# FUNDFACTS



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## **OASIS CRESCENT VARIABLE FUND**

■ APRIL-2023

Fund Manager	Adam Ebrahim	Min. Initial Investment	GBP 5,000
Launch Date	11 December 2020	Min. Additional Investment	GBP 1,000
Risk Profile	Low to Medium	Fund Size	GBP 7.5 million
Benchmark	OECD Inflation + 0.7%	Total Expense Ratio	1.50%

The Oasis Crescent Variable Fund (OCVF) seeks to provide investors with capital growth and income over the medium to long term, which amounts to a period of over five years. The Fund is invested in a broadly diversified and balanced mixture of global securities that are listed on various international exchanges.

The range of investment instruments will include equity, fixed income, debt securities issued by governments and/or companies, property and cash or cash equivalent asset classes. The portfolio may have a particular bias at any given time to either equity securities or to non-equity securities, as it allows the fund manager to make discretionary choices when making asset allocation decisions. These investment decisions will always be made within the constraints of the Fund's objective and investment policy. The Oasis Crescent Variable Balanced Fund may invest in markets which the Investment Manager considers as emerging markets and will not invest in financial derivative instruments.

# **Cumulative Returns**

Cumulative Returns	Sept- Dec 2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD APR 2023	Return Since Inception	
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Oasis Crescent Variable Fund	3.0	0.3	7.2	0.2	(12.9)	10.7	(5.2)	11.4	(7.0)	2.5	7.6	0.9
OECD Inflation + 0.7%	(0.0)	1.4	2.1	3.1	3.5	2.5	2.0	6.6	11.1	2.3	39.8	4.0

The Fund was launched following Oasis Crescent Global Variable Balanced Fund's ("OCVBF") merger with the Fund on 11 December 2020.

Returns in GBP, Net-of-Fees, Gross of Non Permissible Income of the OCVF since inception to 30 April 2023. NPI for the 12 months to April 2023 was 0.23%.

(Source: Oasis Research; Bloomberg: September 2014 – April 2023) Note: OECD Benchmark lags by 1 month.

### **Annualised Returns**

Annualised Returns	% Growth 1 Year	% Growth 3 Year	% Growth 5 Year	% Growth 7 Year	Since Inception Annualised
Oasis Crescent Variable Fund	(2.9)	5.6	(0.2)	0.1	0.9
OECD Inflation + 0.7%	8.5	7.0	5.3	4.6	4.0

Performance (% returns) in GBP Net-of-Fees Gross of Non Permissible Income of the OCVF since inception to 30 April 2023.

(Source: Oasis Research; Bloomberg: September 2014 – April 2023)

Note: OECD Benchmark lags by 1 month.

## **Asset Allocation**

Asset Allocation	APRIL 2023 OCVF %			
Equity	56			
Income	34			
Property	10			
Total	100			

Asset Allocation of the OCVF (30 April 2023)

(Source: Oasis Research: April 2023)

#### **Fund Manager Comments**

The UK economy has faced multiple growth challenges over the past decade. Productivity growth has weakened following the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), potentially reflecting the large importance of the financial sector in economic activity. The productivity challenge has been exacerbated by Brexit as well as the COVID pandemic shock which have both served to reduce labour supply, potential economic growth and trade. According to the IMF, the UK has grown at an annual average of 0.8% over the decade to 2020, underperforming the 2.0% and 3.7%, respectively, for the Advanced and Global economies. In this at an annual average of 0.8% over the decade to 2020, underperforming the 2.0% and 3.7%, respectively, for the Advanced and Global economics. In this respect, the negative impact of Brexit would seem to have been a significant negative differentiating factor for the UK. Looking ahead, the IMF expects the UK economy to underperform its peers in 2023, with a contraction of -0.6% GDP growth and just +0.9% growth in 2024. Notwithstanding the challenges the UK. faces, it is still exceedingly well placed to lay the foundation for a significant economic recovery with supportive trade and investment policies, boosted by an extremely competitive Sterling exchange rate. Sterling has experienced three major shocks in the past 6 years: Brexit vote (2016), COVID pandemic (2020) and aggressive interest rate tightening by the Federal Reserve (2022) in response to last year's global inflation surge. Sterling is currently 25% below its 15 year average of 1.55 which provides the UK economy with a significant competitiveness advantage. Given UK business investment has underperformed since the Brexit referendum in 2016 and the COVID-19 pandemic, there is huge pent up investment demand. The UK remains an extremely competitive place to do business and an attractive investment destination even more so after the recent Sterling depreciation. As a result, the UK government has an ideal opportunity to put in place supportive trade and investment policies which significantly boost business investment back towards normalised levels after a long period of uncertainty. In the February 2023 Budget the government announced an extension of 30 hours per week of free childcare to all children under 9 months to 4 years, starting from next year, which will help childcarers, particularly women back into the labour market, lessening shortages and potentially improving productivity outcomes. In addition, the Levelling-Up Agenda can drive economic dynamism and productivity gains across all regions of the UK. UK specific factors that could boost economic growth include: 1) expediting post-Brexit Free Trade Agreements; 2) an extremely competitive currency; 3) Levelling Up Agenda to boost economic dynamism across UK; 4) easing geopolitical tensions which further reduces wholesale gas prices and boosts regional trade. UK specific factors that could constrain growth are: 1) worsening geopolitical risks which leads to renewed upside pressure on household energy costs; 2) post-Brexit trade and business investment inertia; 3) supply chain disruptions, including significant spread of domestic strikes; 4) Sharp fall in house prices which leads to a decline in household spending.

