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Utilities has quietly surged up the ranks of UK equity fund sector exposure, reaching its highest level in a decade. As of March 2025, average fund weights in the sector stand at 4.08%–double the lows seen in 2019. Participation has also hit a 10-year high, with 82.9% of active UK funds now holding a Utilities allocation.

Yet despite this broad uptake, Utilities remains one of the smallest sectors by allocation—ahead of only Real Estate—and sits close to index-neutral on average. The rise reflects growing manager interest, but not yet full conviction in terms of portfolio size.

The sector's resurgence has been driven by a concentrated group of names, led decisively by **National Grid.** Held by 56.4% of all funds—making it one of the most widely held stocks across the UK fund universe—National Grid saw an 8.1% jump in fund ownership over the past year, with average weights rising to a record 1.55% and \$860m in net inflows. It sits firmly in the top-right of the positioning grid, signalling both high ownership and strong momentum.

**SSE plc** has seen rotation out in recent quarters but remains a well-owned name, while United Utilities is now held by just 12% of funds. **Centrica**, **DCC**, and **Drax Group** round out the only other Utilities names with more than 20% fund ownership.

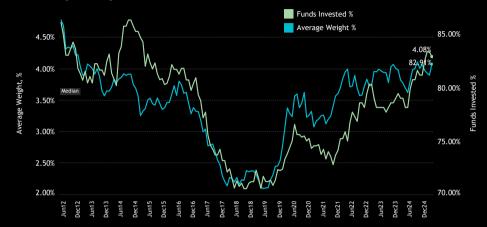
After years of indifference, UK managers are steadily returning to the sector. The pace may be measured, but the breadth of participation—and the central role of National Grid—underscores a sector in the midst of a meaningful reappraisal.



### **Utilities**: Peer Group Positioning & Ownership Trends

1. Utilities positioning among active UK equity funds has climbed to a 10-year high, with average weights reaching 4.08% — double the 2019 low. Fund participation is also at the top end of the long-term range, with 82.9% of managers now holding exposure.

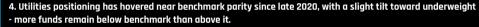
Utilities: Average Fund Weight vs Funds Invested



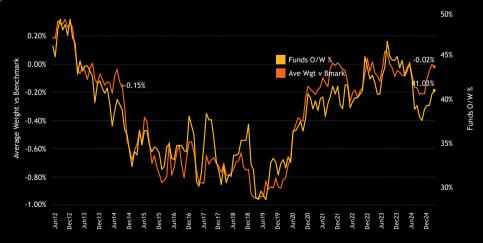
3. Utilities has seen the strongest 12-month positioning gains among UK managers, with a 3.85% rise in fund participation. This shift has come alongside rotation out of Information Technology, with a clear buy skew, and net inflows of \$457m.

Ownership Change Metrics per Sector

| Utilities              |        | 0.30%      |        | 3.85                  | % -1.71% |          |              | 5 \$ <mark>4</mark> 57.0   |
|------------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Consumer Staples       |        | 0.36%      |        | 2.14%                 | -0.43%   |          | -66          | (\$3,074.9)                |
| Communication Services |        | 0.56%      |        | 1.28%                 |          | 8.55%    | -9           | (\$258.3M)                 |
| Real Estate            | -0.01% |            |        | 1.28%                 |          | 3.85%    |              | 23 \$ <b>8</b> 89.3        |
| Health Care            |        | 0.02%      |        | 0.43%                 | -1.71%   |          | -35          | (\$192.9M)                 |
| Energy                 | -0.50% |            |        | 0.43%                 |          | 0.85%    | -59          | (\$742.1M)                 |
| Industrials            |        | -1.63%     |        | 0.00%                 |          | -5.98%   | -111         | (\$3,358.8M)               |
| Financials             |        | 3.18%      |        | 0.00%                 | -1.71%   |          | -121         | (\$4,84 <u>6.2</u> M)      |
| Consumer Discretionary | -0.66% |            |        | 0.00%                 |          | 16.24%   | -45          | (\$506.1M)                 |
| Materials              |        | -1.03%     | -1.28% |                       |          | 3.85%    | -88          | (\$1,408.9M)               |
| Multi                  | -0.03% |            |        | -2.99%                |          | 0.43%    | -8           | (\$11.1M)                  |
| Information Technology | -0.16% |            |        | -2.99%                |          | -4.27%   | -81          | (\$2,398.3M)               |
|                        | Averag | e Weight Δ |        | i<br>00%<br>nvested ∆ | Fun      | ds O/W Δ | # Funds Sell | vs Buy Est. Fund Flows, \$ |



