# Brickwood Asset Management

## TM Brickwood Global Value Fund

**INVESTMENT REVIEW** 

For the period 20 March 2025 to 31 March 2025

Investment Review as at 31 March 2025

#### TM Brickwood Global Value Fund

The TM Brickwood Global Value fund was launched on March 20th, 2025. The investment objective of the Fund is to outperform its benchmark, the MSCI All Companies World Index (ACWI), net of fees, over the long term (a rolling 5-year period). The Fund aims to achieve the investment objective by investing at least 80% in companies based anywhere in the world. The remainder of the Fund may be invested in fixed income assets (which may include government and public securities) and other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash, near cash and deposits.

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#### **Investment Philosophy**

Brickwood has a clear investment philosophy, which the team have implemented for over 30 years. As value investors, we believe that one of the biggest determinants of future returns is whether the valuation paid for an individual security is high or low relative to its long-term history. Our aim is to identify undervalued securities and wait for the market to recognise their value. Through commitment to a clearly defined, evidence based and repeatable process, this approach has historically delivered attractive returns over the long term.

#### **Investment Process**

Our process starts with screening for lowly valued shares using two screens. Both screens have a substantial body of evidence demonstrating their success in identifying attractive investments. Our first screen highlights companies that are lowly valued on their earnings. Instead of a simple price to earnings (P/E) using trailing earnings we smooth out earnings fluctuations by averaging profits over an entire economic cycle. This method, known as the Graham and Dodd P/E—named after value investors Ben Graham and David Dodd—provides a more stable and meaningful valuation benchmark. We then adjust this for inflation to give a cyclically adjusted price earnings (CAPE) ratio which we express as a yield. Our second screen – the Greenblatt screen (named after Joel Greenblatt) – ranks companies according to their valuation (low to high) and returns (high to low). The most attractive companies are those with the lowest combined score.

We then conduct a detailed analysis of each company understanding why the company is lowly valued, whether the balance sheet can cope with a setback and the extent to which the company's profits turn into cash. We also consider the company's business model, whether there are any material governance issues and the sustainability of the business more broadly. We conclude by understanding the payoff if we are correct and the downside if we have made a mistake. We are aiming for investments that have relatively limited downside but substantial upside. The portfolio is constructed to ensure a diversified set of investments with just under 50 holdings at launch.

#### Stock examples

Two holdings illustrate our investment philosophy and process. First, Envista, a US based dentistry company supplying a full range of dental consumables and equipment. The company has performed poorly due to a combination of some poor management decisions and higher interest rates which have caused consumers and dentists to defer or cancel spending. We believe the new CEO is addressing the former issues and the cyclical downturn will at some point pass. The shares trade on a CAPE yield of 12%, with limited net debt and very strong global market shares.

Second, Signify, a Dutch based lighting company, has performed well operationally, but demand for lighting is cyclical and investors are concerned about when the current downturn will end. The valuation is exceptionally low: a 25% CAPE yield with low levels of net debt and the number 1 position globally in professional lighting. At some point the demand for lighting will recover.

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The overall portfolio has a CAPE yield of approximately 14%. This is twice the level of its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI, and demonstrates the low valuation of the Fund. Historically, the evidence has shown that there is a clear link between CAPE yields and subsequent investment returns. The higher the CAPE yield, the higher the subsequent investment return and vice versa.

It is worth noting that we don't spend much, if any time on forecasting company profits or macroeconomic indicators such as GDP or interest rates. First, the evidence shows it is very difficult and second there is little evidence that it helps identify successful investments.

#### Summary

We are value investors with a disciplined and repeatable investment process that we have developed over the past 30 years. The evidence shows that by following this we can deliver attractive returns over the medium term. We have created a portfolio of holdings which is approximately half the valuation of the index, which makes us optimistic about future returns given the low starting valuation.

We look forward to keeping investors informed as to how are investing the capital entrusted to us.

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Fund Factsheet as at 31 March 2025

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#### Fund Objective and Investment Policy

The investment objective of the Fund is to outperform its benchmark, the MSCI AC World Index (ACWI), net of fees, over the long term (a rolling 5-year period). Capital is at risk. There is no certainty or promise that the Fund will achieve the target over a 5-year rolling period or any other period.

