# Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV (formerly named "Fundsmith Equity Fund Feeder")

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## **ORGANISATION OF THE SICAV**

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Independent Director

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The table below shows the performance of the Fund during the during the first half of 2020 and since inception and other comparators:

		SINCE INCEPTION	
	01.01.20- 30.06.20 %	CUMULATIVE %	ANNUALISED %
Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV EUR	-0.7	+319.3	+18.0
MSCI World Index EUR	-5.8	+172.6	+12.3
Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV CHF	-2.5	+220.3	+15.2
MSCI World Index CHF	-7.4	+118.0	+9.9
Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV USD	-0.8	+164.4	+14.2
MSCI World Index USD	-5.8	+77.2	+8.2
Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV GBP	+6.8	+203.4	+19.6
MSCI World Index GBP	+1.0	+104.5	+12.2
European Bonds EUR	+4.7	+113.0	+9.1
Cash EUR	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1

Our Fund outperformed what is perhaps the most obvious comparator - the MSCI World Index - by approximately 5% during the first half of 2020 across the four currencies where we have share classes.

The main contributors to our performance in the first half of 2020:

Top Five	Contribution %*
PayPal	+2.27
Microsoft	+1.30
IDEXX Laboratories	+0.83
Coloplast	+0.75
Clorox	+0.60

PayPal and Microsoft both find themselves in ideal positions to benefit from the digital transformation which the pandemic has accelerated.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

The bottom five detractors from our Fund's performance during the period were:

Bottom Five	Contribution %*
Amadeus	-1.63
Intercontinental Hotels	-0.92
Diageo	-0.81
Philip Morris	-0.74
Waters	-0.72

\*Contribution to Return in euros

Our dialogue with the management of Amadeus and Intercontinental Hotels suggests that both are correctly focused on survival and in a position to continue operating for 18 months to two years even if there is no improvement in the travel and hospitality industry. Moreover, they believe that their market positions may be strengthened by these events.

We sold our position in Clorox, the US consumer goods company which largely operates in the household cleaning products segment. This was unusual for us as we had only purchased the shares in 2019 but the rise in demand for disinfectant products produced such a strong share price performance that we thought this presented an opportunity to switch our investment into two other companies which we wished to own and whose share prices had been significantly reduced by events - Nike and Starbucks. They are the world's leading sportswear brand and coffee retailer. We believe that both have better growth prospects than Clorox and are likely to emerge from the pandemic with strengthened market positions.

Our portfolio turnover was -17.7%. Voluntary dealing (dealing not caused by redemptions of subscriptions) cost  $\in$  368,147 during the half year (0.9bps). For the T Class, the Ongoing Charges Figure was 1.11% and with the cost of dealing added, the Total Cost of Investment was 1.14%.

Fund liquidity is a subject which has attracted a lot of attention recently and we thought we should offer some observations about our Fund in an effort to answer any queries you might have. The Fundsmith Equity Fund Sicav never invests nor will it ever invest in unquoted companies. Nor does it own any small or mid cap companies. The smallest companies from a market value perspective that the Fundsmith Equity Fund Sicav invests in are all members of the FTSE 100 Index. We have published a liquidity measure on our monthly factsheet since January 2012, as we have always regarded this as an important subject, and, at the end of June, it showed that we could liquidate 96% of our Fund (c.  $\in$ 4.5bn) in 7 days (based on trading 30% of the trailing 20 day average volume).

We face an uncertain outlook given recent events, but 'twas ever thus. We have no crystal ball unlike the commentators who tell us that the recovery from the pandemic and resulting closure of economic activities deemed non-essential will be shaped like a V, a U, a W, a bathtub or the Nike swoosh (we're not making this up). No one knows - as the economist J K Galbraith said 'The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable'. However, what we know is that we have assembled a portfolio of high quality companies which have to date proven to be resilient. If you are a long term investor that is the most certain determinant of your future returns.

## **GOVERNANCE REPORT**

During the first half of 2020, a year that started positively, the world was shocked in March by the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulators around the world responded by providing leeway to the markets, such as postponement of filing deadlines, and opportunities to work from home (under strict conditions) etc. Central Banks responded by providing liquidity.

