# Kestrel Opportunities

("KOF" or the "Fund")

KOF NAV rose 0.5% to £6.43 in December, compared to increases of 5.6% in the FTSE Small Cap (ex-Inv Trusts) index and 2.5% in the FTSE AIM All-Share index.

For the year as a whole, KOF returned 22.5% versus 28.5% for the FTSE Small Cap (ex-Inv Trusts) index and 5.2% for the FTSE AIM All-Share index.

Annual performance was well spread across our portfolio and looking back over the year it has been encouraging to review how much progress has been made.

The biggest drivers of annual performance were Access Intelligence and CentralNIC contributing 5.7% and 5.5% respectively. Access made the transformational £44m acquisition of iSentia, opening up the Asian market, trebling the company's revenues and accelerating its path to cash generation. CentralNIC reported record H1 growth of 57% driven both by M&A and organic initiatives.

**Idox** delivered a 3.8% contribution, confirming its transformation and also starting to deliver on its strategic plans to supplement core cash generation with multiple bolt-on acquisitions.

K3 Business Technology made a big recovery, contributing 3.7% having transformed it balance sheet and leadership. After making three disposals over the past two years, the company is now starting to articulate a much clearer strategic vision.

**IQGeo** and **Gresham** contributed 2.1% and 1.5% respectively. Both companies made interesting acquisitions during the year and are now, we believe, poised for breakout growth.

There were three loss contributions of any note in the 100% year: Attraqt -0.6%, Eckoh -0.6%, and IDE -0.5%.

Looking forward into 2022, we eagerly await trading updates for our December and March year-end companies. We anticipate these will confirm the operational and financial progress of the last 12 months and set new base levels for the continued delivery against challenging growth targets.

Monthly Change YTD Change Strategy AUM† Share Price \*

£6.43

Up 0.5%

Up 22.5%

£344.8m

(at 31 December 2021)

# **Fund Objective**

KOF aims to provide investors with long term capital growth. It is a sterling denominated long only, openended offshore fund with no financial leverage.

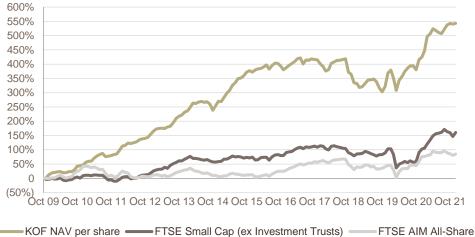
KOF's primary strategy is to acquire significant equity and quasi-equity stakes in smaller quoted companies on the Official List or AIM and proactively work with management to improve their value. The Fund is able to invest in smaller quoted company

debt and related instruments that have an equity component.

It also occasionally takes opportunistic trading positions to capitalise on market inefficiencies.

The Fund will not borrow to make investments and does not hedge or take short positions.

# KOF performance since launch at £1.00 (20 Nov 2009)



\* Basis for calculating share price and NAV.

The share price and NAV is calculated after taking into account all charges paid by the Fund including fees paid to Kestrel. However, no account is taken of any performance fee which is only payable on redemption and to the extent that the performance hurdle has been achieved. For further details on the KOF performance fee, please refer to the Fees & Expenses section of the KOF Supplement (dated December 2021). No account has been taken of any other fees or charges that may be payable by the investor such as tax or advisers' fees

† Strategy AUM
The Strategy AUM includes the NAV of the Fund and the NAV of specific small cap mandates managed by Kestrel.

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T: +44 20 3371 6100 E: kofenquiry@kestrelpartners.com KOF is classified as a UCIS and is not suitable for Retail Investors.

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The Fund's paying agent is Swissquote Bank SA





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#### Performance – last 12 months