Utilities: Average Weight vs FTAL vs Funds Overweight %.



| 2. Utilities remains one of the least-held sectors by weight — only Real Estate is lower. Exposure is broadly in |
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| line with the FTSE All Share Index, with 41% of funds overweight the sector.                                     |
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Sector Ownership Metric

| Financials             | 22.60%         | 100.00%          |            | 0.29%         | 51.28%      |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Industrials            | 13.03%         | 100.00%          |            | 0.36%         | 47.86%      |
| Consumer Staples       | 11.34%         | 97.44%           | -2.94%     |               | 26.07%      |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9.59%          | 100.00%          |            | 3.27%         | 79.49       |
| Health Care            | 9.16%          | 94.87%           | -2.35%     |               | 28.21%      |
| Energy                 | 7.02%          | 81.20%           | -3.08%     |               | 29.49%      |
| Information Technology | 6.73%          | 90.17%           |            | 2.18%         | 59.83%      |
| Communication Services | 4.90%          | 88.89%           |            | 1.95%         | 66.24%      |
| Materials              | 4.89%          | 93.59%           |            | 0.62%         | 55.98%      |
| Utilities              | 4.08%          | 82.91%           | -0.02%     |               | 41.03%      |
| Real Estate            | 2.74%          | 84.19%           |            | 0.41%         | 55.13%      |
| Multi                  | 0.31%          | 15.38%           | -2.65%     |               | 3.85%       |
|                        | Average Weight | Funds Invested % | Average We | eight vs AAXJ | Funds O/W % |

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

\* Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

## Utilities: Sector Sentiment vs Peers



5. The Sentiment Grid shows the interplay between long-term positioning and short term momentum. With ownership near record highs and rotation accelerating, Utilties sits firmly in the top-right quadrant of the grid.

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research \* Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025



## Utilities: Stock Ownership Statistics

11. National Grid and SSE plc are by far the most widely held companies in the sector, owned by 56.4% and 49.6% of funds respectively. Centrica, DCC, and Drax Group complete the five companies owned by more than 20% of the UK funds in our analysis.

Utilities: Aggregate Stock Ownership Statistics

| Ticker  | Stock Name                   | Funds Invested % | Average Weight % | Average Weight vs<br>Bmark | Fund AUM \$ |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| NG-GB   | National Grid plc            | 56.41%           | 1.55%            |                            | \$2,041M    |
| SSE-GB  | SSE plc                      | 49.57%           | 0.82%            | 0.10%                      | \$1,290M    |
| CNA-GB  | Centrica plc                 | 27.78%           | 0.51%            | 0.19%                      | \$1,003M    |
| DCC-GB  | DCC Plc                      | 22.65%           | 0.27%            | 0.07%                      | \$355M      |
| DRX-GB  | Drax Group plc               | 21.79%           | 0.31%            | 0.23%                      | \$469M      |
| SVT-GB  | Severn Trent Plc             | 17.95%           | 0.21%            |                            | \$301M      |
| TEP-GB  | Telecom Plus PLC             | 13.25%           | 0.17%            | 0.12%                      | \$140M      |
| UU-GB   | United Utilities Group PLC   | 11.97%           | 0.09%            |                            | \$134M      |
| PNN-GB  | Pennon Group Plc             | 7.69%            | 0.07%            |                            | \$79M       |
| TRIG-GB | Renewables Infrastructure Gr | 3.85%            | 0.02%            |                            | \$13M       |
| GTT-FR  | Gaztransport & Technigaz SA  | 2.56%            | 0.03%            | 0.03%                      | \$28M       |
| ENGI-FR | ENGIE SA.                    | 1.28%            | 0.01%            | 0.01%                      | \$29M       |
| TGA-ZA  | Thungela Resources Limited   | 0.85%            | 0.01%            | 0.01%                      | \$4M        |
| SAE-GB  | SIMEC Atlantis Energy Ltd.   | 0.85%            | 0.00%            | 0.00%                      | \$1M        |
| OPG-GB  | OPG Power Ventures Plc       | 0.85%            | 0.00%            | 0.00%                      | \$0M        |

