# Baillie Gifford<sup>®</sup>

# **Marketing Communication**

# Baillie Gifford Worldwide Discovery Fund

31 December 2024

### **About Baillie Gifford**

Philosophy Long-term investment horizon
A growth bias
Bottom-up portfolio construction

Bottom-up portfolio construction

High active share

Partnership 100% owned by 58 partners with average 20

years' service

Ownership aligns our interests with those of

our clients

Enables us to take a thoughtful, long-term view

in all that we do

Stability, quality and consistency

### **Investment proposition**

The Worldwide Discovery Fund seeks out initially immature entrepreneurial companies from across the world. Importantly, it is the immaturity of the opportunity which is key, and not just 'smallness'. Companies typically have a market capitalisation of \$10bn or smaller at time of initial purchase and will often have pronounced levels of innovation and a differentiated strategy. Highly asymmetric investment opportunities such as these are, we believe, ideal for bottom-up analysis, and it is in this opportunity set that inefficiencies and valuation anomalies can be most pronounced.

### **Fund facts**

Fund Launch Date	06 September 2017
Fund Size	\$302.6m / €292.2m
Index	MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index
Active Share	99%
Current Annual Turnover	21%
Current number of stocks	60
Fund SFDR Classification	Article 8*
Stocks (guideline range)	50-75
Fiscal year end	30 September
Structure	Irish UCITS
Base currency	USD

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund is subject to enhanced sustainability-related disclosures on the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

### Awards and Ratings - As at 30 November 2024

Overall Morningstar Rating ™



Class B Acc in USD. Overall rating among 536 EAA Fund Global Small/Mid-Cap Equity funds as at 30-NOV-2024.

# **Key Decision Makers**

Name	Years' experience
Douglas Brodie*	23
*Partner	



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Based on the Class B USD Acc share class.

Performance

### Periodic performance

	Inception Date	1 Month*	3 Months*	YTD*	1 Year*	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
US dollar									
Class B USD Acc (%)	06 September 2017	-5.4	-0.1	-3.6	-3.6	-16.2	-3.7	N/A	3.5
Index (%)		-5.3	-3.2	8.2	8.2	1.2	7.1	N/A	7.2
euro									
Class B EUR Acc (%)	06 September 2017	-4.5	7.4	2.3	2.3	-13.8	-2.3	N/A	5.4
Index (%)		-3.4	4.4	15.4	15.4	4.5	8.9	N/A	9.3
Canadian dollar									
Class B CAD Acc (%)	25 November 2019	-3.3	6.2	4.5	4.5	-12.7	-1.8	N/A	-1.7
Index (%)		-2.7	3.1	18.0	18.0	5.7	9.4	N/A	9.5
New Zealand dollar									
Class B NZD Acc (%)	13 November 2019	-1.0	12.9	8.1	8.1	-10.6	-0.2	N/A	0.0
Index (%)		0.0	10.0	22.2	22.2	8.2	11.2	N/A	10.9
sterling									
Class B GBP Acc (%)	01 August 2018	-5.0	6.8	-2.4	-2.4	-14.1	-2.8	N/A	-0.3
Class B GBP Inc (%)	08 November 2019	-5.0	6.8	-2.4	-2.4	-14.1	-2.8	N/A	-2.0
Index (%)		-3.9	3.7	10.1	10.1	3.9	8.4	N/A	8.4

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### Calendar year performance

	December 2020	December 2021	December 2022	December 2023	December 2024
US dollar					
Class B USD Acc (%)	80.4	-22.0	-42.0	5.2	-3.6
Index (%)	16.8	16.5	-18.3	17.4	8.2
euro					
Class B EUR Acc (%)	64.8	-15.5	-38.4	1.5	2.3
Index (%)	7.2	25.4	-12.9	13.4	15.4
Canadian dollar					
Class B CAD Acc (%)	76.7	-22.2	-38.3	2.9	4.5
Index (%)	14.8	15.5	-12.3	14.3	18.0
New Zealand dollar					
Class B NZD Acc (%)	68.5	-17.7	-37.4	5.6	8.1
Index (%)	9.5	22.6	-11.5	17.3	22.2
sterling					
Class B GBP Acc (%)	74.0	-21.2	-34.9	-0.4	-2.4
Class B GBP Inc (%)	74.0	-21.2	-34.9	-0.4	-2.4
Index (%)	13.2	17.6	-8.0	10.8	10.1