Your Board responded by ensuring business continued to be conducted 'as usual'; we believe that this will remain the case under these exceptional circumstances. The service providers to the fund, such as the management company, central administrator and depositary have taken sufficient measures to continue operations without disruption.

The Board met twice during the period, once physically and once by means of teleconference.

We are encouraged by the performance of the fund, as well as by your loyalty, for which we thank you.

#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV

	EUR
Assets	
Investments at market value (Note 2)	4,504,119,332
Cash at bank (Note 2)	173,151,794
Receivable on subscriptions	9,910,532
Receivable for investment securities sold	6,794,230
Other assets	131,602
Total assets	4,694,107,490
Liabilities	
Management fees payable (Note 4)	7,353,628
Payable for investment securities purchased	4,706,419
Depositary and Administration fees payable (Note 6)	1,097,241
Taxe d'abonnement payable (Note 3)	311,165
Professional fees payable	48,639
Other liabilities	35,164
Total liabilities	13,552,256
Total Net Assets	4,680,555,234

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

#### Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV

	EUR
Net assets at the beginning of the period	4,112,138,884
Income	
Dividend income (Note 2)	30,979,685
Interest income	379,224
Total income	31,358,909
Expenses	
Management fees (Note 4)	20,120,586
Depositary and Administration fees (Note 6)	1,278,914
Taxe d'abonnement (Note 3)	378,339
Professional fees	34,530
Directors fees (Note 7)	18,000
Bank charges	463,344
Other expenses	10,409
Total expenses	22,304,122
Net investment income	9,054,787
Net realised loss on	
- Investments (Note 2)	(2,060,245)
- Currencies (Note 2)	(1,758,830)
Change in unrealised appreciation/(depreciation) on	
- Investments	(18,316,683)
- Currencies	63,334
Net result of operations for the period	(13,017,637)
Subscriptions for the period	1,639,358,109
Redemptions for the period	(1,057,075,586)
Distribution paid for the period (Note 9)	(848,536)
Total of Subscription, Redemption and Distribution	581,433,987
Net assets at the end of the period	4,680,555,234

The exchange rates used as at 30 June 2020 are:

- 1 EUR = 1.065472 CHF

- 1 EUR = 7.452418 DKK

- 1 EUR = 0.913492 GBP

- 1 EUR = 1.1209 USD

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

Fundsmith Equity Fund	Currency	Total Net Assets As at 30 June 2020	Net Asset Value/Share As at 30 June 2020	Total Net Assets As at 31 Dec 2019	Net Asset Value/Share As at 31 Dec 2019	Total Net Assets As at 31 Dec 2018	Net Asset Value/Share As at 31 Dec 2018
Euro Classes							
T Class Accumulation	EUR		41.93		42.22		31.86
T Class Income	EUR		39.62		39.93		30.18
R Class Accumulation	EUR		40.28		40.66		30.85
R Class Income	EUR		39.54		39.92		30.27
I Class Accumulation	EUR		42.36		42.63		32.12
I Class Income	EUR		39.76		40.06		30.27
Swiss Franc Classes							
I Class Accumulation	CHF		32.03		32.84		25.69
I Class Income	CHF		30.00		30.80		24.16
US Dollar Classes							
I Class Accumulation	USD		26.44		26.65		20.49
I Class Income	USD		25.03		25.27		19.48
GB Pound Classes							
I Class Accumulation	GBP		30.34		28.41		22.60
I Class Income	GBP		29.04		27.23		21.71
Total Net Assets	EUR	4,680,555,234		4,112,138,884		2,034,772,341	

