

Davy Defensive High Yield Fund

from **New Ireland**

Fund Performance Sheet March 2022

Fund Objective

The Davy Defensive High Yield Fund (the 'Fund') is a risk managed fund which aims to offer equity market type returns but with reduced levels of volatility. The investment manager invests in large global companies which historically pay higher than average dividend yields. The investment manager implements a simple strategy that generates additional income. This additional income is then used to buy some 'insurance' to help protect it against significant equity market falls.

Key Facts (at 31st March 2022)

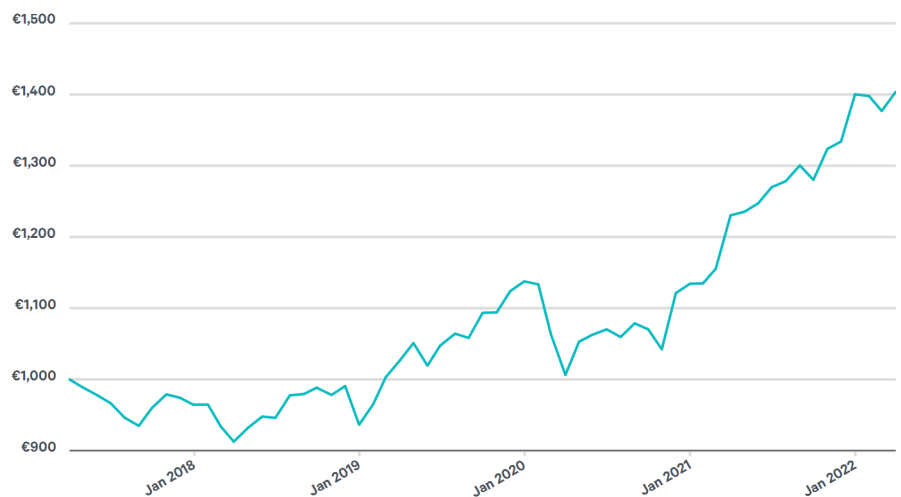
Fund Manager	Mark Seavers & Team
Investment Manager	Davy Global Fund Management
Inception	30/09/2011
Structure	UCITS ¹
Daily Valuation	Yes
Provider	New Ireland Assurance
Portfolio Statistics (at 31st March 2022)	
P/E Ratio	13.70
Indicative Dividend Yield	3.10%
Price/Book	3.00
Return On Equity	26.50%
No Of Holdings	53
Fund Volatility	12.80%
Index Volatility	19.10%
Fund Enquiries	If you have any queries on this fund, please contact New Ireland directly or your independent financial adviser.

Source: Davy Global Fund Management, Style Analytics & Bloomberg

Monthly Comment

The Fund returned 1.95% in March. Equity markets recovered to finish well above February lows. The MSCI World Index returned 3.72% in euro terms, helped significantly by strength in the dollar driven by a flight to safety. The month was dominated by a hawkish tone from central banks and by the war in Ukraine. The Russia/Ukraine war exacerbated inflation fears due to their importance in the supply of energy and food. There was a wide dispersion of returns among the various sectors of the equity market. Energy and commodity-related stocks performed best as prices of oil, gas and metals soared in response to the supply disruption caused by the war. Last years best performers in the technology, internet-related sectors lagged as interest rates rose. The Options Strategy contributed positively.

Figure 1: Growth of €1,000 to 31st March 2022²



Source: New Ireland and Davy Global Fund Management

Table 1: Rolling Fund Performance (As at 31st March 2022)²

Fund Performance	1M	3M	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr(P.A)	5 Yr(P.A)
Davy Defensive High Yield Fund	2.0%	0.3%	0.3%	14.1%	11.0%	7.0%

Table 2: Calendar Year Performance²

Calendar Year Performance	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Davy Defensive High Yield Fund	23.4%	-0.3%	21.5%	-2.9%	-2.7%

Source: New Ireland (Davy Defensive High Yield Fund Series 6, performance is quoted gross of taxation and net of fund management charge). The fund management charge and product charges will vary depending on the terms and conditions of your policy.

The performance of the New Ireland Davy Defensive High Yield Fund encompasses both the past performance of the Davy Defensive High Yield Fund, a sub-fund of the Skyline Umbrella Fund plc, from 30th September 2011 to 21 July 2015 and the past performance of the Davy Defensive Equity Income Fund (formerly Defensive Income Fund), a sub-fund of Davy Funds plc, from its launch on 22nd July 2015 to report date.

Warning: Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The return on investments denominated in non-euro currencies may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates. The income you get from this investment may go down as well as up.

¹ The Davy Defensive High Yield Fund from New Ireland invests in units of the Davy Defensive Equity Income Fund (UCITS), which is managed by Davy Global Fund Management.

