# S&W Kennox Strategic Value Fund Factsheet - 31 July 2016

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#### **Performance Commentary**

The Fund was up 4.8% in July, taking year to date returns to 29% (vs 17% for the MSCI World).

Markets and currencies were somewhat better behaved in July after the volatility towards the end of June following the Brexit vote with gains in the Fund widespread across geographies and sectors. The single exception has been energy. The majority of energy majors announced 2Q results during the month, disappointing the market as the impact of lower oil prices continues to bite into profits. Our energy portfolio was off 4% (against gains of 30% year to date), and we remain comfortable that the extreme cuts in capital spending across that sector will rebalance energy markets in the medium term. Counter-intuitively, cyclical industries make the most attractive investments when profits are lower and capital spending is contracting – these are the types of opportunities that we wait patiently for, just as we have done with our gold miners and oil majors.

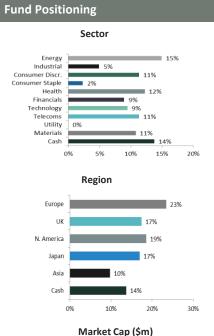
Amidst global political uncertainty and persistent low interest rates, our gold miners continue to do well. Newmont and Yamana are just starting to feel the positive influence of higher gold prices, and both rose over 10% in the month, taking year to date returns to 170% and 240% respectively. Elsewhere Neopost also had a strong July, up 21%. There were no clear catalysts for this move – just a reflection of the extreme valuations (just 7x earnings) for a company that remains well positioned to benefit from increasing volume of parcel deliveries in Europe.

### **Investment Philosophy**

Kennox was established to focus exclusively on running the Strategic Value Fund, our value-driven global equities portfolio, for a limited number of risk-conscious investors who identify with our long term approach.

Our aim is to deliver good long term capital growth. We are not benchmarked and are not influenced by short term relative returns.

We look to uncover stocks that are significantly undervalued despite sound underlying business franchises and with asymmetric risk profiles – significant upside potential with limited downside risk – and hold these for the long term.



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Top 10 Holdings	% Fund
NEWMONT MINING	7.8%
TAISHO	4.9%
NEOPOST	4.6%
EXXON	4.1%
GLAXOSMITHKLINE	3.8%
WESTERN UNION	3.7%
BP	3.6%
CHINA MOBILE	3.6%
CANON MARKETING	3.6%
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL	3.6%
Total Top Ten	43.2%
19 other holdings	43.0%
Cash	13.8%
Total	100.0%

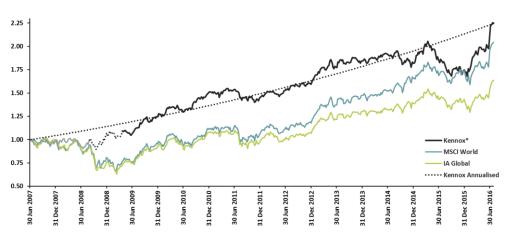
Performance	
Inception (9/7/2007)	125%
UK Launch (30/4/2009)	107%
5 Years	48%
4 Years	45%
3 Years	21%
2 Years	19%
1 Year	23%
YTD	29%
3 Month	13%
1 Month	4.8%
Annualised	
Inception (9/7/2007)	9.3%
UK Launch (30/4/2009)	11%

# **Portfolio Diversification**

Our portfolio is concentrated, currently 29 stocks. We believe that excessive diversification is a poor surrogate for real knowledge of holdings. We consider the key to building a robust portfolio is to ensure that underlying profit drivers are not correlated, but truly diversified. In order to be added to the portfolio, a stock must complement existing holdings and not merely add to a concentration of risk.



#### **Relative Performance**



We focus on long-term, absolute performance, not on short-term relative returns.

#### We are not benchmarked.

Comparisons to the MSCI World and IA Global indices are for illustrative purposes only.

We would expect that Fund weightings (geographic, sector and market cap) may vary considerably from those of the MSCI and IA indices.

