# **Baillie Gifford**

# Baillie Gifford Worldwide US Equity Alpha Fund 28 February 2025 B Class factsheet - Marketing communication

Awards and Ratings - As at 31 January 2025

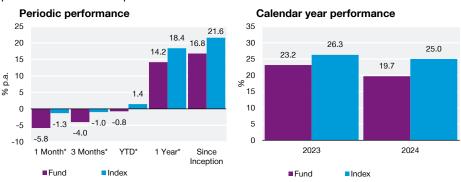


Based on the Class B USD Acc share class.

#### **Investment proposition**

US Alpha is a long term, active, growth strategy. We seek out stocks in businesses with underappreciated and durable growth potential. We aim to outperform the S&P 500 index by owning these rare businesses until their superior characteristics are reflected in their share prices. We celebrate the breadth of opportunity available to us in US equities and invest in a blend of growing companies. Some companies will grow rapidly, others will quietly compound at above market rates and still more will grow in leaps and pauses. Understanding the nuances of each business and matching their corporate cultures to their growth opportunities helps us to be effective owners of a broad range of exceptional businesses. The Fund may also invest to a lesser extent in other transferable securities as disclosed in the investment policy for the Fund, money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents.

#### Performance overview - US dollars - Past performance does not predict future returns



Source: Revolution, S&P. As at 28 February 2025. US dollars. Net of fees. Class B USD Acc, 10am prices. Index: S&P 500, calculated using close to close. \*Not annualised. Share class inception date: 12 December 2022.

# Portfolio overview

#### Fund facts

| Fund launch date         | 12 December 2022 |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Fund size                | \$2.8m           |
| Index                    | S&P 500          |
| Active share             | 78%              |
| Annual turnover          | 24%              |
| Number of stocks         | 70               |
| Stocks (guideline range) | 60-90            |
| Fund SFDR Classification | Article 8*       |
| Fiscal year end          | 30 September     |
| Structure                | Irish UCITS      |
| Base currency            | USD              |
|                          |                  |

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

# **Key Decision Makers**

| Name           | Baillie Gifford years' experience | Industry years'<br>experience |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Michael Taylor | 3                                 | 16                            |
| Sacha Meyers   | 10                                | 10                            |
| Saad Malik     | 9                                 | 9                             |

#### Top ten holdings

| Holdings       | % of Total assets  |
|----------------|--|
| Shopify        | 3.3  |
| Amazon.com     | 3.3  |
| Meta Platforms | 3.2  |
| Microsoft      | 3.1  |
| NVIDIA         | 3.0  |
| DoorDash       | 2.8  |
| Netflix        | 2.7  |
| Alphabet       | 2.4  |
| Chewy          | 2.2  |
| AutoZone       | 2.1  |
|                | Shopify Amazon.com Meta Platforms Microsoft NVIDIA DoorDash Netflix Alphabet Chewy |

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#### **Sector Positioning**

| Fund (%) | Index (%)   | Relative (%)  |
|----------|---|---|
| 23.2     | 10.5  | 12.7  |
| 21.8     | 30.7  | -8.9  |
| 14.5     | 10.8  | 3.7   |
| 12.1     | 9.5   | 2.6   |
| 9.0      | 14.5  | -5.5  |
| 6.9      | 5.9   | 1.0   |
| 5.9      | 8.3   | -2.4  |
| 2.5      | 2.0   | 0.6   |
| 2.5      | 2.2   | 0.3   |
| 0.8      | 3.3   | -2.5  |
| 0.9      | 0.0   | 0.9   |
|          | 23.2<br>21.8<br>14.5<br>12.1<br>9.0<br>6.9<br>5.9<br>2.5<br>2.5 | 23.2 10.5 21.8 30.7 14.5 10.8 12.1 9.5 9.0 14.5 6.9 5.9 5.9 8.3 2.5 2.0 2.5 2.2 0.8 3.3 |

As well as cash in the bank, this 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.

# Active share classes

|                 | Inception date   | ISIN         | Bloomberg  | SEDOL   | WKN    | Valoren   | Ongoing charge figure (%) | Annual management fee (%) |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| US dollar       |                  |              |            |         |        |           |                           |                           |
| Class B USD Acc | 12 December 2022 | IE000MV7P5A5 | BAGWUAB ID | BPNSYD6 | A3DZHV | 122821264 | 0.60                      | 0.45                      |
| euro            |                  |              |            |         |        |           |                           |                           |
| Class B EUR Acc | 12 December 2022 | IE000XWK8245 | BAGWUBE ID | BPNSYF8 | A3DZHX | 122793780 | 0.60                      | 0.45                      |
| sterling        |                  |              |            |         |        |           |                           |                           |
| Class B GBP Acc | 12 December 2022 | IE0003WQPAV6 | BAGWUBG ID | BPNSYG9 | A3DZHZ | 122822823 | 0.60                      | 0.45                      |

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.

#### Periodic performance

|                     | 1 Month* | 3 Months* | YTD* | 1 Year* | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since inception |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| US dollar           |          |           |      |         |         |         |          |                 |
| Class B USD Acc (%) | -5.8     | -4.0      | -0.8 | 14.2    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A      | 16.8            |
| Index (%)           | -1.3     | -1.0      | 1.4  | 18.4    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A      | 21.6            |
| euro                |          |           |      |         |         |         |          |                 |
| Class B EUR Acc (%) | -5.9     | -2.9      | -0.5 | 19.2    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A      | 17.6            |
| Index (%)           | -1.3     | 0.6       | 1.0  | 23.2    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A      | 22.2            |
| sterling            |          |           |      |         |         |         |          |                 |
| Class B GBP Acc (%) | -7.1     | -3.9      | -1.1 | 14.8    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A      | 15.4            |
| Index (%)           | -2.6     | -0.0      | 0.9  | 19.0    | N/A     | N/A     | N/A      | 20.1            |

# Calendar year performance

|                     | December 2020 | December 2021 | December 2022 | December 2023 | December 2024 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| US dollar           |               |               |               |               |               |
| Class B USD Acc (%) | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | 23.2          | 19.7          |
| Index (%)           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | 26.3          | 25.0          |
| euro                |               |               |               |               |               |
| Class B EUR Acc (%) | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | 18.8          | 26.9          |
| Index (%)           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | 22.0          | 33.4          |
| sterling            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Class B GBP Acc (%) | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | 16.6          | 21.1          |
| Index (%)           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | 19.2          | 27.3          |

# 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 (%) | N/A               | N/A               | N/A               | 23.2              | 19.7              |
| Index (%)           | N/A               | N/A               | N/A               | 26.3              | 25.0              |
| euro                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Class B EUR Acc (%) | N/A               | N/A               | N/A               | 18.8              | 26.9              |
| Index (%)           | N/A               | N/A               | N/A               | 22.0              | 33.4              |
| sterling            |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Class B GBP Acc (%) | N/A               | N/A               | N/A               | 16.6              | 21.1              |
| Index (%)           | N/A               | N/A               | N/A               | 19.2              | 27.3              |

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