

# USS Ethical Equity Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a better return than the benchmark over the long term, which represents equities in companies across the world. The fund will aim, so far as is practicable, to invest in shares in companies that meet the [USS Ethical Guidelines](#), which may result in return deviations when compared to the fund's broad market benchmark. The returns generated by overseas equities are not currency hedged, so may be impacted by currency movements. The fund uses a mix of passive and active management.

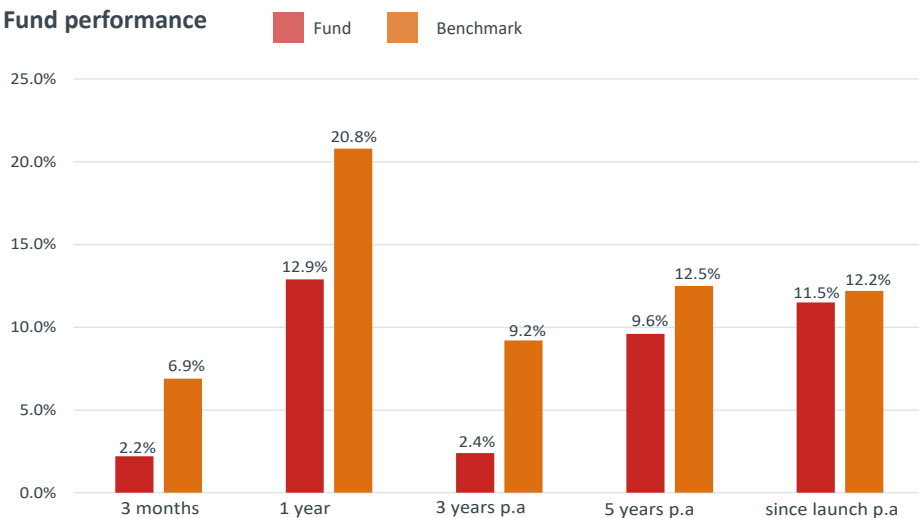
## Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive absolute but negative returns relative to its broad market benchmark over the quarter.
- The Fund invests in accordance with the USS Ethical Guidelines and the actively managed components of the Fund were underweight to some of the best performing stocks compared to the broad market benchmark (AI linked stocks in particular) over 2024.

### Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **13.4%**

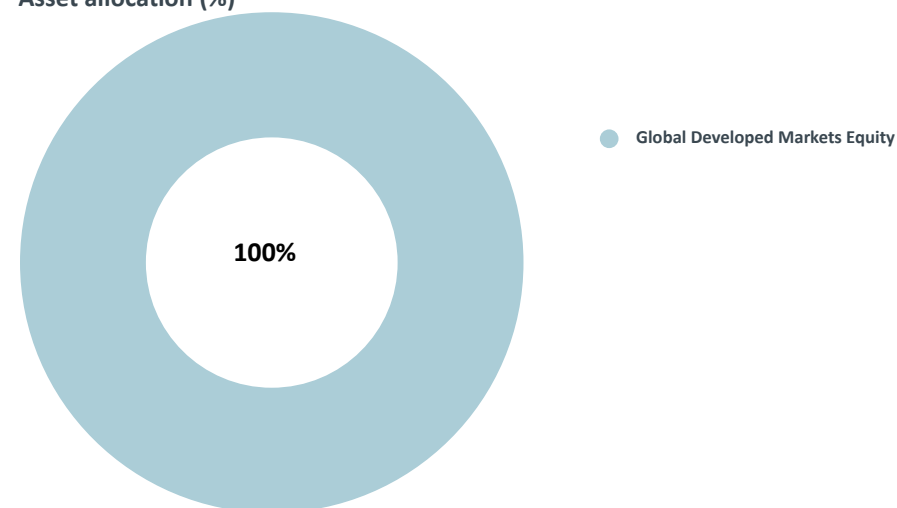
## Fund performance



## Fund Facts

Benchmark	MSCI World Index
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%
Fund Size	£97.9m
Management style	Mix