### Discrete performance

	31/12/19-31/12/20	31/12/20-31/12/21	31/12/21-31/12/22	31/12/22-31/12/23	31/12/23-31/12/24
US dollar					
Class B USD Acc (%)	80.4	-22.0	-42.0	5.2	-3.6
Index (%)	16.8	16.5	-18.3	17.4	8.2
euro					
Class B EUR Acc (%)	64.8	-15.5	-38.4	1.5	2.3
Index (%)	7.2	25.4	-12.9	13.4	15.4
Canadian dollar					
Class B CAD Acc (%)	76.7	-22.2	-38.3	2.9	4.5
Index (%)	14.8	15.5	-12.3	14.3	18.0
New Zealand dollar					
Class B NZD Acc (%)	68.5	-17.7	-37.4	5.6	8.1
Index (%)	9.5	22.6	-11.5	17.3	22.2
sterling					
Class B GBP Acc (%)	74.0	-21.2	-34.9	-0.4	-2.4
Class B GBP Inc (%)	74.0	-21.2	-34.9	-0.4	-2.4
Index (%)	13.2	17.6	-8.0	10.8	10.1

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	31/12/14-31/12/15	31/12/15-31/12/16	31/12/16-31/12/17	31/12/17-31/12/18	31/12/18-31/12/19
US dollar					
Class B USD Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.6	35.9
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-14.0	25.2
euro					
Class B EUR Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.2	38.5
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-9.7	27.5
Canadian dollar					
Class B CAD Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
sterling					
Class B GBP Acc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.1
Class B GBP Inc (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Index (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.4

Source: Revolution, MSCI. As at 31 December 2024. Net of fees. 10am prices. Index: MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index, calculated using close to close. \*Not annualised. Hedged share classes shown against the index in the base currency.

Baillie Gifford operates a single swinging price for the Fund and, therefore, may apply a dilution adjustment to the price to protect long-term investors from the costs associated with buying and selling underlying investments that result from other investors joining or leaving the Fund. This adjustment will affect relative performance, either positively or negatively.

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### **Stock Level Attribution**

Top and Bottom Ten Contributors to Relative Performance, Quarter to 31 December 2024

# **Top Ten Contributors**

## **Bottom Ten Contributors**

Asset Name	Contribution (%)	Asset Name	Contribution (%)
Axon Enterprise	2.8	Aerovironment	-1.0
Zillow	1.1	TransMedics	-0.9
Upwork	1.0	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	-0.9
Novocure	0.9	Oxford Nanopore Technologies	-0.9
Aehr Test Systems	0.5	Staar Surgical	-0.7
Doximity	0.5	Ocado	-0.6
CyberArk	0.5	Exact Sciences	-0.4
Liveramp	0.4	MercadoLibre	-0.4
dLocal	0.4	Veeco Instruments	-0.3
Ambarella	0.3	MarketAxess	-0.3

Source: Revolution, MSCI. Baillie Gifford Worldwide Discovery Fund relative to MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index.

Some stocks may only have been held for part of the period.

All attribution figures are calculated gross of fees, relative to the Index from stock level up, based on closing prices.

Attribution is shown relative to the index therefore not all stocks shown are held in the portfolio. See the List of Holdings section of this report for the stocks held.

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### Market environment

Following a difficult couple of years, small-cap markets (e.g., Russell 2000 or S&P600) have performed better in the second half of 2024. The market has interpreted the continuation of the US Federal Reserve's rate-cutting cycle and the outcome of the US election as both supportive of smaller companies' valuations. Markets lost some of this positive momentum midway through December. This was a reaction to US Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's comments, suggesting fewer interest rate cuts for 2025 than anticipated.

Despite the slightly soft end to 2024, we remain enthusiastic about the market environment heading into the new year. While we don't claim any great insight into interest rates' path or destination, a gradual downward direction of travel would likely be helpful. Additionally, despite a modest upturn over the last six months, valuations in the small-cap area remain highly depressed relative to historical norms. We consider this cyclical and expect valuations to normalise, potentially as we progress through the rate-cutting cycle. While we are not reliant on this for portfolio returns, a potential re-rating in smaller companies' equities could be a rewarding tailwind for clients.