13. National Grid has driven the sector's momentum shift, with an 8.1% rise in fund ownership, a 0.41% increase in average weight, and \$860m in net inflows over the past 12-months. Smaller gains were recorded for Gaztransport & Technigaz and Severn Trent plc.

Utilities: Largest increases in stock ownershi

| Ticker | Stock Name                             | Funds Invested % $\Delta$ | Ave Wgt % Δ | Fund Flows, \$ |
|--------|--|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| NG-GB  | National Grid plc                      | 8.12%                     | 0.41%       | \$860M         |
| GTT-FR | Gaztransport & Technigaz SA            | 2.14%                     | 0.02%       | \$20M          |
| SVT-GB | Severn Trent Plc                       | 1.71%                     | 0.03%       | \$6M           |
| VST-US | Vistra Corp.                           | 0.43%                     | 0.00%       | \$1M           |
| PEG-US | Public Service Enterprise<br>Group Inc | 0.43%                     | 0.00%       | \$3M           |
| NRG-US | NRG Energy, Inc.                       | 0.43%                     | 0.00%       | \$3M           |
| D-US   | Dominion Energy Inc                    | 0.43%                     | 0.00%       | \$1M           |
| CEG-US | Constellation Energy<br>Corporation    | 0.43%                     | 0.00%       | \$1M           |

### 12. Overweights are led by Drax Group, Centrica and Telecom Plus PLC, while the most significant underweights are in National Grid and United Utilities.

Utilities: Top overweight and underweight positions

| Ticker  | Stock Name                      | Average Weight vs<br>Bmark | Funds Invested % | Average Weight % | Fund AUM \$ |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
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| ENGI-FR | ENGIE SA.                       | 0.01%                      | 1.28%            | 0.01%            | \$29M       |
| 135-HK  | KunLun Energy Co. Ltd.          | 0.00%                      | 0.00%            | 0.00%            | \$0M        |
| EGL-GB  | Ecofin Global Utilities and Inf |                            | 0.85%            | 0.00%            | \$0M        |
| PNN-GB  | Pennon Group Plc                |                            | 7.69%            | 0.07%            | \$79M       |
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### 14. Over the same period, fund ownership in SSE plc and United Utilities fell by -2.6% and -2.1% respectively. Smaller declines were also seen in Centrica and Telecom Plus plc.

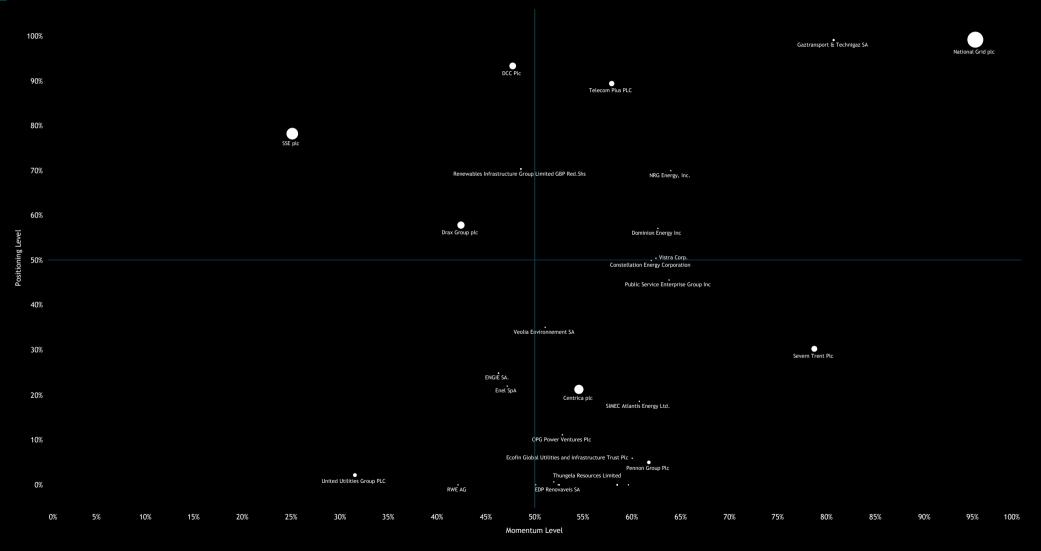
Utilities: Largest decreases in stock ownership\*

