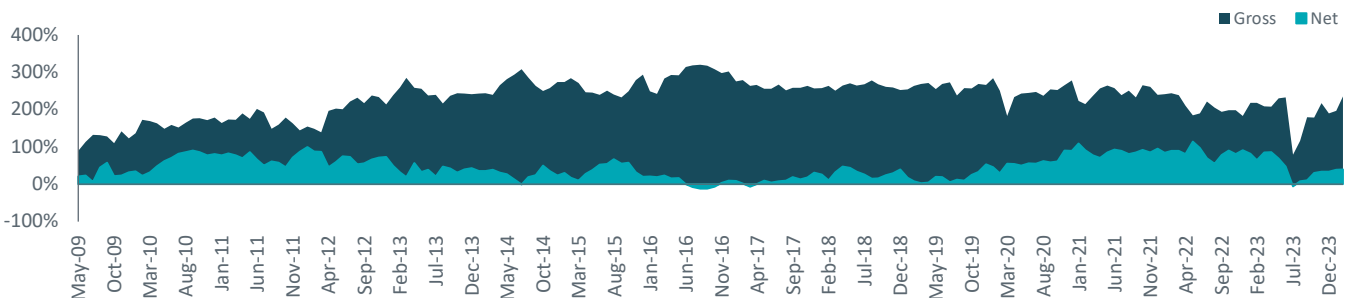
## Equity exposure by geography



## Non-base currency exposure



## Equity exposure



Allocation figures are taken at close of business whereas Fund performance is taken at 10am. Equity exposure includes all equity related instruments. Government Bond exposure can be provided on a ten-year adjusted basis. Currency exposure shows non-base currency through forward currency contracts and portfolio holdings. Commentary is provided on a quarterly basis. Equity exposure as classified by GICS. The fund was renamed from LF Brook Absolute Return Fund to WS Lancaster Absolute Return in Q3-23 on the back of the Investment Management Agreement transferring to Lancaster Investment Management LLP and also Waystone acquiring Link Financial Services. All performance in GBP.

Source: All sources, unless otherwise stated, are Lancaster internal unaudited data and refer to the £ I share class. All data shown as at 29 Feb 2024. <sup>1</sup>Waystone and Bloomberg, calculation on a NAV basis with net income reinvested – the share class prices refer to NAV per share.

## Investment objective and policy

The WS Lancaster Absolute Return Fund ('The Fund') aims to achieve a positive absolute return on a 12 month rolling basis independent of market conditions. Capital is at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be delivered over any one or a number of 12 month periods. The Investment Manager seeks to achieve this objective through managing a portfolio of securities, bonds and currencies and related financial instruments.

## Approach

The strategy is fundamentally driven global equity long short and built around three core principles; investing in fundamentally sound companies, disciplined short selling, and diversification, which is an essential tool in risk management. On the long side, the approach is valuation driven with a particular focus on sustainable free cash flow generation. On the short side the portfolio is stock-specific. The strategy harnesses the experience and judgement of James Hanbury, his investment team and the wider equity research resource at Lancaster Investment Management. While the team invest for the medium to long term, they continuously resize positions to ensure the portfolio remains focused on their highest conviction ideas. The Fund is built without formal reference to an index and typically contains 30-40 positions both long and short with a higher concentration in the top 10 positions.

## Risk Considerations

The Fund has considerable latitude over its allocation both long and short equities and it may employ leverage and own sophisticated instruments such as futures and options. The Fund may hold a large weighting in a small number of investments and may therefore be subject to larger than normal swings in its value. The performance stream is likely to be volatile and the Fund is suitable only for investors who have a long term horizon (>5 years) and can tolerate high risk. Investors may not get back all the money invested and an investment in this Fund should only form part of an investor's total portfolio. Investors should discuss the suitability of this Fund with their professional adviser.

## Investor information

|                              |                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Share classes</b>         | R (£), I (£, €, \$) Acc.                                                                                                                                 | <b>Anti-dilution fee</b>                   | May apply up to 0.75% to NAV on subs/reds if large deals (typically >5%) occur                  |
| <b>Share class hedging</b>   | Non-base currency share classes are hedged                                                                                                               | <b>Minimum investment</b>                  | R £5,000; I £1,000,000                                                                          |
| <b>Trade date</b>            | Daily                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Dividends</b>                           | Accumulation shares only                                                                        |
| <b>Dealing</b>               | Forward to 10am                                                                                                                                          | <b>Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)</b> | Waystone                                                                                        |
| <b>Valuation</b>             | 10am                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Auditor</b>                             | Ernst and Young LLP                                                                             |
| <b>Front end fee</b>         | Up to 4%                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Custodian</b>                           | BNY                                                                                             |
| <b>Annual management fee</b> | R 1.25%, I 0.75%                                                                                                                                         | <b>Price reporting</b>                     | Prices published daily on lancasterim.co.uk, Bloomberg and by other third party data providers. |
| <b>Ongoing charge</b>        | R 1.55%, I 1.06%                                                                                                                                         | <b>ISIN</b>                                | R: GB00B55NGR79, £I: GB00B55NGS86, €I: GB00B3SX1S66, \$:GB00B3Z00X80                            |
| <b>Performance fee basis</b> | 20% of the increase in the value per share of the fund between the beginning and the end of the year. Fees crystallise annually. Losses carried forward. | <b>SEDOL</b>                               | R: B55NGR7, £I: B55NGS8, €I: B3SX1S6, \$:B3Z00X8                                                |

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