Active Share<sup>‡</sup> of the Fund is 97%

Since Inception	Annualised Return	Sharpe Ratio Annualised†	Best Month	Worst Month	Volatility <sup>+</sup>
Kennox*	9.3%	3.7	14%	-6.5%	11%
MSCI World	8.2%	2.8	9.0%	-11%	17%
IA Global Sector	5.6%	2.1	9.0%	-13%	15%

Discrete annual	YTD 2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	<b>2007</b> (9/7/2007)
Kennox*	29%	-4.0%	-1.1%	15%	10%	-4.0%	21%	16%	9.8%	-2.1%
MSCI World	17%	5.4%	12%	25%	11%	-4.5%	16%	18%	-19%	-0.4%
IA Global Sector	14%	2.8%	7.0%	22%	9.6%	-9.4%	16%	23%	-24%	-0.1%

## Track Record Description & Methodology

\* The portfolio was launched in July 2007 ("Inception") in Australia as the Contrarian Global Value Fund. The Kennox investment team ran that fund from launch until September 2008. The Kennox Strategic Value Fund was launched in April 2009, comprising 19 of the 20 positions that existed in the Australia fund. We have assumed a static portfolio for the interim period.

Performance shown reflects total return of the Institutional Share class. Performance figures are generated from the accumulation shares since their launch on 29 April 2013. Prior to that performance figures are taken from an alternative share class, adjusted to reflect a 1.0% management fee throughout.

#### **Investment Team**

#### Charles L. Heenan (CFA), & Geoff Legg

Charles and Geoff have worked together as an investment team since the inception of the portfolio in July 2007. Both focus exclusively on the management of the Fund. They are fully aligned with investors, each having 100% of his investment in equities in the Fund. Prior to Kennox, Geoff was an actuary with Towers Perrin and Charles had spent 7 years on the First State Investment Asia Pac (ex-Japan)/GEM team.

Together, Charles and Geoff have been recognised as FE Alpha Managers: <a href="https://www.kennox.co.uk/fealpha">www.kennox.co.uk/fealpha</a>

<sup>\*</sup>Sharpe Ratio is calculated as annualised return divided by the standard deviation of the excess return over the Libor 3m Bond yield.

<sup>\*</sup>Volatility is calculated as the standard deviation of the natural log returns multiplied by the square root of the periodicity of the returns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> Active Share is calculated by taking the sum of the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each holding in the portfolio versus the weight of each holding in the benchmark index and dividing by two.

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3 Share Classes (Income & Accumulation)	Investment Management Fee	Minimum Initial Investment	GBP (Pence)	OCF	SEDOL	ISIN
Professional Income	1.3%	£20,000	122.6	1.43%	B2R8FY9	GB00B2R8FY91
Professional Accumulation	1.3%	£20,000	130.0	1.43%	в9DH0К0	GB00B9DH0K00
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Institutional Income	1.0%	£2m	124.0	1.13%	B3YDJ20	GB00B3YDJ200
Institutional Accumulation	1.0%	£2m	132.8	1.13%	B8Y8GR4	GB00B8Y8GR43
Class A Income	0.000/	620	124.1	0.030/	D0D0700	CD00D0D07004
Class A Income	0.80%	£20m	124.1	0.93%	B9D9Z90	GB00B9D9Z904
Class A Accumulation	0.80%	£20m	133.5	0.93%	B9B3CY8	GB00B9B3CY80

### **Fund Details**

**Target Asset Allocation** 

**Fund Managers** Charles L. Heenan, Geoff Legg

Investment Universe Listed securities on any globally recognised

stock exchange, bonds and cash 80-100% equities; 0-20% cash

Fund Status UK OEIC; UCITS IA Sector Global Equity

Benchmark The Fund is not benchmarked

Inception Date July 2007; UK Fund launched in April 2009

Fund Size £199 Million

ISAble Fund Yes

Pricing Daily at 1200

**Dilution Adjustment** A dilution adjustment may apply on orders greater

than 5% of AUM

**Performance Tracking** See performance section of our website:

www.kennox.co.uk/performance

 Income Share
 Income distributed semi-annually

 Ex-Dividend Dates
 Y/E: 1 October
 Interim: 1 April

 Distribution Payment Dates
 Y/E: 31 January
 Interim: 31 May

Gross Dividend Yield Professional: 1.7% Institutional: 1.9%

(net of fees) Class A: 2.1%

Registrar Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited

**Depositary; Custodian**National Westminster Bank Plc; Bank of New York Mellon

Auditor; Legal Advisor KPMG; Macfarlanes

## To deal in the Fund

#### All dealing is through our Transfer Agency:

Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited

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Application forms, the Fund prospectus and KIIDs are available on our website:

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