| Ticker     | Stock Name                    | Funds Invested % $\Delta$ | Ave Wgt % Δ | Fund Flows, \$ |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| SSE-GB     | SSE plc                       |                           |             |                |
| UU-GB      | United Utilities Group PLC    |                           |             | (\$20M)        |
| CNA-GB     | Centrica plc                  |                           | 0.03%       | (\$36M)        |
| TEP-GB     | Telecom Plus PLC              |                           | 0.01%       | (\$3M)         |
| RWE-DE     | RWE AG                        | -0.85%                    |             | (\$7M)         |
| ENGI-FR    | ENGIE SA.                     |                           |             |                |
| EDPR-PT    | EDP Renovaveis SA             |                           |             |                |
| ENEL-IT    | Enel SpA                      |                           |             | (\$3M)         |
| MYTIL-GR   | MYTILINEOS S.A.               |                           |             | (\$2M)         |
| PNN-GB     | Pennon Group Plc              |                           | 0.01%       | (\$3M)         |
| 135-HK     | KunLun Energy Co. Ltd.        | 0.00%                     | 0.00%       | \$0M           |
| 2638-HK    | HK Electric Investments & HK  | 0.00%                     | 0.00%       | \$0M           |
| 29265WAA6  | Enel S.p.A. 8.75% 24-SEP-2073 | 0.00%                     | 0.00%       | \$0M           |
| A3KLYP-DE  | Orsted Green Bonds 2021-18    | 0.00%                     | 0.00%       | \$0M           |
| ALK.XX1-GB | Alkane Energy plc             | 0.00%                     | 0.00%       | \$0M           |



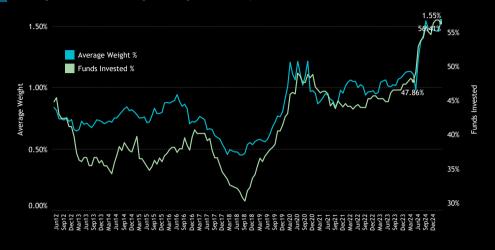
### Utilities: Stock-Level Sentiment

15. The 79 Utilities companies in our analysis sit at varying points in their ownership cycles. National Grid stands out in the far corners of the chart, with record positioning and strong momentum, while SSE plc has seen some outward rotation. Positioning in Centrica remains well below previous highs, while Severn Trent shows signs of positive momentum from a low base. Utilities: Stock Level Sentiment Grid



### Utilities: Stock Ownership Trends

**16.** National Grid saw a sharp rise in ownership from mid-2024, with fund participation jumping from 48.9% to **56.4%. Average weights now stand at a record 1.55%, reflecting a clear conviction-led rotation by managers.** 



Percentage of Funds Invested: DCC PIc & Drax Group pIc

18. Reflecting the opposite trend, ownership in DCC and Drax Group has converged over the past decade. DCC

trailed slightly for most of the period but overtook Drax toward the end of 2024.