## Asset allocation (%)



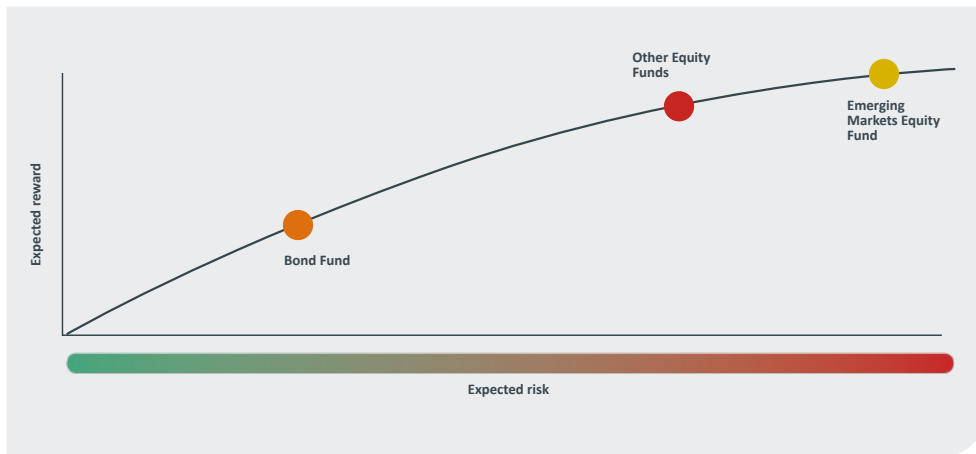
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## Comparative risk

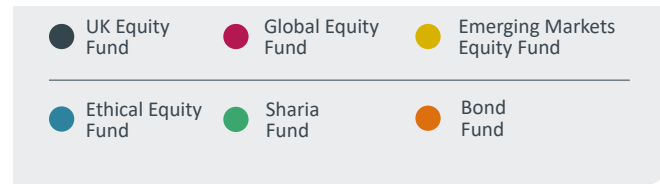
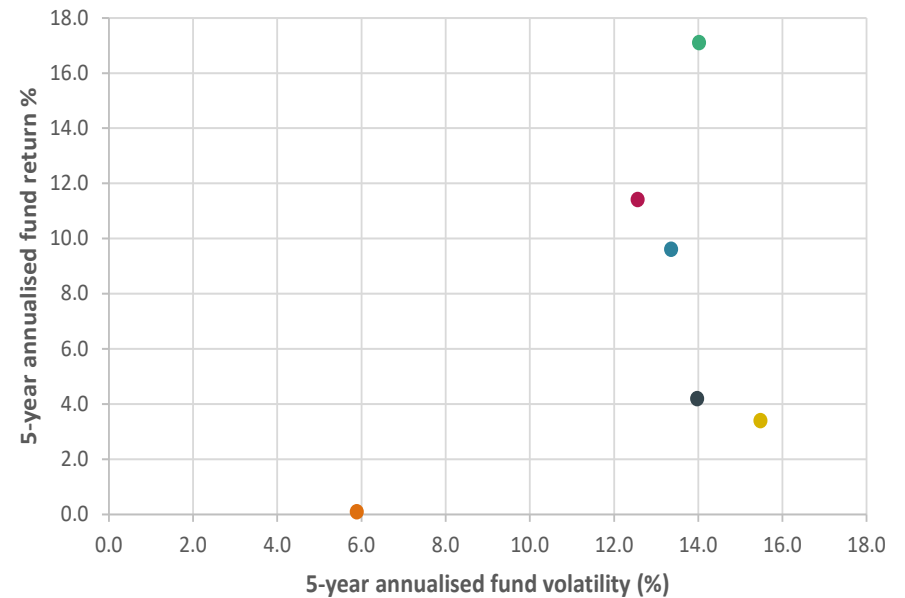
### Risk Factor

This chart shows how we expect the risk of the Let Me Do It funds to compare over the long term. The risk factors range from Low to High and are shown on a relative basis.



### Realised risk and return

This chart shows a comparison of the realised risk and return of the Let Me Do It funds (after subsidy) over a 5 year period.