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHARES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Currency	Balance at 1 January 2020	Subscriptions	Redemptions	Balance at 30 June 2020
Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV					
Euro Classes					
T Class Accumulation	EUR	11,816,775	9,028,603	5,349,198	15,496,180
T Class Income	EUR	1,435,573	1,137,664	546,693	2,026,544
R Class Accumulation	EUR	3,639,230	2,806,825	1,806,772	4,639,283
R Class Income	EUR	564,545	486,752	160,626	890,671
I Class Accumulation	EUR	27,673,687	12,743,452	8,817,334	31,599,805
I Class Income	EUR	4,912,693	1,337,435	858,039	5,392,089
Swiss Franc Classes					
I Class Accumulation	CHF	4,829,142	683,637	656,108	4,856,671
I Class Income	CHF	1,249,005	204,871	147,885	1,305,991
US Dollar Classes					
I Class Accumulation	USD	51,329,134	15,282,049	10,151,608	56,459,575
I Class Income	USD	7,747,942	2,364,228	1,050,164	9,062,006
GB Pound Classes					
I Class Accumulation	GBP	9,321,559	2,109,211	1,389,274	10,041,496
I Class Income	GBP	3,839,704	1,207,278	1,111,418	3,935,564
Total		128,358,989	49,392,005	32,045,119	145,705,875

#### STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AND OTHER NET ASSETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

Transferable securities admittee	l to an official	exchange listing
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	rities admitted to an official exchange listi	-	Acquisition Cost	Market Value	% of
•	ity Description	Currency	EUR	EUR	Net Assets
Equity					
Denmark		DVV	00 (10 420	120 645 602	2.00
1,015,9		DKK DKK	99,610,429 148,629,634	138,645,683	2.96 4.00
3,247,3	Total	DKK	248,240,063	186,997,964 325,643,647	6.96
Finland	, our			525,015,017	0.90
3,015,8	45 Kone OYJ - B	EUR	147,394,440	185,655,418	3.97
	Total		147,394,440	185,655,418	3.97
France					
699,50	4 L'Oreal SA	EUR	170,230,280	200,169,519	4.27
	Total		170,230,280	200,169,519	4.27
Spain					
2,293,2	-	EUR	159,525,335	107,186,739	2.29
	Total		159,525,335	107,186,739	2.29
		CPD	190 133 446	147 002 249	2.16
5,005,4 1,623,1		GBP GBP	180,132,446 87,997,941	147,903,248 64,536,912	3.16 1.38
2,281,7		GBP	134,590,790	135,282,093	2.89
1,784,4		GBP	130,143,245	144,983,801	3.10
16,776,9	•	GBP	137,272,303	123,968,755	2.65
2,751,8		GBP	143,086,626	132,817,771	2.84
	Total		813,223,351	749,492,580	16.02
United States					
1,021,9	57 Automatic Data Processing Inc	USD	145,513,455	133,458,851	2.85
626,60	00 Becton Dickinson and Co	USD	137,811,182	130,233,708	2.78
1,387,2	88 Brown-Forman Corp - B	USD	77,089,398	78,269,310	1.67
965,64	2 Estee Lauder Cos Inc - A	USD	147,669,457	159,935,220	3.42
955,19	91 Facebook Inc - A	USD	145,688,955	188,021,486	4.02
610,73		USD	127,256,749	178,658,792	3.82
704,05		USD	165,552,702	180,848,079	3.86
1,304,8	73 Johnson & Johnson	USD	160,546,649	161,860,552	3.46
1,153,3	35 McCormick & Co Inc	USD	157,210,441	184,570,591	3.94
1,401,6	73 Microsoft Corp	USD	146,923,416	248,146,947	5.30
1,934,5	66 Nike Inc	USD	154,762,513	165,462,389	3.54
1,777,7	52 Paypal Holdings Inc	USD	165,122,093	267,003,717	5.70
1,258,3	43 PepsiCo Inc	USD	142,661,501	147,152,784	3.14
2,981,9		USD	219,448,458	187,576,111	4.01
2,315,0		USD	149,904,607	151,761,102	3.24
900,05		USD	159,833,748	142,544,134	3.05
918,3		USD	131,376,528	156,790,869	3.35
467,58	32 Waters Corp	USD	101,927,514	73,676,787	1.57
	Total		2,636,299,366	2,935,971,429	62.72
Total for transfer	able securities admitted to an official excha	ange listing	4,174,912,835	4,504,119,332	96.23
Total Equity			4,174,912,835	4,504,119,332	96.23
Total Investment	s		4,174,912,835	4,504,119,332	96.23
Other Net Assets				176,435,902	3.77
Total Net Assets				4,680,555,234	100.00

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV (formerly named Fundsmith Equity Fund Feeder) is an open-ended investment company incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a *Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable* in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the amended Law relating to Undertakings for Collective Investment of 17 December 2010 (UCI Law). The SICAV was incorporated for an unlimited period on 28 October 2011. The Articles of Incorporation were published in the *Mémorial C* on 14 November 2011. The SICAV changed its name to Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV on 29 March 2019 and the Articles were amended on 22 March 2019. The SICAV is registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B164404.