### Performance

Over the quarter, Axon, Zillow and Novocure were some of the top-performing holdings. Axon Enterprise stands out with its remarkable share price performance. The company has been spectacularly successful in law enforcement technology, with its Taser 10 representing a major technological leap forward. Axon has impressively integrated Artificial Intelligence (AI) into its software solutions, for example, introducing Draft1, an officer efficiency product that potentially doubles the revenue per customer. The company is growing strongly across multiple segments, including US state and federal customers and international markets. Yet, mindful of the rapid appreciation in the company's market rating, we made two small reductions over the quarter. Shares in Zillow, the US property comparison site, have also been strong over the quarter, helping them nearly double over the last six months. Investors have responded favourably to the commencement of rate cuts in the US, President Trump's re-election, which may reduce the regulatory pressure on US domestic real estate, and missteps by Zillow's closest rival (CoStar). We've primarily been focussing on the uptake of its recently launched supplementary selling agent services and rental channel growth, increasing the addressable market and helping cement Zillow's market leadership. Yet, considering its elevated position in the portfolio and the re-rating that has taken place, we reduced the position. This maintains Zillow as a prominent position in the fund but allows us to recycle some of its recent gains into less fully valued opportunities. Novocure, the wearable device manufacturer for solid-state cancers, has significantly progressed in its pancreatic

results, demonstrating a 13% improvement in overall survival at 12 months and 33% at 24 months for inoperable locally advanced pancreatic cancer. This is particularly noteworthy given the devastating nature of pancreatic cancer, which typically has a mere 10% five-year survival rate. We've been patient with Novocure in the face of disappointing previous trials, and we hope the decision will now be rewarded. Holdings in TransMedics, AeroVironment, and STAAR Surgical were among the most prominent negative contributors to relative performance. TransMedics, a medical solutions company for organ donation and logistics, has delivered a mixed guarter. The company experienced weaker transplant volumes quarter-overquarter, driven by a decline in nationwide transplant volume and planned maintenance of its aircraft fleet. It still delivered more than 65% top-line growth, but this was below analysts' expectations and shares sold off. There are concerns that the company is no longer taking market share, with the remaining market areas too price-sensitive to opt for TransMedics's solution. In this case, market expansion would drive further growth, which could still be hugely rewarding given the vast need for organ donations. We are planning additional work in the new year to understand the prospects for further growth better and whether it has the potential to re-accelerate. Shares in AeroVironment, the manufacturer of autonomous drones, fell as the company announced lower revenue for its surveillance drones sold to Ukraine. However, its Loitering Munition Systems (LMS) continue to grow strongly, with revenues increasing 41% year-over-year. There are also concerns about a potential near-term slowdown if President Trump stops funding for Ukraine. Despite this, the company remains strategically positioned in the global defence market. Record NATO spending on defence and geopolitical tensions are structural drivers of demand for drone technology. The company also made a substantial \$4 billion all-stock acquisition of BlueHalo, a counterdrone systems company, which is notable given that AeroVironment's market capitalisation is around \$5 billion. This could significantly expand AeroVironment's solutions, allowing them to push into new markets. Shares in Staar Surgical, the manufacturer of implantable lenses for vision corrective procedures. have distracted from relative performance. Shares traded lower on guidance that growth in China is set to slow to low single digits. This is primarily due to national economic weakness. The company has committed to its fourth-quarter guidance, suggesting the US can compensate for lower growth from China. However, China is STAAR's single largest geography, and there are worries about an overall slowdown in growth during 2025. Staar's technology remains classleading, and it is consistently taking share. The reduction, however, in its top-line growth rate over the last 24 months has been disappointing, and, at this point, we're considering the position.

treatment. Its PANOVA-3 trial showed promising

### Notable transactions

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New buys: Kornit Digital (a leading player in the digital textile printing market), Silery (the leading non-US vendor of analogue chips that regulate and manage electrical device power), Tandem (medical device company that designs, develops, and commercialises solutions for people with diabetes), and Xometry (an online marketplace connecting buyers of custom industrial parts). Complete sales: Cardlytics, Genus, Xero, and Zuora.

## Market Outlook

Despite the slightly soft end to 2024, we remain enthusiastic about the market environment heading into the new year. While we don't claim any great insight into interest rates' path or destination, a gradual downward direction of travel would likely be helpful. Additionally, despite a modest upturn over the last six months, valuations in the small-cap area remain highly depressed relative to historical norms. We consider this cyclical and expect valuations to normalise, potentially as we progress through the rate-cutting cycle. While we are not reliant on this for portfolio returns, a potential re-rating in smaller companies' equities could be a rewarding tailwind for clients.