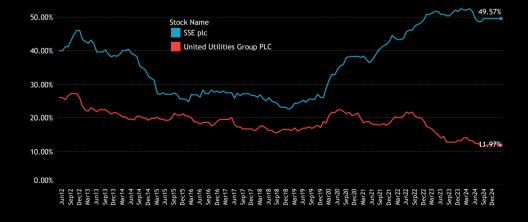
19. Centrica and Pennon Group are well below their previous ownership highs. Centrica saw a sharp decline from 2016 to 2020 but still maintains a 20%+ investor base, while Pennon Group is now held by just 7.7% of UK active funds.

Funds Invested %: Centrica plc & Pennon Group Plc



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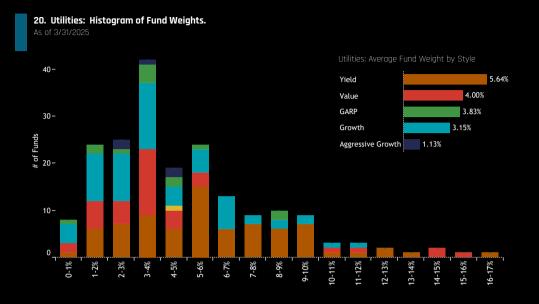


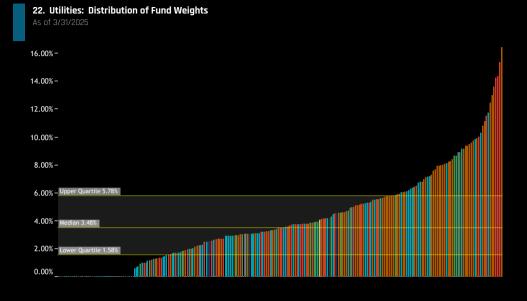


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### Utilities: Fund Ownership Statistics





#### 21. Utilities: Largest Fund Weights

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#### Fund Name

AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund Invesco Funds - UK Equity Fund Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - UK Opportunities Fund (UK) Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - Sus. UK Companies Fund (UK) Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - Income & Growth Fund Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - Equity High Income Fund (UK) Jupiter Responsible Income Fund Schroder Invt. Fund Company - Sustainable UK Equity Fund Merchants Trust Plc (The) Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity Income Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust Plc SWIP UK & Income ICVC - Ethical Fund M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund) Rathbone Income Fund Invesco UK Equities Pension Fund Columbia Threadneedle (UK) ICVC V - Responsible UK Income Fund abrdn Equity Income Trust Plc Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBuilder Dividend Fund Fidelity Invt. Funds - Enhanced Income Fund PUTM Bothwell UK Equity Income Fund

#### 14.34% 14.25% 13.62% 12.99% 12.44% 11.71% 11.53% 11.14% 10.80% 10.30% 10.03% 9.95% 9.83% 9.74% 9.60% 9.51% 9.42%

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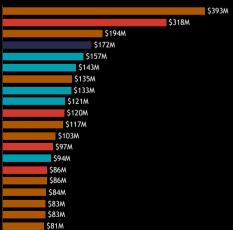
### 23. Utilities: Largest Fund-Level AUM, \$

#### Fund Name

16.45%

15.40%

Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - Equity High Income Fund (UK) Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - UK Opportunities Fund (UK) Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust City of London Investment Trust Plc (The) Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - UK All Companies Fund St. James's Place UK Equity Income Unit Trust Columbia Threadneedle Invt. Fds. UK ICVC - CT UK Eq. Incm. Fd. Border to Coast UK Listed Equity Fund Merchants Trust Plc (The) Invesco UK 2 Investment Series - Equity Income Fund (UK) Jupiter UK Income Fund M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund) SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Growth Fund Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fund Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Dividend Growth Fund Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Equity Income Fund Franklin Templeton Funds - Martin Currie UK Equity Income Fund JOHCM UK - UK Equity Income Artemis Income Fund





#### Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research \* Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