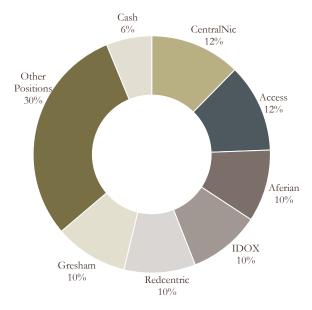
	KOF NAV	Monthly change	Small Cap (ex Inv Trusts)	FTSE AIM All-Share
Dec '21	6.4309	0.5%	5.6%	2.5%
Nov '21	6.4018	-0.3%	-5.1%	-2.9%
Oct '21	6.4236	0.7%	-1.3%	-1.7%
Sep '21	6.3776	2.5%	-2.9%	-3.8%
Aug '21	6.2213	2.5%	3.9%	3.3%
Jul '21	6.0701	-0.6%	1.1%	0.2%
Jun '21	6.1047	-1.2%	0.8%	-0.6%
May '21	6.1801	-1.0%	2.9%	-2.2%
Apr '21	6.2398	2.8%	6.0%	7.3%
Mar '21	6.0680	1.7%	6.7%	1.2%
Feb '21	5.9648	9.2%	7.0%	1.9%
Jan '21	5.4604	4.0%	1.5%	0.3%

#### **Fund facts**

Monthly performance by year since launch (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2021	4.0%	9.2%	1.7%	2.8%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-0.6%	2.5%	2.5%	0.7%	-0.3%	0.5%	22.5%
2020	2.2%	-5.6%	-9.9%	8.8%	2.9%	3.8%	2.5%	1.6%	0.0%	-2.7%	7.3%	1.8%	11.9%
2019	-0.5%	-3.3%	0.7%	2.9%	2.7%	0.2%	0.6%	-2.0%	-5.1%	-3.3%	4.5%	11.3%	8.0%
2018	-1.8%	-3.3%	1.0%	4.8%	1.0%	0.9%	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	-9.0%	-1.6%	-6.5%	-13.3%
2017	1.7%	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%	0.6%	-4.1%	2.8%	-0.3%	1.1%	-0.5%	-0.2%	-2.8%	2.7%
2016	1.7%	0.6%	0.4%	1.0%	1.5%	-2.9%	2.6%	1.6%	-0.1%	-1.9%	-2.7%	1.6%	3.4%
2015	-0.3%	3.8%	4.0%	2.6%	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%	0.4%	1.8%	2.7%	1.0%	-1.0%	27.6%
2014	1.4%	3.4%	4.6%	-0.5%	1.4%	0.6%	-1.0%	0.7%	-2.3%	-5.9%	4.4%	4.7%	11.5%
2013	4.3%	2.9%	0.5%	0.6%	-0.4%	2.1%	0.7%	4.3%	5.2%	2.5%	1.1%	3.3%	30.4%
2012	7.2%	7.1%	1.2%	3.9%	-0.8%	1.3%	1.6%	3.2%	1.2%	0.6%	1.6%	4.4%	37.2%
2011	6.7%	2.1%	0.4%	6.3%	4.7%	3.1%	1.9%	-6.0%	1.0%	1.2%	1.9%	1.1%	26.6%
2010	4.9%	1.7%	1.4%	1.1%	-3.4%	0.5%	2.6%	0.4%	4.7%	10.1%	1.0%	1.8%	29.6%
2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.4%	10.4%	13.1%

# Asset allocation – Top 5 holdings



#### Administration

#### Investment Manager Kestrel Partners LLP

## Manager

Saltus (Channel Islands) Limited

#### Administrator

Zedra Fund Managers (Guernsey) Limited

Butterfield Bank (Guernsey) Limited

#### Launch date

20 Nov 2009

### Launch price

£1.00

### Base currency

GBP£,

#### **Quotation** information

#### Status

Listed on the TISE (www.tisegroup.com/market/ securities/5074)

#### Mnemonic

KEOP

#### Sedo1

B3YQL90

#### ISIN

GG00B3YQL906

#### Dealing & valuation

# Status

Open

# Dealing day

The first business day of each month

#### Subscription notice One business day

# Standard redemption notice

12 months

# Valuation day

Last business day of each month

#### Valuation basis

The bid price for each asset at the valuation date

## Minimum investment

Initial £100,000 (subject to the Manager's discretion). Subsequent £10,000

#### Charges

## Initial subscription

#### Investment management fee 2% of NAV per annum

#### Performance fee

15% of the difference between subscription price and redemption price. Only payable on redemption and subject to achieving an annual hurdle rate of BoE base rate +300bp

#### Fund description

A Guernsey based Open Ended Investment Company, being a protected cell of Guernsey Portfolios PCC Ltd

#### Authorisation

By the Guernsey Financial Services Commission under the Class B collective investment

#### Tax domicile Guernsey

#### Tax status

UK RFS granted with effect from 1 April 2012

#### Annual Dividend

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