Transactions from 01 October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

# **New Purchases**

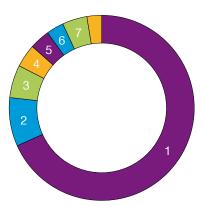
Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Kornit Digital	Kornit Digital is a leading player in the digital textile printing market. The garment and textile industries rely heavily on analogue processes, which are labour-intensive, inefficient and harmful to the environment. Through continuous product innovation, Kornit Digital has closed the gap between analogue and digital printing in terms of quality and price. We are intrigued by the early traction of Kornit's latest products and expect this to be the beginning of a structural change in the industry. Increasing adoption of digital printing should allow Kornit to deliver substantial revenue growth while improving profitability in the coming years.
Silergy	Silergy is the leading non-US vendor of analogue chips that regulate and manage electrical device power. Its proprietary process technologies have allowed it to design differentiated products and compete on both quality and price with Western vendors. Given its strategic position as the most significant Chinese player, Silergy is well-placed to benefit from the growing push to localise semiconductor supply chains and reduce the reliance on US incumbents. The company is gaining traction among its newer, more sophisticated segments, such as autos and industrial applications, while computing and renewable energy provides intriguing longer-term opportunities for growth.
Tandem Diabetes Care	Tandem Diabetes Care is a medical device company that designs, develops, and commercialises solutions for people with diabetes. The company's flagship product is a wearable insulin pump delivery system. The growth of continuous blood glucose monitoring systems provides data that empowers these pump solutions. Until recently, Tandem's solution had lagged competitors in terms of features and capabilities. However, a recent product renewal has closed that gap, and Tandem's offering is now a genuine alternative to the market leader's. With the penetration of insulin pumps remaining low (~20% globally), there is a significant opportunity, which Tandem now look well-placed to capture. We have owned the company for several years in our Global Discovery OEIC, and now we feel it is an appropriate time to take a holding for Worldwide Discovery.
Xometry	Xometry is an online marketplace connecting buyers of custom industrial parts (prototypes and small-run finished parts) with a heavily fragmented supplier base of machine shops specialising in a broad range of manufacturing processes. With a strong value proposition for both sides, Xometry's ecosystem of buyers and sellers has seen healthy growth. For sellers, Xometry represents a price discovery engine and a distribution channel. Buyers get a quick, frictionless quote from a large base of pre-vetted machine shops. We are also seeing enterprise adoption expand as larger buyers want to add resilience and flexibility to their supply chains. As Xometry becomes the go-to place for both buyers and sellers, we expect substantial revenue growth and improved profitability in the coming years.

# Complete Sales

Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Cardlytics	Cardlytics powers an advertising platform within its bank partners' digital channels. We've held the shares with the expectation that the company will be able to monetise better its large existing base of over 160 million monthly active users across America's largest banks, including Chase, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo. However, following several management changes and technology mishaps, we have less conviction in their ability to execute this opportunity, and we have sold our holdings.
Cellectis	Cellectis, a French biotech company, has been a poor investment. We believed it had the potential to commercialise a range of CAR-T therapies that modify cells to fight off and kill cancer. However, this has not come to pass, and our patience has worn out. We decided to sell the position and invest the proceeds in more compelling opportunities.
Genus	Genus, the animal genetics company, has been a long-term holding for the portfolio. Through consistent investment in Research and Development (R&D), its bovine and porcine genetics businesses are world leaders, enabling farmers globally to breed better animals. Despite its leading technology, the business has endured a challenging few years. It's suffered due to weakening global beef and pork markets, notably due to reduced demand from China. Uncertainty about the prospects and timeline of recovery in these markets led us to recycle the capital from Genus into holdings in which we have greater conviction.
Xero	We have sold the position in Xero, a New Zealand-based accounting software company. Its share price has appreciated significantly in the past two years, appreciating by more than 250%, increasing the returns of a very successful investment for clients. Following a review of the investment case, while we appreciated the business's greater commercial focus, we felt that possible resultant growth was more than adequately priced in. Thus, we decided to sell the holdings, moving the capital to opportunities with greater upside.
Zuora	Zuora sells billing and finance software for subscription-based businesses. In October, private equity company Silver Lake announced that it would acquire Zuora. We have chosen to sell the shares rather than wait for the transaction to complete.