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Figure 2: Geographic Allocation (% Equity)³

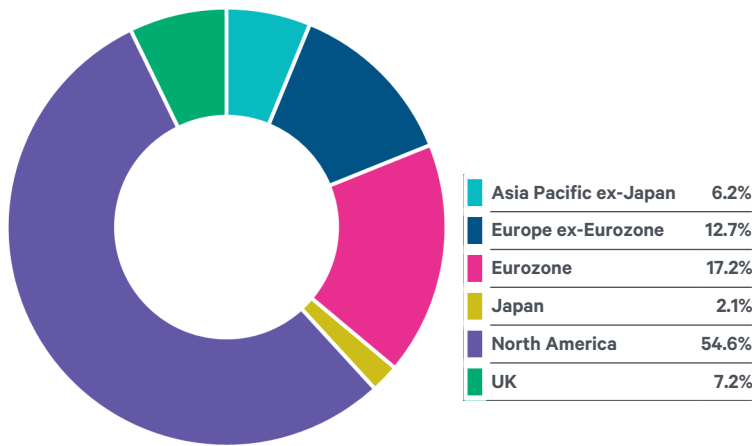
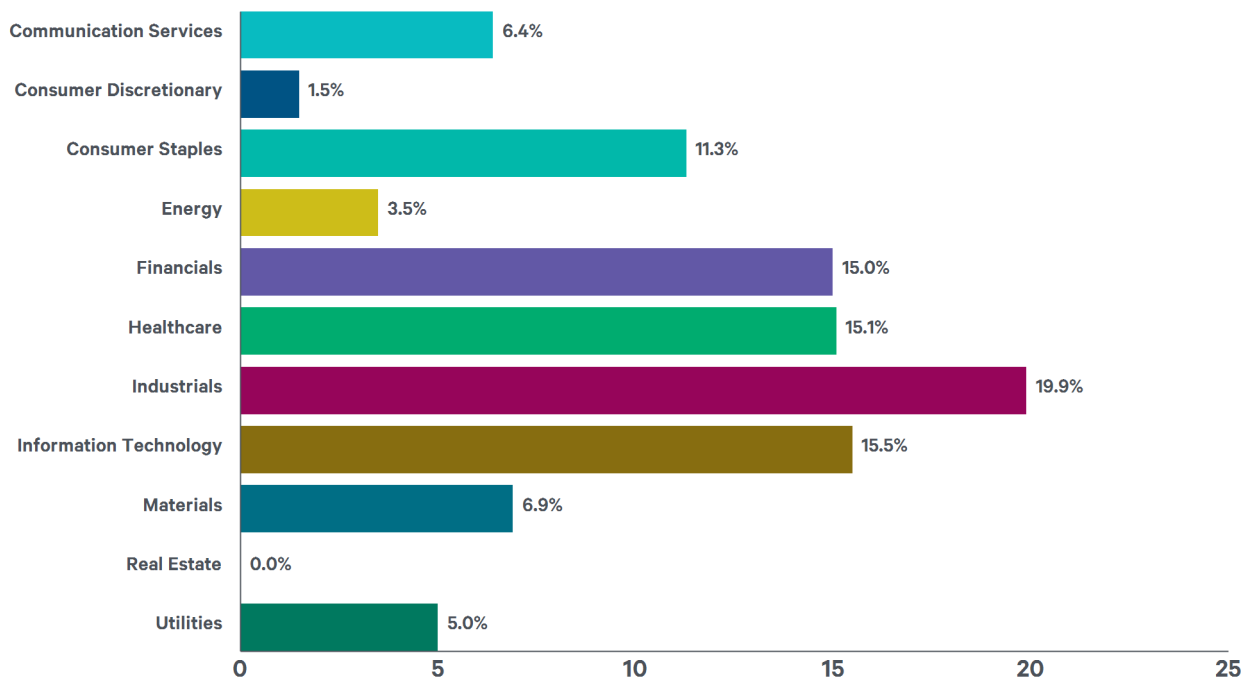


Table 3 : Holdings³

Top 10 Holdings	% Equity
MICROSOFT CORP	4.7
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG CO	3.5
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	3.4
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	3.3
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	3.1
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC	3.0
NESTLE SA/AG	2.9
PFIZER INC	2.9
CHEVRON CORP	2.5
RIO TINTO GROUP	2.5

Figure 3: Sector Allocation (% Equity)³



Source: Davy Global Fund Management and Bloomberg

Strategic Overview

The investment manager adheres to a strict investment process and invests in large global stocks which historically pay higher than average dividend yields.

The investment manager sells call options on some of the stocks within the portfolio (the UCITS fund) using a simple options strategy that provides the Fund with additional income.

The investment manager will use this additional income from selling the call options to buy some 'insurance' to help protect it against significant equity market falls.

Stock Selection

The stock selection process involves a number of stages:

A. The global universe of stocks is quantitatively screened to identify attractive candidates for possible selection by the investment manager. These candidates will display the following characteristics:

- Dividend yields which are typically above the global sector average
- Positive dividend growth
- Financial strength, as reflected in solid balance sheets and cash flow statements
- Attractive valuations

B. The investment manager then undertakes rigorous fundamental analysis of the candidates that meet the screening criteria and, where possible, meets the company management.

C. From the list of these candidates, the investment manager selects stocks which will be structured.

³ Weightings in geographic allocation, holdings, market capitalisation and sector allocation are indicative only and may change subject to the discretion of the Manager. Due to rounding, some totals may not equal 100%.

Please see Page 3 for further information.

Structure: The Davy Defensive Equity Income Fund is a sub-fund of Davy Funds plc, an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 and is governed by the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (i.e. UCITS Fund). Subscriptions may only be based on the current Prospectus together (where applicable) with the most recent annual report and (if issued after such report) the most recent semi-annual report. A copy of the Prospectus and reports (where issued) may be obtained free of charge from the Administrator to the Fund. Please refer to fund documentation for information on fees and charges that apply to your investment. Retail investors may gain exposure to the UCITS Fund through the New Ireland platform. The performance of the New Ireland Defensive High Yield Fund is linked to the performance of the UCITS Fund. For further information on the New Ireland Defensive High Yield Fund or to make additional premiums, please contact your financial adviser or New Ireland. Please refer to your policy documentation for information on fees, charges and risks that apply to this investment.

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