

#### **Investment Objective**

To earn capital growth and income through value, arbitrage, and special situation investments in the continent of Africa. Portfolio investments will include equity, debt, and other interests in both listed and unlisted assets.

### Listing

Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange's Main Market

#### **Dividend Policy**

An amount equal to the annual comprehensive income excluding net capital gains/losses.

### Fund Performance – 31 May 2020

| NAV per share            | \$0.575 | Total Net Assets      | \$25.6mm |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|
| Share price as at 31 May | \$0.510 | Market Capitalization | \$22.7mm |
| Discount to NAV          | 11%     | Shares outstanding    | 44.6mm   |

## Year to Date Change in NAV

| % US\$<br>NAV<br>Return | 2008   | 2009   | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014   | 2015   | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | 2020  |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Jan                     | -0.7%  | -2.1%  | 5.6%  | -1.4% | 1.9%  | 4.9%  | 2.2%   | -5.1%  | -3.2% | -1.0% | 5.1%   | 0.9%  | -1.1% |
| Feb                     | 1.9%   | -10.4% | 1.2%  | -1.1% | 0.4%  | -0.8% | 3.3%   | -1.8%  | 2.5%  | -0.5% | 3.8%   | 7.6%  | -3.0% |
| March                   | 1.4%   | 16.7%  | 3.1%  | 2.9%  | 0.0%  | 7.8%  | -4.0%  | -2.4%  | 1.8%  | 3.0%  | 0.1%   | -5.0% | -8.0% |
| April                   | 1.0%   | 6.2%   | 4.7%  | 5.5%  | 0.5%  | 5.4%  | -2.8%  | 2.3%   | 4.0%  | 1.8%  | -4.5%  | -2.2% | 5.7%  |
| May                     | 0.1%   | 3.7%   | -8.4% | 1.5%  | -6.0% | -1.4% | -8.3%  | 1.0%   | -2.0% | 2.1%  | -8.4%  | -1.4% | -3.7% |
| June                    | -0.6%  | 10.0%  | -6.7% | -0.9% | 1.1%  | 0.4%  | 0.8%   | -2.5%  | -0.2% | -0.6% | -0.6%  | 2.7%  |       |
| July                    | -3.8%  | 5.0%   | 10.9% | 4.2%  | -0.7% | 3.2%  | 0.6%   | 1.8%   | -1.3% | 3.5%  | 1.8%   | -2.3% |       |
| Aug                     | -8.2%  | 2.4%   | 0.3%  | -2.5% | -1.9% | 1.7%  | -2.2%  | -2.2%  | 0.5%  | 11.3% | -3.9%  | -2.9% |       |
| Sept                    | -9.8%  | 8.0%   | 8.2%  | -9.0% | 1.5%  | 2.8%  | -2.6%  | -3.2%  | 0.7%  | -2.6% | -2.1%  | -0.9% |       |
| Oct                     | -23.8% | 1.5%   | 7.5%  | 3.6%  | -2.7% | -0.3% | -4.1%  | -0.5%  | -0.2% | -0.5% | -4.6%  | 1.4%  |       |
| Nov                     | -10.2% | 1.6%   | -3.5% | -2.8% | 4.6%  | 1.5%  | -2.0%  | 2.9%   | -2.1% | 1.3%  | -12.8% | -6.3% |       |
| Dec                     | -4.1%  | 0.1%   | 3.6%  | 2.6%  | 6.3%  | -0.1% | 0.9%   | -2.5%  | 3.1%  | -1.4% | -3.6%  | 3.5%  |       |
| FY                      | -42.5% | 48.2%  | 27.1% | 1.6%  | 4.4%  | 27.7% | -17.3% | -11.4% | -9.5% | 16.9% | -27.0% | -5.5% | -9.8% |

