

# FINDLAY PARK AMERICAN FUND

MONTHLY FACTSHEET - OCTOBER 2021

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over the long-term by investing primarily in US equities. The Fund seeks to generate a return above that of the Russell 1000 Net 30% Total Return Index, a broad universe of stocks representative of the US market. Stocks are selected based on their fit with our Investment Philosophy. The composition of the Fund and its performance may look very different to the benchmark.

## Investment Approach

By applying our Investment Philosophy we aim to control the downside risk in each stock in order to produce a compelling risk-adjusted compound rate of return. We implement our philosophy by assessing each stock against a checklist of twenty-nine questions, which analyse key aspects of a business including its financial and competitive position, management and valuation. We pay particular attention to pricing power, corporate culture and the sustainability of returns.

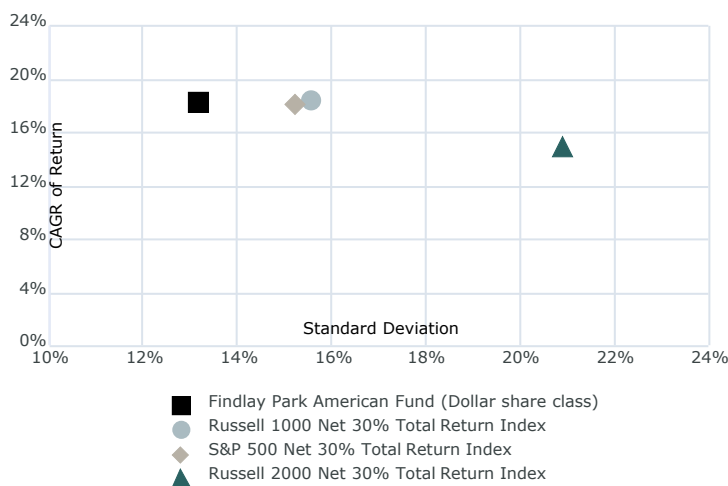
## Investment Manager

Findlay Park Partners LLP (Findlay Park) is an independent investment partnership based in London. The Investment team manage a single fund: the Findlay Park American Fund. Our purpose is to generate compelling compound returns for investors, measured over decades.

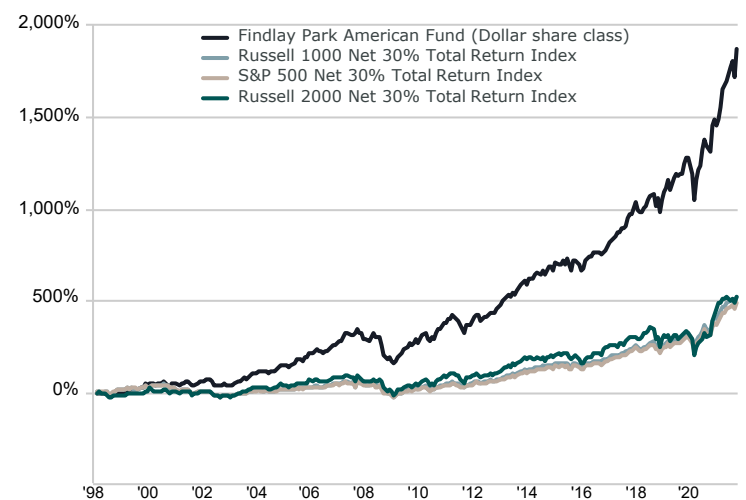
All data as at 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Share class	Dollar (other share classes detailed overleaf)
NAV per share	\$196.53
Fund size	\$16,423m
Number of holdings	46
Active share ratio <sup>1</sup>	78%
Fund structure, domicile	UCITS, Ireland
Fund base currency	US Dollar
Fund comparator benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Russell 1000 Net 30% Total Return Index
Dealing frequency	Daily (business day)
Settlement period	T+2 (i.e. two business days after dealing)
Annual management charge (AMC) <sup>3</sup>	0.91% per annum, estimated Blended fee structure
Ongoing charge (OCF) <sup>3</sup>	0.91% per annum, estimated (comprised entirely of the AMC)
Performance fee	Not applicable
EU SFDR <sup>4</sup>	Article 8

## Return Vs. Volatility – 5 Years



## Cumulative Performance – Since Inception



Cumulative Performance	Q3 2021	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception
Findlay Park American Fund (Dollar share class)	1.1%	23.5%	39.5%	76.3%	131.6%	317.4%	1868.6%
Russell 1000 Net 30% Total Return Index	0.1%	22.8%	42.9%	78.9%	134.0%	327.8%	530.5%
S&P 500 Net 30% Total Return Index	0.5%	23.6%	42.3%	76.4%	131.3%	323.1%	496.0%
Russell 2000 Net 30% Total Return Index	-4.4%	16.9%	50.4%	56.2%	101.9%	241.1%	520.4%

Calendar Year Performance	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	CAGR <sup>5</sup> Since Inception
Findlay Park American Fund (Dollar share class)	15.8%	26.8%	0.8%	23.0%	9.1%	13.4%
Russell 1000 Net 30% Total Return Index	20.3%	30.7%	-5.3%	21.0%	11.4%	8.1%
S&P 500 Net 30% Total Return Index	17.8%	30.7%	-4.9%	21.1%	11.2%	7.8%
Russell 2000 Net 30% Total Return Index	19.5%	25.0%	-11.4%	14.2%	20.8%	8.0%

Source for charts and tables: Bloomberg, FactSet and Findlay Park. **Fund performance is shown net of fees**, calculated in US Dollars, inclusive of dividends, on a NAV to NAV basis. For the first chart, Volatility refers to Standard Deviation calculated using monthly returns. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments and the income received from them may go down as well as up, and you may not get back the original amount invested. Any investment in the Fund will be subject to the risk factors set out in the Fund's Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID). Where an investor's own currency is not the US Dollar then, due to exchange rate fluctuations between such currency and the US Dollar, the performance of their investment may increase or decrease if converted into their currency.