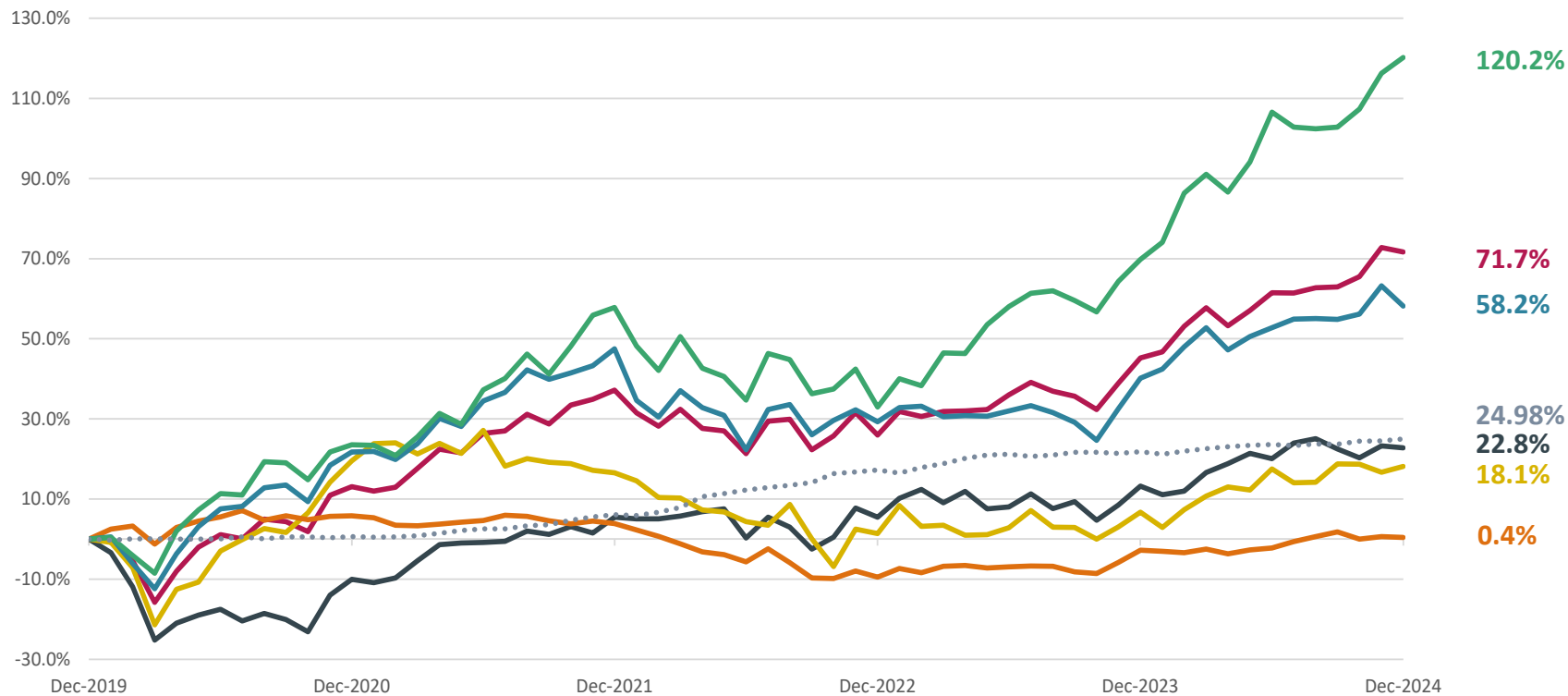


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## Cumulative performance

This chart shows the cumulative performance of USS funds against the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over a 5 year period. CPI is a good indicator of inflation as it measures the change in price of consumer goods and services. 5-year cumulative performance is the increase or decrease of returns as a percentage over the whole period. So, if a fund is performing above the CPI, it means that money saved in it is growing faster than the rise in the cost of living.



- UK Equity Fund
- Global Equity Fund
- Emerging Markets Equity Fund
- Inflation (UK CPI)
- Ethical Equity Fund
- Sharia Fund
- Bond Fund

## Important information

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