

## FUND FACTS

Fund	LF Blue Whale Growth Fund
Fund Launch Date	11 September 2017
Lead Fund Manager	Stephen Yiu
Co-Manager (October 2019)	Daniel Allcock
Fund Size	£980m
IA Sector	Global
Fund Type	UK OEIC
Base Currency	GBP
Dividend Dates	End of February, August
ACD	Link Fund Solutions (LF)
Depository	Northern Trust Global Services
Dealing	Daily at Noon
Initial Charge	0.0%
Performance Fee	0.0%

## PORTFOLIO FACTS

No. of holdings	30
Avg. market cap	>£100bn

### Top 10 Holdings %

Adobe	Intuit	50.9
Alphabet	Mastercard	
Atlassian	Microsoft	
Autodesk	Nvidia	
Facebook	Visa	

### Geographical Breakdown %

US	71.3
Europe	19.3
Asia Pacific	4.2
Cash	5.1

### Sector Breakdown %

Technology	54.0
Healthcare	14.3
Communication Services	13.3
Consumer Discretionary	8.7
Consumer Staples	2.7
Financials	1.9
Cash	5.1

## SHARE CLASS DETAILS

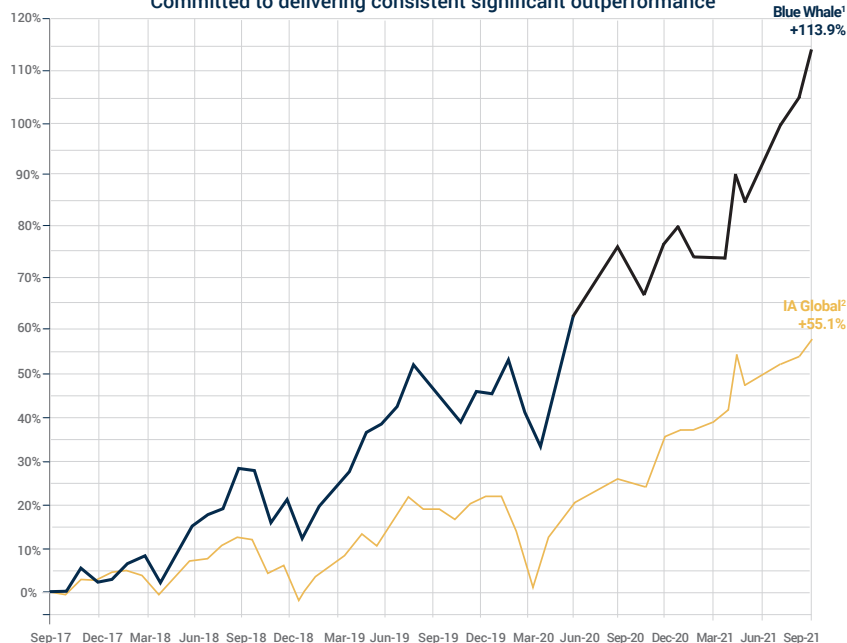
Share Class	OCF	Minimum	ISIN
I Acc (GBP)	0.87%	£10m	GB00BD6PG563
I Inc (GBP)	0.87%	£10m	GB00BD6PG670
R Acc (GBP)	1.12%	£1,000	GB00BD6PG787
R Inc (GBP)	1.12%	£1,000	GB00BD6PG894
R Acc (EUR)	1.62%	€1,000	GB00BYVQ1C38

## AWARDS AND RATINGS



## PERFORMANCE

“Committed to delivering consistent significant outperformance”



	To Date	2021	2020	2019	2018	Since Launch	Annualised
<b>Blue Whale<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>+18.7%</b>	<b>+26.4%</b>	<b>+27.6%</b>	<b>+8.6%</b>		<b>+113.9%</b>	<b>+21.1%</b>
IA Global Average <sup>2</sup>	+14.9%	+14.8%	+22.1%	-5.6%		+58.8%	+12.3%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>+3.8%</b>	<b>+11.5%</b>	<b>+5.5%</b>	<b>+14.2%</b>		<b>+55.1%</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

<sup>1</sup>I class Acc shares, net of fees priced at midday UK time, source: Bloomberg. <sup>2</sup>IA Global Sector average, source: Lipper. Chart data plotted at monthly intervals; data as at the last day of the calendar month.

## WHAT WE DO

- Aim to buy and hold high quality businesses at an attractive price.
- In-house research underpinning a high-conviction portfolio of 25-35 stocks.
- Significant resources dedicated to internal financial modelling and proprietary valuation metrics.
- Focus on a genuinely active, valuation-driven approach.

### Investment Objective

The Investment Objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth over any five year period, after all costs and charges have been taken.

### Investment Strategy

In selecting investments for the portfolio, the Investment Manager will identify companies which, based on its analysis, meet the following criteria:

- have the ability to grow and improve profitability over the long term;
- have a current valuation that is attractive relative to their future growth and profitability;

The Investment Manager will select companies from a broad range of geographies and sectors with no particular sector or style bias.

### Risk Management

- UK UCITS-compliant.
- Assessment of company specific risk factors, including those related to ESG, that might materially impact the business's sustainable return on investment.

## WHERE DO REVENUES ACTUALLY COME FROM? BLUE WHALE'S GUIDE TO SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

At Blue Whale, we pride ourselves in the depth of our research and our investment team's ability to translate insights into fund performance.

Here we offer a sneak peek into our research process to help our investors understand what fund managers do in an otherwise opaque industry.

When we look at a company, we always analyse three things: *who* they sell to (the customers), *what* they sell (the product), and *how* they sell it (the business model). These three things help us assess the company's ability to outperform the market.