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## **Country Analysis**



		%
1	United States	68.3
2	UK	8.5
3	Israel	5.7
4	China	4.0
5	Brazil	3.6
6	Japan	3.0
7	Others	4.3
8	Cash	2.6

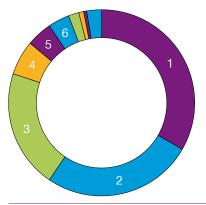
### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Fund	Index
Market Cap (weighted average)	\$10.8bn	\$4.7bn
Price/Book	4.5	1.7
Price/Earnings (12 months forward)	38.0	14.2
Earnings Growth (5 year historic)	-15.6%	4.3%
Return on Equity	0.2%	11.1%
Predicted Beta (12 months)	1.4	N/A
Standard Deviation (trailing 3 years)	27.1	18.7
R-Squared	0.6	N/A
Delivered Tracking Error (12 months)	10.8	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	-0.3	0.4
Information Ratio	-0.9	N/A
		Fund
Number of geographical locations		10
Number of sectors		9
Number of industries		25

Source: FactSet, MSCI.

We have provided these characteristics for information purposes only. In particular, we do not think index relative metrics are suitable measures of risk. Fund and benchmark figures are calculated excluding negative earnings.

# **Sector Analysis**



		%
1	Health Care	33.3
2	Information Technology	26.2
3	Industrials	20.6
4	Financials	6.0
5	Consumer Discretionary	4.4
6	Real Estate	3.7
7	Consumer Staples	1.8
8	Materials	0.8
9	Communication Services	0.5
10	Cash	2.6

As well as cash in the bank, the cash balance includes unsettled cash flows arising from both shareholder flows and outstanding trades. Therefore, a negative balance may arise from timing differences between shareholder flows and security trading and does not necessarily represent a bank overdraft.

# **Top Ten Holdings**

	Holdings	% of Total Assets
1	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	6.8
2	Axon Enterprise	6.8
3	AeroVironment	3.8
4	Zillow	3.7
5	Oxford Nanopore Tech	3.0
6	CyberArk	3.0
7	MarketAxess	2.7
8	Upwork	2.7
9	Exact Sciences	2.5
10	Doximity	2.3

# **Voting Activity**

Votes Cast in Favour	Votes Cast Against		Votes Abstained/Withheld	
Companies 6	Companies	None	Companies	None
Resolutions 55	Resolutions	None	Resolutions	None

Please consider all of the characteristics and objectives of the fund as described in the Key Information Document (KID) and prospectus before making a decision to invest in the Fund. For more information on how sustainability issues, such as climate change are considered, see bailliegifford.com.

# Company Engagement

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Engagement Type	Company				
Environmental	Aehr Test Systems, Inc., AeroVironment, Inc., MP Materials Corp., Park Systems Corp.				
Social	Park Systems Corp.				
Governance	Aehr Test Systems, Inc., Confluent, Inc., Cosmo Pharmaceuticals N.V., IPG Photonics Corporation, MP Materials Corp., MarketAxess Holdings Inc., NovoCure Limited, Park Systems Corp., Schrödinger, Inc.				
Strategy	Cosmo Pharmaceuticals N.V., IPG Photonics Corporation, Park Systems Corp.				

For further details on company engagement please contact us. You can also find further information on how we integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters into our investment approach, <u>here</u>.

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Asset Name	Fund %
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	6.8
Axon Enterprise	6.8
AeroVironment	3.8
Zillow	3.7
Oxford Nanopore Tech	3.0
CyberArk	3.0
MarketAxess	2.7
Upwork	2.7
Exact Sciences	2.5
Doximity	2.3
Twist Bioscience	2.2
MercadoLibre	2.1
American Superconductor Corp	2.0
LiveRamp	2.0
Sweetgreen	2.0
Novocure	1.9
Aehr Test Systems	1.9
Ocado	1.8
Appian	1.8
Trupanion	1.8
PeptiDream	1.7
Xometry, Inc.	1.6
Genmab	1.6
Kingdee International Software	1.6
E Ink	1.5
JFrog	1.5
DLocal	1.5
Sprout Social	1.4
Veeco Instruments	1.4
Silergy	1.4
Ambarella	1.4
Schrödinger	1.3
Tandem Diabetes Care	1.3
Infomart	1.3
Renishaw	1.3
IPG Photonics	1.2
Kornit Digital Ltd.	1.2
Progyny	1.2
STAAR Surgical	1.2
Digimarc	1.1
Confluent	1.1
Zai Lab	1.1
Raspberry Pi Ltd Sub	1.0
BlackLine	1.0
PureTech Health	0.8
MP Materials	0.8