### Table of monthly top performers and losers

| Security                         | % Gain | Security                | % Loss |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Sonatel                          | 6%     | Enterprise Group        | -12%   |
| Mashonaland                      | 29%    | First Mutual Properties | -26%   |
| African Bank Floating Rate Notes | 6%     | Anglogold Ashanti       | -5%    |
| Kosmos                           | 10%    | Copperbelt Energy       | -4%    |



| Top Ten Holdings        |  |          |
|-------------------------|--|----------|
| Company Name            | Description  | % of NAV |
| Cash Balance            | Percentage of Portfolio net asset value held as cash                   | 19.9%    |
| Enterprise Group        | Ghanaian property & casualty insurance and life assurance company      | 17.1%    |
| African Leadership      | Network of tertiary institutions in Rwanda and Mauritius               | 9.2%     |
| CEC                     | Largest electricity transmitter in the Zambian Copperbelt              | 8.2%     |
| Sonatel                 | Dominant Senegalese and regional integrated telecommunication operator | 7.8%     |
| AngloGold Ashanti       | Gold mining company operating in 10 countries                          | 6.0%     |
| First Mutual Properties | Real estate company based in Zimbabwe                                  | 4.2%     |
| Tanzania Breweries      | Largest producer and distributor of alcoholic beverages in Tanzania    | 4.3%     |
| StanChart Bank Ghana    | Leading commercial bank in Ghana                                       | 3.3%     |
| Mashonaland Holdings    | Real estate company based in Zimbabwe                                  | 2.2%     |
|                         |  | 82.2%    |

## Manager's Commentary

#### **Market Conditions**

The Africa Opportunity Fund ("AOF" or the "Company" or the "Fund") NAV declined 3.7% in May, while its share price remained unchanged. As a reference, three major African indexes recorded gains, while two indexes recorded losses. Nigeria gained 12.8%, Morocco gained 4.6% and South Africa gained 5.4% while Egypt was down 3.8% and Kenya was down 1.4%. Three Africa-focused ETFs – the Lyxor ETF (PAF FP), the DBX MSCI Africa Top 50 (XMAF LN), and Van Eck Africa Index (AFK US) were up, 3.4%, 0.8%, and 3.9% respectively.

## **Portfolio Highlights**

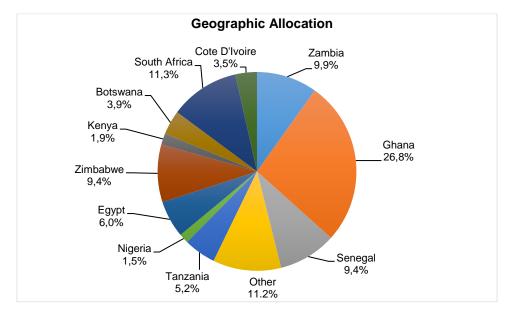
The Fund's largest losses came from Enterprise Group, First Mutual and Anglogold Ashanti, while its largest gains came from Sonatel, Mashonaland Holdings, and Kosmos. Enterprise Group accounted for over 50% of net losses. EGL declined 12% against a total traded volume of approximately \$30,000 in May, which imply that trading activity was dominated by retail rather than institutional investors. Copperbelt (CEC) remains mired in operating challenges. The power supply agreement between CEC and its largest customer, Konkola Copper Mines (KCM), expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Upon expiry, KCM had accumulated \$144.7 million debt to CEC in unpaid power charges over a 12 month period. Despite impairing KCM's overdue receivable, CEC remained profitable in 2019. The Government of Zambia declared CEC's distribution and transmission infrastructure as a "Common Carrier" to enable its wholly-owned power generation subsidiary-ZESCO- to wheel power to KCM through CEC's infrastructure at a tariff set by CECs' regulator. The regulator has imposed a 66% tariff reduction on CEC's wheeling charges. CEC has fallen afoul of the tendency of sub-Saharan African regulators to elevate the short-term needs of electricity consumers above the long-term interests of electricity companies. Copperbelt will issue a more comprehensive announcement on the measures it will pursue in light on these developments.

#### Fund Exposure – 31 May 2020

|               | Exposure |                    | Exposure |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Long Equities | 70.1%    | Special Situations | 9.2%     |
| Bonds         | 3.6%     | Net Current Assets | 17.1%    |



# Fund Exposure by Country – 31 May 2020



## **Company Details (Ordinary Shares)**

| Bloomberg | AOF LN                        |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Reuters   | AOF.L                         |
| Website   | www.africaopportunityfund.com |
| Listing   | SFS / London Stock Exchange   |
| Structure | Closed-end                    |
| ISIN      | KYG012921048                  |
|           | Euroclear/Clearstream         |
| Inception | 26 July 2007                  |
| Domicile  | Cayman Islands                |
|           |                               |

| Portfolio          | Francis Daniels                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Managers           | Robert Knapp                    |
| Investment Manager | Africa Opportunity Partners Ltd |
| Broker             | Liberum Capital Ltd             |
| Auditor            | Ernst & Young (Mauritius)       |

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