Despite the UK challenges, its equity market has outperformed Global markets over the past year. Since the Brexit referendum in 2016 we have seen underperformance in the UK economy and business investment but the UK remains an appealing business and investment destination. The UK government has an ideal opportunity to put trade and investment policies in place to boost investment, deliver stronger growth and move past this long period of uncertainty. Companies in a number of sectors continue to face margin pressure due to not being able to pass on all the inflationary cost pressure to customers. A more volatile environment is suitable for the Oasis philosophy which is focused on selecting high quality companies that are priced below intrinsic value and this environment provides attractive opportunities for the implementation of our philosophy. As we move from a period of abundance in liquidity and monetary easing over the past 10 years to a period of monetary tightening, rising geo-political risk and higher volatility we enter an environment that perfectly suits the Oasis investment philosophy to take advantage of opportunities in the market. Your portfolio is focused on companies with market leadership, strong competitive advantages, sustainability, outstanding management, delivering high levels of profitability and cash flow and priced below intrinsic value.

Despite lower development activity curtailing new property supply and creating an improving environment for property owners, REIT prices have been volatile due to the impact of rising interest rates while the office sector remains under pressure with high vacancies in a number of the major global cities. Your fund is well diversified with high exposure to sectors that benefit from the 4th Industrial Revolution and positive secular drivers including Logistics, Datacenters, Storage and Healthcare. The combination of this high exposure to positive secular drivers and focus on REITS with strong management teams and superior balance sheets results in your fund being well positioned.

Signs that global energy and food prices peaked in mid-2022 have led to a pullback in inflation from 40 year highs, allowing central banks to signal that a more moderate pace of interest rate hikes going forward is appropriate. There was a sharp decline in 10 year Treasury yields during March against the backdrop of acute financial sector stress in US and Europe, evident in the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in the US, the largest bank collapse since Washington Mutual in 2008 as well as the takeover of the ailing Credit Suisse by UBS. While not necessarily a problem for a specific bank at a given point in time, when combined with a dramatic withdrawal of deposits, as was the case with SVB, an institution could quickly become insolvent without emergency liquidity provision from the Federal Reserve. The additional liquidity support made to the US banking system during March saw the Federal Reserve's balance sheet expand by \$325bn to \$8.8tn, reversing its pre-standing policy of quantitative tightening in place since mid-2022 as the Federal Reserve looked to reduce monetary accommodation to combat the surge in consumer inflation. There has also been net liquidity injections from the PBOC as Chinese authorities increased stimulus measures to support the economy, boosting its balance sheet to close to 1 year highs of \$6.1tn. As a result, the combined global central bank balance sheet has risen to 1 year highs of \$29.6tn. Improving liquidity may help to stabilise financial markets even while underlying volatility remains elevated for now. There has been a wholesale recalibration of short-term interest rates, as markets anticipated that banking sector stress could lead to interest rates cuts in coming months. Central banks will remain between a rock and a hard place for the foreseeable future, looking to maintain a tight monetary policy stance in order to ensure consumer inflation returns back to target in coming months which at the same time increases headwinds to economic activity and employment. Any renewed bout of

Sources: Oasis Research, Bloomberg statistics, IMF World Economic Outlook

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