The Fund aims to achieve the investment objective by investing at least 80% in companies based anywhere in the world. The remainder of the Fund may be invested in fixed income assets (which may include government and public securities) and other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash, near cash and deposits.

#### **Fund Performance**

Since the fund was launched within the past year and has a track record of less than 12 months, its performance and tracking error cannot currently be displayed.

#### Top 10 Holdings (%)

JDE Peets	2.2
A.P. Moller-Maersk	2.2
Dun & Bradstreet	2.2
SES FDR	2.1
British American Tobacco	2.1
Envista	2.1
Societe Bic	2.1
Kato Sangyo	2.1
Flow Traders	2.1
Reckitt Benckiser Group	2.1

#### Market Cap Breakdown (%) Country Breakdown (%)

<£1bn	2.1
£1bn-£2bn	9.2
£2bn-£5bn	32.8
£5bn-£10bn	13.8
£10bn-£25bn	12.2
>£25bn	22.9

#### **Risk Statistics**

Dividend Yield	5.1
P/E Ratio (fwd)	10.0
P/B Ratio (hist)	1.0
Active Share (%)	98.7
Tracking Error	-

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#### Sector Breakdown (%)

Consumer Staples	16.7
Consumer Discretionary	16.0
Industrials	14.5
Financials	12.2
Health Care	11.2
Communication Services	9.2
Materials	5.6
Information Technology	3.6
Other	4.1
Cash	7.0

United Kingdom	19.4
United States	15.6
France	9.9
Japan	8.6
Germany	7.8
Netherlands	6.3
Brazil	6.2
Hong Kong	5.5
Denmark	2.2
Finland	2.1
Australia	2.0
Other	7.4
Cash	7.0

#### **Key Information**

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Fund Managers:	Ben Whitmore
	Dermot Murphy
Fund Launch Date:	20 March 2025
Share Class Launch Date:	20 March 2025
ACD:	Thesis Unit Trust
	Management Limited
Fund Size:	£4.8 million
Number of Holdings:	48
Target Benchmark:	MSCI ACWI
Comparator Benchmark:	IA Global
<b>Distribution Frequency:</b>	Semi-Annual
Legal Structure:	OEIC
Valuation Point:	12:00 noon. Every
	UK Business Day
Base Currency:	GBP
Domicile:	United Kingdom

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**



Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI): The SRRI is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'. The price of units/shares and any income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Please refer to the KIID for further information.

#### Key Risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The value of an investment may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in exchange rates, notwithstanding any efforts made to hedge such fluctuations.
- Significant exposure to a particular industrial sector or geographical region puts a Fund at risk of a localised event making a significant impact to the value of the Fund.
- A concentrated portfolio (whether by number of holdings, geographic location or sector) may be more volatile and less liquid than a diversified one

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### **Charges and Codes**

Share Class	Income Distribution Policy	ISIN	Bloomberg	Ongoing Charges Figure*	Annual Management Charge**	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Top up Investment
R GBP INC	Income	GB00BTKVYW53	TMBGRGB LN	0.95%	0.75%	£100	£50
R GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00BTKVZL14	TMBGRGS LN	0.95%	0.75%	£100	£50
I GBP INC	Income	GB00BTKVZM21	TMBGIGI LN	0.85%	0.65%	£1,000,000	£50,000
I GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00BTKVZN38	TMBGVIG LN	0.85%	0.65%	£1,000,000	£50,000
F GBP INC	Income	GB00BTKVZP51	TMBGFGS LN	0.65%	0.45%	£100,000,000	£50,000
F GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00BTKVZQ68	TMBGFGB LN	0.65%	0.45%	£100,000,000	£50,000
S GBP INC	Income	GB00BN71B141	TMBGSGI LN	0.75%	0.55%	£100,000,000	£10,000,000
S GBP ACC	Accumulation	GB00BN71B588	TMBGVSG LN	0.75%	0.55%	£100,000,000	£10,000,000

\*Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) includes:

\*\*Fund Annual Management Charge (AMC) - the annual fee, expressed as a percentage to cover the costs of running the fund.

Ongoing Cost - additional expenses are added to the AMC to give the Ongoing Cost.

Additional Expenses - charged by the fund managers to cover expenses, such as fees to auditors, trustees and valuers. The value is an indicative figure, which is reviewed regularly and can change.

The ongoing charges figure excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling shares in another collective investment undertaking.

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