Asset Name	Fund %
Codexis	0.8
Energy Recovery	0.8
TransMedics Group	0.8
Beam Therapeutics	0.7
RxSight, Inc	0.7
Park Systems	0.7
Cosmo Pharmaceuticals	0.6
EverQuote	0.5
Cryoport	0.4
QuantumScape Corporation	0.4
Adaptimmune Therapeutics	0.3
Ceres Power	0.3
ITM Power	0.0
Chinook Therapeutics	0.0
Cash	2.6
Total	100.0

Total may not sum due to rounding.

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	Inception date	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL	WKN	Valoren	Ongoing charge figure (%)	Annual management fee (%)
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US dollar								
Class B USD Acc	06 September 2017	IE00BD09K416	BGDIBUA ID	BD09K41	A2QC33	38235136	0.88	0.75
euro								
Class B EUR Acc	06 September 2017	IE00BD09K309	BGDIBEA ID	BD09K30	A2PFCD	38235173	0.88	0.75
Canadian dollar								
Class B CAD Acc	25 November 2019	IE00BKLC2X16	BGDIFFA ID	BKLC2X1	A2PV4M	51299539	0.88	0.75
New Zealand dollar								
Class B NZD Acc	13 November 2019	IE00BK63G481	BGWDFNA ID	BK63G48	A2PVFY	51151267	0.88	0.75
sterling								
Class B GBP Acc	01 August 2018	IE00BG88PY66	BGDIFGA ID	BG88PY6	A2QC34	43084053	0.88	0.75
Class B GBP Inc	08 November 2019	IE00BJ7W3579	BGWDFGI ID	BJ7W357	A2PU9A	51047808	0.88	0.75
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euro					_	<u> </u>		
Class A EUR Acc	12 April 2019	IE00BJ5JS224	BGWDAEA ID	BJ5JS22	A2PGZU	47480657	1.63	1.50

Our Worldwide funds allow us to offer multi-currency share classes. Share classes can be created on request. The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period. Charges will reduce the value of your investment. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

#### **Risks and Additional Information**

The Fund is a sub-fund of Baillie Gifford Worldwide Funds PLC which is an established umbrella fund. Its Investment Manager and Distributor is Baillie Gifford Investment Management (Europe) Limited ("BGE"). This document does not provide you with all the facts that you need to make an informed decision about investing in the Fund. Further details of the risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Information Document (KID), or the Prospectus.

A Prospectus is available for Baillie Gifford Worldwide Funds plc (the Company) in English. Key Information Documents (KIDs) are available for each share class of each of the sub-funds of the Company and in one of the official languages of each of the EU Member States into which each sub-fund has been notified for marketing under the Directive 2009/65/EC (the UCITS Directive). These can be obtained from bailliegifford.com. In addition, a summary of investor rights is available from bailliegifford.com. The summary is available in English.

The sub-funds of the Company are currently notified for marketing into a number of EU Member States under the UCITS Directive. The Company can terminate such notifications for any share class and/or sub-fund of the Company at any time using the process contained in Article 93a of the UCITS Directive.

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By investing in the Fund you own shares in the Fund. You do not have ownership or control of the underlying assets such as the stocks and shares of the companies that make up the portfolio as these are owned by the Fund.

The ongoing charges figure is based on actual expenses for the latest financial period. Where the share class has been launched during the financial period and / or expenses during the period are not representative, an estimate of expenses may have been used instead. It may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying and selling assets for the Fund although custodian transaction costs are included. Where a share class has not been seeded an estimate of expenses has been used.

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Any value assigned to illiquid securities which are difficult to trade, such as those in smaller, immature companies, may not accurately reflect the price the Fund might receive upon their sale.

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The Fund's share price can be volatile due to movements in the prices of the underlying holdings and the basis on which the Fund is priced.

Further details of the risks associated with investing in the Fund can be found in the Key Information Document (KID), or the Prospectus. Copies of both the KID and Prospectus are available at bailliegifford.com.

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