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Top Ten Holdings	Fund
Microsoft	7.0%
Autodesk	5.7%
Intuit	5.6%
Alphabet	4.3%
Amazon	3.8%
TopBuild	3.3%
Danaher	2.9%
Arthur J Gallagher	2.8%
T-Mobile	2.7%
Sherwin-Williams	2.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.6%</b>

Market-Cap Breakdown	Fund
Over \$100bn	46.7%
\$50-100bn	19.1%
\$25-50bn	17.6%
Under \$25bn	10.8%
Cash <sup>6</sup>	5.8%

Country Exposure	Fund
United States	91.2%
Canada	3.0%
Cash <sup>6</sup>	5.8%

Sector Exposure	Fund
Information Technology	29.1%
Consumer Discretionary	14.2%
Industrials	11.6%
Financials	11.1%
Health Care	9.5%
Communication Services	8.5%
Materials	6.3%
Real Estate	2.2%
Energy	1.9%
Consumer Staples	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%
Cash <sup>6</sup>	5.8%

Source: FactSet and Findlay Park (for all tables).

## Investment Comment: Insulate America

Governments are increasingly aware of the role building insulation can play in meeting ambitious climate targets. Building operations generate an estimated 28% of all global greenhouse gas emissions: these can be reduced by improving insulation, which requires minimal maintenance and reduces energy use for decades. The energy used to produce and install insulation is quickly overshadowed by the energy and money saved through greater energy efficiency it creates. The Infrastructure bills discussed in Congress include grants for upgrading insulation and incentives to revise building codes to promote insulation, consistent with the Biden administration's pledge to reduce US emissions at least 50% below 2005 levels by 2030. **TopBuild** is the largest US distributor and installer of insulation. After sixteen acquisitions over the past five years, TopBuild has significantly consolidated the insulation installation sector. The combination of market share gains, acquisitions and margin expansion has seen the company compound earnings per share at approximately 40% CAGR between 2015 and 2020. TopBuild is a top ten holding and combined with its competitor **Installed Building Products** comprises c.4% of the Fund. We think that the role both these companies have to play in reducing carbon footprint is underappreciated.

## Share Class Information

Further details and performance information for these share classes are available from Findlay Park's website ([www.findlaypark.com/american-fund/](http://www.findlaypark.com/american-fund/)).

Share Class	Bloomberg Ticker	ISIN	SEDOL	AMC (estimated) <sup>3</sup>	OCF (estimated) <sup>3</sup>	Inception
Dollar	FINDLPI	IE0002458671	0245867	0.91%	0.91%	9 <sup>th</sup> March 1998
Sterling Hedged	FINDLPS	IE00B00J0F11	B00J0F1	0.91%	0.91%	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2004
Sterling Unhedged	FINAGBU	IE00BWY58M24	BWY58M2	0.91%	0.91%	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
Euro Unhedged	FINDAEU	IE00BMGB0004	BMGB000	0.91%	0.91%	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2020

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<sup>1</sup> Active share is a measure of the extent to which the Fund's portfolio differs to that of its benchmark. It is calculated by taking the sum of the absolute difference in weights between portfolio holdings and benchmark stocks, divided by two. An active share of 100 indicates no overlap with the benchmark. Active share calculation for the Fund excludes cash (short-dated T-Bills and cash on deposit).

<sup>2</sup> The Fund's benchmark has been the Russell 1000 Net 30% Total Return since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014. The benchmark from inception to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 was the Russell 2000 Index; and from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 a 50/50 blend of the Russell 2000 Index and the S&P 500 Index.

<sup>3</sup> With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, the Annual Management Charge (AMC) will be a blended fee structure, which will vary dependent on the Fund's size: 0.95% on net assets up to and including \$10bn and 0.85% on net assets above \$10bn. The AMC shown on the Factsheet is an estimate based on the previous year's average Fund size, calculated as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Actual costs may differ, decreasing if the Fund size grows and increasing if the Fund size reduces, up to a maximum AMC of 0.95%. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is comprised entirely of the AMC. Findlay Park will continue to cover the costs associated with operating the Fund. The AMC and OCF do not include Fund transaction costs (i.e. the costs of buying and selling stocks and other securities). Further details regarding the AMC and OCF are included in the KIID and Prospectus.

<sup>4</sup> The American Fund is categorised as an Article 8 Fund under the European Union Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Please see Findlay Park's website for more details: <https://www.findlaypark.com/responsible-investment/>.

<sup>5</sup> Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) measures the annual rate of return of an investment which reinvests its profit each year over the investment period.

<sup>6</sup> Cash includes short-dated T-Bills and cash on deposit.

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