## **Utilities**: Fund Ownership Changes

#### 24. Utilities: Largest Increases in Fund Weight

| Fund Name                                   |                                    | Closed           | Fund Nan            |   | New or Closed    |                        | 647011   |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|------------------|------------------------|----------|
| CFP Castlefield Funds - Sustainable UK Opp  |                                    |                  |                     | JK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)     |                  | 64200                  | \$173M   |
| Franklin Templeton Funds - Martin Currie L  | IK Managers' Focus Fd              |                  |                     | ncome Fund                                  |                  | \$120M                 |          |
| AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund       |                                    |                  |                     | CVC - GLG Income Fund                       |                  | \$107M                 |          |
| MGTS AFH DA Fund - UK Alpha Fund            | New                                |                  |                     | K Income Fund                               |                  | \$79M                  |          |
| Lazard Investment Funds - UK Omega Fund     | New                                |                  |                     | JK Select Fund                              | New              | \$68M                  |          |
| Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity Growth  | New                                |                  |                     | CVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fund           |                  | \$61M                  |          |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fur    | d                                  |                  |                     | s Trust Plc (The)                           |                  | \$50M                  |          |
| Invesco Funds - UK Equity Fund              |                                    |                  |                     | nlington UK Equity Income Fund              |                  | \$44M                  |          |
| HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Growth Shar   | es New                             |                  |                     | IC I - UK Income Equity Fund                |                  | \$38M                  |          |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fu    | nd (UK)                            | 3.0              | 07% Liontrust       | Sustainable Future ICVC - UK Growth Fun     | d                | \$36M                  |          |
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)                   |                                    | 3.0              | 1% Royal Lor        | ndon UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund              |                  | \$34M                  |          |
| BlackRock UK Special Situations Fund        | New                                | 2.94             | % Murray In         | come Trust Plc                              |                  | \$32M                  |          |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                      |                                    | 2.82%            | 5 Invesco U         | JK 2 Investment Series - UK Enhanced Inde   | ex Fund (UK)     | \$32M                  |          |
| Liontrust Sustainable Future ICVC - UK Gro  | wth Fund                           | 2.75%            | Quilter In          | vestors Trust - UK Equity Growth            | New              | \$29M                  |          |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Specia  | Situations Fund New                | 2.75%            | BlackRoc            | k Unit Trusts Retail - UK Income Fund       | New              | \$27M                  |          |
| LF Liontrust Investment Funds III - UK Focu | s Fund New                         | 2.54%            | JOHCM U             | K - UK Equity Income                        |                  | \$26M                  |          |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund               |                                    | 2.39%            | HL Select           | : Umbrella Trust - UK Growth Shares         | New              | \$26M                  |          |
| PUTM Bothwell UK Equity Income Fund         |                                    | 2.36%            | BlackRoc            | k UK Special Situations Fund                | New              | \$24M                  |          |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust      | Plc                                | 2.28%            | Quilter In          | vs. Tr UK Equity Large Cap Income Fun       | d                | \$22M                  |          |
| BlackRock Unit Trusts Retail - UK Income F  | und New                            | 2.19%            | Ninety Or           | ne Funds Series I OEIC - UK Special Situati | ons Fund New     | \$16M                  |          |
| Funds Invested $\Delta^*$                   | Average Weight $\mathbf{\Delta}^*$ | # New Positions* | # Closed Positions* | # Funds Buying*                             | # Funds Selling* | Estimated Net Fund Flo | ows, \$* |
| 3.85%                                       | 0.30%                              | 13               |                     | 95  | 90               | \$457.0M               |          |

