## TB Saracen UK Alpha Fund

September 2019

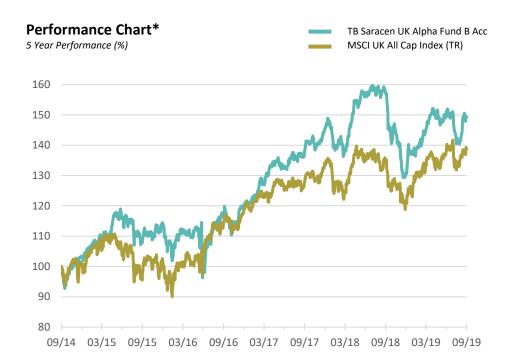


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#### **Fund Overview**

- 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 recently celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and, since launch in March 1999, has outperformed its benchmark in 16 out of 20 years and in 8 out of the last 10 calendar years.
- A concentrated portfolio of 25-35 holdings, with a focus on capital growth, backed by the Saracen research process.



\*Source: Bloomberg, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019
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 30th September 2019**

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch*
TB Saracen UK Alpha B Acc	5.5%	-0.3%	-5.1%	28.5%	49.4%	677.1%
MSCI UK AII Cap Index (TR)	3.0%	0.9%	2.0%	20.8%	37.0%	
Sector Average	2.7%	1.0%	0.0%	19.9%	36.6%	185.5%
Quartile Ranking	1	4	4	1	2	1

Source: Financial Express; \*launch date 05 March 1999

Sector: IA Sector (UK All Companies)

### FOR PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS ONLY

Retail investors should consult their financial advisers

#### **FUND DETAILS**

(as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019)

Fund size: £11.3m Launch date: 05/03/99

No. of holdings: 30
Active share: 93%
Source: Bloombera

**Denomination:** GBP

Valuation point: 12 noon

Fund prices:

A Accumulation: 475.73p B Accumulation: 777.13p

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

#### ACD:

T. Bailey Fund Services Limited

**Scott McKenzie** Fund Manager **David Clark** Fund Manager





Scott McKenzie joined Saracen in August 2014 and has managed the fund since launch. David Clark joined the team in March 2019. Both David and Scott have over 25 years' experience managing UK equity funds.

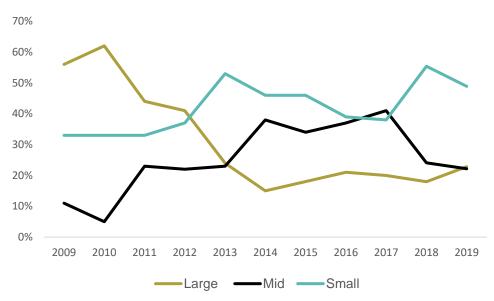
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#### **Fund Breakdown by Market Capitalisation**



Data as of 30th September 2019, Source: Saracen Fund Managers

#### **Monthly Commentary**

#### **Performance**

After a difficult summer the Fund enjoyed a better month in September, rising by 5.5% in comparison to a 3.0% increase from the MSCI UK All Cap Index. In general September saw a reversal of the weaker trends we had seen previously, with a sharp recovery in value stocks, notably in the financials and industrials sectors. Smaller companies continue to lag with political unrest and ongoing Brexit concerns dominating sentiment. This remains a headwind for the Fund but should also provide opportunity going forward, if the dust ever settles.

#### **Positives**

It was a month of strong recovery with 11 holdings rising by more than 10%. The purchases of Melrose and Standard Life Aberdeen in August paid off, with rises of 12% and 15% respectively. Cyclical companies enjoyed a bounce, notably Tyman and TI Fluid Systems, whilst Galliford Try rose by 14% in response to merger talks with Bovis. Financials were positive with both Barclays and U&I recovering from low levels. We also had a number of good smallcap holdings with STV, Chemring, Vitec and Marlowe all rising nicely despite a fairly moribund market for smaller companies overall.

#### **Negatives**

Thankfully there were only a few laggards. A mild profit warning from Imperial Brands was the main culprit, with the stock falling 14% towards the end of the month. Both Avon Rubber and MJ Gleeson saw some profit taking, having been strong contributors previously.

#### **Portfolio Activity**

Having made a few changes during August, this was a far quieter month of activity. We reduced the position in Tyman after a strong recovery in the price and added to the small holding in Superdry. Cash currently stands at 6%.

#### September – Attribution \*

Top Contributors	Positive
Tyman	+0.65%
Standard Life Aberdeen	+0.57%
Melrose	+0.52%
Galliford Try	+0.47%
TI Fluid Systems	+0.44%
Top Detractors	Negative
Top Detractors Imperial Brands	Negative -0.32%
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Imperial Brands	-0.32%
Imperial Brands Avon Rubber	-0.32% -0.23%

\*Source: Bloomberg as at 30/9/19

#### **Fund Breakdown**

Top 10 Holdings	
Melrose	4.8%
Standard Life Aberdeen	4.6%
Synthomer	4.5%
MJ Gleeson	4.3%
Prudential	4.1%
Barclays	4.0%
Alpha FMC	4.0%
Palace Capital	3.8%
Equiniti	3.7%
Restore	3.7%

Sector breakdown	
Industrials	35.5%
Financials	27.0%
Consumer Goods	15.2%
Basic Materials	7.2%
Consumer Services	6.3%
Oil & Gas	2.6%
Telecoms	0.0%
Healthcare	0.0%
Technology	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%

	ISIN	SEDOL	Bloomberg	EMX	Initial Charge	Annual Charge	Ongoing * Charge
B Acc Shares	GB0005711196	0571119	SFMGRBA LN	SARGFB	0%	0.75%	1.19%

<sup>\*</sup> Source: T Bailey Fund Services Ltd.

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#### **Investment Manager:**

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#### **Regulatory Status:**

FCA Recognised: Yes Scheme Type: OEIC (UCITS)

Issue date - 30th September 2019