On 29 March 2019 the structure of the SICAV was changed from a feeder fund to a standalone fund. As part of this transition the Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV appointed FundRock Management Company S.A. to serve as its management company within the meaning of the UCI Law. The Management Company is responsible for the provision of investment management services, administrative services and marketing services to the SICAV, subject to the overall supervision of the Board of Directors of the SICAV.

The Investment Advisor will provide advice to the Investment Manager in relation to the SICAV's investment strategy. The recommendations of the Investment Advisor shall not be binding on the Investment Manager.

The investment objective of the SICAV is to achieve long term growth in value. The SICAV will invest in equities on a global basis. The SICAV's approach is to be a long-term investor in its chosen stocks. It will not adopt short-term trading strategies. The SICAV has stringent investment criteria which the Investment Manager adheres to in selecting securities for the SICAV's investment portfolio.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts of the SICAV are maintained in Euros. The SICAV's financial statements were prepared in accordance with Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted accounting principles relating to UCITS and in particular using the following valuation rules:

#### a) Valuation of cash and cash equivalents

Cash on hand or on deposit is valued at its nominal / face value plus accrued interest, where applicable, to the end of the relevant Valuation Day.

#### b) Valuation of investments

The Board of Directors of the SICAV may adjust the value of any investment if they have concerns with regards to its currency, marketability, applicable interest rates, anticipated rates of dividend, maturity, liquidity or any other relevant considerations, and deem such adjustment as required to reflect the fair value thereof.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Where the value of an investment is not ascertainable as described in the Articles, the value shall be the probable realisable value determined by the Board of Directors of the SICAV, or by a competent person, with care and in good faith.

If the Board of Directors of the SICAV deem it necessary, a specific investment may be valued under an alternative method of valuation chosen by the Board of Directors of the SICAV.

#### c) Net realised profit/(loss) on investments

The Net realised profit/(loss) on investments is recorded in the "Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets".

Realised and unrealised profits on investments are significantly higher than expected due to the change of the structure of the Fund and the in specie transfers.

#### d) Cost of purchase of investments

For investments in currencies other than the Reference Currency (EUR) the purchase price is calculated according to the closing exchange rate on the day of purchase.

#### e) Income

Dividends are recognised on the date on which the shares concerned are quoted ex-dividend, net of withholding tax.

#### f) Conversion of items expressed in foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into the Reference Currency (EUR) of the SICAV at the closing exchange rate on the last day of the financial year.

Income and expenses in foreign currencies are converted into the Reference Currency (EUR) of the SICAV at the closing exchange rate in force on the day of the transaction.

The Net realised profit/(loss) on currencies as well as the exchange rates as at 30 June 2020 are included in the "Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets".

#### g) Total Net Asset Value

The Total Net Asset Value is equal to the difference between the total assets and the total liabilities of the SICAV.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Total Net Asset Value of each class is expressed in the relevant Reference Currency of the relevant class.

The Net Asset Value per Share is calculated as of each Valuation Day by dividing the Total Net Asset Value attributable to a Class by the total number of Shares in issue or deemed to be in issue in that Class as of the relevant Valuation Day and rounding the resulting total to two decimal places or such number of decimal places as the Board of Directors of the SICAV may determine.

#### h) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the Luxembourg legal and regulatory requirements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. The Board of Directors of the SICAV may also disclose certain contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements which can affect income and expenses during the reported years. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **3. TAXE D'ABONNEMENT**

Under current Law and practice, the SICAV is not liable to any Luxembourg tax on profits or income.