In this article, we focus on understanding where a company delivers value to truly appreciate its underlying economic exposure and understand its impact on portfolio sector diversification.

### Follow the Money – where do revenues come from?

Most standard sector classifications are based on what a company sells. Amazon operates an online retailer so it's often classified along with Walmart as a retailer. Adobe sells software so it's classified with Microsoft as a tech business.

While this represents a quick way of approximating a company's sector exposure, we find it less helpful for understanding the true economic exposures behind a company's performance.

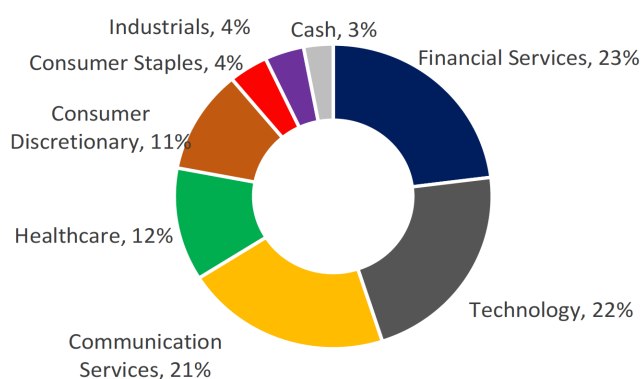
Take Adobe for instance. Adobe's main customers are creative professionals in the media and entertainment space which exposes the company's fortunes to video editing, photo editing, online marketing and online advertising. This ties its fate to the producers of content and the platforms through which they're distributed. That's why we classify Adobe under Media and Entertainment along with Disney, Netflix, Youtube and Facebook: it's the demand for digital content that's driving Adobe's performance.

Autodesk, on the other hand, sells software mainly to the construction, industrial and manufacturing industries. This makes its underlying economic exposure closer to housebuilders like Ashstead, construction companies like Balfour Beatty, their cement and aggregates suppliers, as well as manufacturing giants like Siemens and Philips. That's why we prefer to classify Autodesk with Industrials companies: it's the digitisation of construction and industrials processes that's driving Autodesk's growth.

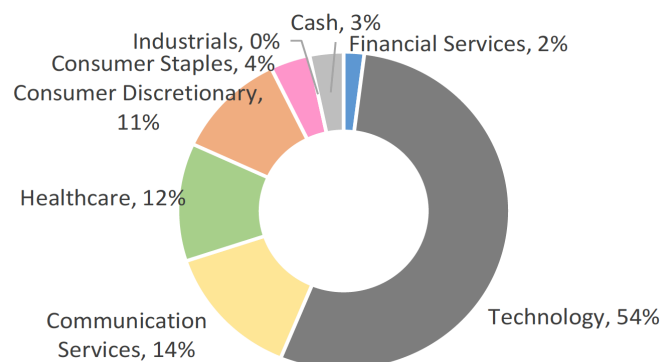
Furthermore, companies like Visa and Mastercard, which are often classified as tech companies but whose clients are mainly banks and other financial institutions, are clearly more exposed to the banking and payment industries. That's why we prefer to classify Visa and Mastercard as Financial Services rather than Software.

Applying this at the portfolio level helps us better understand the true level of diversification from our collection of companies. We see for instance that almost half of the portfolio is exposed to financial services/payments and media & entertainment, something that's not immediately observable from standard industry classifications.

**X-Ray view of portfolio's economic exposures**



**Standard Sector Classification**

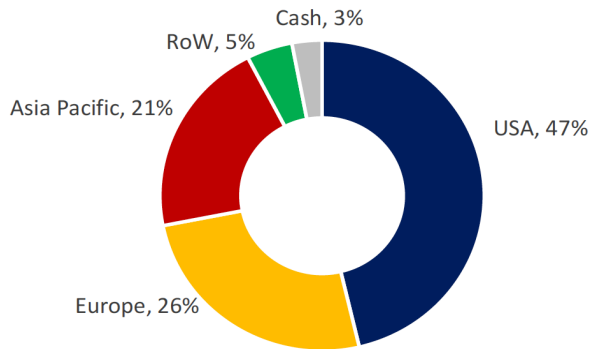


Source: Blue Whale Capital, as at 31 July 2021

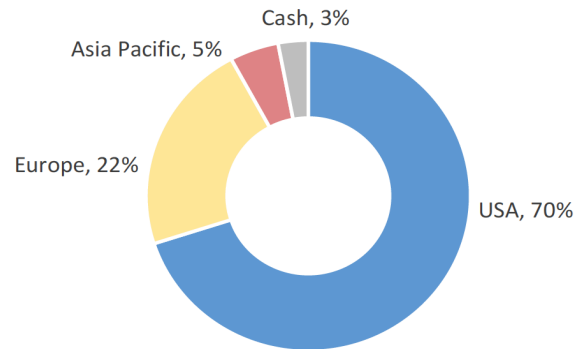
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A similar exercise can be made when looking at our portfolio's geographic exposure. Although many of the companies we own are listed in the US (about 70% of our portfolio), almost all are large global companies generating revenues in Europe and Asia (often 40% or more), just like many companies listed on the FTSE 100 Index. Taking this x-ray view of where revenues come from, we can see that our portfolio's underlying exposure is very well diversified globally.

**X-Ray view of portfolio's economic exposures**



**Standard Geographic Exposure by Country Listing**



Source: Blue Whale Capital, as at 31 July 2021

We believe that doing this helps investors better understand the true level of portfolio concentration risk in any one sector as well as providing a deeper understanding of the key drivers behind portfolio performance. We invite all investors to take a deeper look at their own portfolios and to ask their fund managers to report on their underlying exposures – the results might surprise you!

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