#### 25. Utilities: Largest Decreases in Fund Weight

| Fund Name  | New or Close | ed     | Fu  |
|--|--------------|--------|-----|
| Fidelity Invt. Funds II - UK Opportunities Fund                | Close        | -6.54% | Ro  |
| SVM Funds ICVC - UK Opportunities Fund                         | Close        | -4.43% | Av  |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Equity Income Fund |              | -4.18% | Co  |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBuilder Dividend Fund              |              | -2.87% | Fic |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Enhanced Income Fund                    |              | -2.86% | Fic |
| PrivilEdge - Liontrust UK Select Growth                        |              | -2.69% | JO  |
| Aviva Invs UK Equity Unconstrained Fund                        |              | -2.26% | Ma  |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Eq. Unconstrained  |              | -2.21% | Fra |
| TT International Funds Plc - UK Equity Fund                    |              | -2.20% | СТ  |
| BlackRock Income & Growth Investment Trust Plc                 | Close        | -1.78% | JP  |
| CT (Lux) - UK Equities   |              | -1.54% | Cit |
| JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Dynamic                           |              | -1.52% | Ro  |
| JOHCM UK - Dynamic   |              | -1.49% | Fic |
| CT Invt. Funds UK ICVC - UK Fund                               |              | -1.48% | Ju  |
| Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Value Fund                           |              | -1.42% | Ba  |
| TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Income                                |              | -1.37% | Av  |
| Russell Invt. Co. Plc - UK Equity Fund (The)                   |              | -1.36% | JO  |
| Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc                                 |              | -1.20% | Ma  |
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust                         |              | -1.14% | St. |
| M&G Investment Funds (2) OEIC - UK Income Distribution Fund    |              | -1.11% | BN  |

#### 27. Utilities: Largest Fund Outflows, \$

26. Utilities: Largest Fund Inflows, \$

New or Closed Fund Name Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust (\$135M) Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Equity Income Fund (\$104M) Columbia Threadneedle Invt. Fds. UK ICVC - CT UK Eq. Incm. Fd. Fidelity Invt. Funds II - UK Opportunities Fund Close Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBuilder Dividend Fund OHCM UK - Dynamic M&G Investment Funds (3) - Recovery Fund ranklin Templeton Funds - Martin Currie UK Equity Income Fund CT Invt. Funds UK ICVC - UK Fund IPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Equity Core Fund City of London Investment Trust Plc (The) loyal London UK Growth Trust idelity Invt. Funds - Enhanced Income Fund Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund Barclays Multi-Manager Fund UK - UK Alpha Fund Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Eq. Unconstrained IOHCM UK - Opportunities Fund M&G Investment Funds (3) OEIC - Dividend Fund t. James's Place Unit Trust - UK Unit Trust BNY Mellon Investment Fds. - UK Equity Fund

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## Utilities: Stock-Level Ownership & Activity

#### 28. Utilities Stocks: Largest Fund Positions, %

| Fund Name   | Stock Name        |
|---|-------------------|
| AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund                   | National Grid plc |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust Plc              | National Grid plc |
| Waverton Invt. Fds. Plc - UK Fund                       | National Grid plc |
| L&G Quality Equity Dividends ESG Exclusions UK UCIT     | National Grid plc |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Equity Inco | National Grid plc |
| Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Climate Engagement Fund       | Centrica plc      |
| JOHCM UK - Opportunities Fund                           | National Grid plc |
| Jupiter Responsible Income Fund                         | National Grid plc |
| Aviva Investors Funds ACS - AI Sust. Steward. UK Eq. I  | National Grid plc |
| Schroder Invt. Fund Company - Sustainable UK Equity     | National Grid plc |
| Aegon Asset Mgmt. UK ICVC - UK Sustainable Opportu      | National Grid plc |
| Jupiter Asset Mgmt. Series plc - UK Alpha Fund (IRL)    | Drax Group plc    |
| Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK Alpha F     | Drax Group plc    |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Income & Growth Fund               | National Grid plc |
| M&G Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund)  | National Grid plc |
| Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity Income              | Drax Group plc    |
| HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Income Shares             | National Grid plc |
| Rathbone Income Fund                                    | National Grid plc |
| abrdn Life UK Equity Fund                               | Telecom Plus PLC  |
| SWIP UK & Income ICVC - Ethical Fund                    | National Grid plc |
|   |                   |