The SICAV is, however, liable in Luxembourg to a subscription tax (taxe d'abonnement) of 0.01% per annum of its Total Net Asset Value for institutional shares and of 0.05% per annum of its Total Net Asset Value for retail shares, such tax being payable quarterly on the basis of the value of the aggregate Total Net Asset Value of the SICAV at the end of the relevant calendar quarter.

No Luxembourg tax is payable on the realised capital appreciation of the assets of the SICAV.

Dividends and interest received by the SICAV on its investments may be subject to non-recoverable withholding or other taxes in the countries of origin.

## **4. MANAGEMENT FEES**

The SICAV will remunerate the Management Company and the Investment Manager for their services out of an aggregate management fee, as specified for each Class of Shares in the following table, which is payable monthly in arrears and accrued as of each Valuation Day.

Annual Management Fee rate by Share Class:			
Ι	R	Т	
0.90%	1.50%	1.00%	

## **5. PERFORMANCE FEES**

The SICAV is not subject to performance fees.

## 6. DEPOSITARY AND ADMINISTRATION FEES

The SICAV pays to the Depositary out of the assets of the SICAV an annual fee, accrued as of each Valuation Day and payable monthly in arrears, which is expressed as a percentage of the Total Net Assets, as specified in the following table:

Total Net Assets	Rate
EUR 0 - EUR 1 billion	0.012%
EUR 1 billion - EUR 2 billion	0.007%
From EUR 2 billion	0.000%

The SICAV pays the Administrator an annual fee of 0.05% of the Net Asset Value. The fee is accrued each Valuation Day and paid monthly in arrears.

## **7. DIRECTORS FEES**

Mr. Garry Pieters and Ms. Sheenagh Joy Gordon-Hart receive, as compensation for services as Independent Director, an annual fee of EUR 30,000; subject to approval by the general meeting of shareholders of the SICAV. Mr Terry Smith and Mr. Simon Godwin, who are Partners of Fundsmith LLP, do not receive a fee for acting as a Director.

## **8. SHARE CAPITAL**

The Share Classes available as at 30 June 2020 are the following:

	Currency	Minimum Subscription
Class T Accumulation Shares	EUR	EUR 2,000
Class T Income Shares	EUR	EUR 2,000
Class R Accumulation Shares	EUR	EUR 2,000
Class R Income Shares	EUR	EUR 2,000
Class I Accumulation Shares	EUR	EUR 5,000,000
Class I Income Shares	EUR	EUR 5,000,000
Class I Accumulation Shares	CHF	CHF 6,000,000
Class I Income Shares	CHF	CHF 6,000,000
Class I Accumulation Shares	USD	USD 6,000,000
Class I Income Shares	USD	USD 6,000,000
Class I Accumulation Shares	GBP	GBP 5,000,000
Class I Income Shares	GBP	GBP 5,000,000

## 9. DISTRIBUTION PAID

A total amount of EUR 848,536 was distributed over the period.

## **10. TRANSACTION COSTS**

For the period ended 30 June 2020, the Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV incurred transaction costs of EUR 704,125.

## **11. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

The Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV has largely recovered from the lows experienced in March 2020 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Period to date (24 August 2020) the SICAV is up 5% versus 4.6% for the MSCI World. Period to date net inflows to the SICAV were 70million EUR.

## **12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Mr. Terry Smith resigned as Chairman and Director in August 2020. Apart from this, there were no material events which occurred after the end of the financial period, which would have a bearing on the understanding of the financial statements.

## APPENDIX I – Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse ("SFTR") DISCLOSURE

The SICAV does not use any instruments falling into the scope of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse ("SFTR") as per the European Regulation 2015/2365.

## **APPENDIX II – RISK INFORMATION**

As part of the risk-management process, the global exposure of the SICAV is measured and monitored by the absolute value at risk (VaR) approach.

## **APPENDIX III – PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATIO**

The portfolio turnover ratio compares the total share purchases and sales less total creations and liquidations with the average net asset value of the fund. The turnover of the Fundsmith Equity Fund SICAV for the period 1 January 2020 until 30 June 2020 was -17.68%.