### 30. Utilities Stocks: Largest Fund Positions, \$

| Fund Name   | Stock Name        |       |
|---|-------------------|-------|
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust                    | SSE plc           |       |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Equity High Income Fund (UK)         | National Grid plc |       |
| St. James's Place UK Equity Income Unit Trust             | Centrica plc      |       |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Equity High Income Fund (UK)         | SSE plc           | \$1   |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)           | Centrica plc      | \$91  |
| Columbia Threadneedle Invt. Fds. UK ICVC - CT UK Eq. In   | Centrica plc      | \$90  |
| Border to Coast UK Listed Equity Fund                     | National Grid plc | \$88/ |
| Artemis Income Fund                                       | SSE plc           | \$81M |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Equity High Income Fund (UK)         | Drax Group plc    | \$78M |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)           | National Grid plc | \$76M |
| City of London Investment Trust Plc (The)                 | National Grid plc | \$74M |
| Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - UK All Companies Fund  | National Grid plc | \$72M |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund                             | Centrica plc      | \$69M |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund                             | National Grid plc | \$68M |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)           | SSE plc           | \$63M |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                                    | Centrica plc      | \$60M |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Equity High Income Fund (UK)         | Severn Trent Plc  | \$57M |
| Murray Income Trust Plc                                   | National Grid plc | \$54M |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)           | Drax Group plc    | \$54M |
| Aviva Investors Funds ACS - AI Stewardship UK Equity Fund | National Grid plc | \$53M |

#### 29. Utilities Stocks: Largest Changes in Fund Weight

| Fund Name   | Stock Name        |
|---|-------------------|
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Sus. UK Companies Fund (UK)        | Centrica plc      |
| CFP Castlefield Funds - Sustainable UK Opportunities    | National Grid plc |
| MGTS AFH DA Fund - UK Alpha Fund                        | National Grid plc |
| Lazard Investment Funds - UK Omega Fund                 | National Grid plc |
| Franklin Templeton Funds - Martin Currie UK Manager     | National Grid plc |
| HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Growth Shares             | National Grid plc |
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)                               | National Grid plc |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Special Situations  | Pennon Group Plc  |
| Aviva Invs UK Equity Unconstrained Fund                 | SSE plc           |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Eq. Uncons  | SSE plc           |
| LF Liontrust Investment Funds III - UK Equity Fund      | Centrica plc      |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust Plc              | SSE plc           |
| Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc                          | Centrica plc      |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds II - UK Opportunities Fund         | Drax Group plc    |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Equity Inco | SSE plc           |
| SVM Funds ICVC - UK Opportunities Fund                  | DCC Plc           |
|   |                   |

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

| New or C |        |       |
|----------|--------|-------|
| New      |        | 4.09% |
| New      |        | 3.72% |
| New      |        | 3.49% |
| New      |        | 3.48% |
| New      |        | 3.20% |
| New      |        | 3.13% |
| New      |        | 2.98% |
| New      |        | 2.75% |
| Close    | -2.25% |       |
| Close    | -2.37% |       |
| Close    | -2.58% |       |
| Close    | -2.77% |       |
|          | -3.02% |       |
| Close    | -3.03% |       |
| Close    | -4.27% |       |
| Close    | -4.43% |       |

#### 31. Utilities Stocks: Largest Fund Flows, \$

| Fund Name   | Stock Name        | New or C |         |        |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Artemis Income Fund                                       | SSE plc           |          |         | \$120M |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                                    | National Grid plc | New      |         | \$79M  |
| Artemis UK Select Fund                                    | National Grid plc | New      |         | \$68M  |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)           | National Grid plc |          |         | \$66M  |
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)                                 | National Grid plc | New      |         | \$63M  |
| Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc                            | National Grid plc | New      |         | \$58M  |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fund (UK)           | Centrica plc      |          |         | \$49M  |
| Liontrust Sustainable Future ICVC - UK Growth Fund        | National Grid plc | New      |         | \$40M  |
| Columbia Threadneedle Invt. Fds. UK ICVC - CT UK Eq. In   | SSE plc           |          | (\$28M) |        |
| JOHCM UK - Dynamic  | Centrica plc      |          | (\$37M) |        |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust Plc                | SSE plc           | Close    | (\$37M) |        |
| City of London Investment Trust Plc (The)                 | SSE plc           |          | (\$44M) |        |
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust                    | National Grid plc |          | (\$47M) |        |
| Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc                            | Centrica plc      |          | (\$51M) |        |
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust                    | SSE plc           |          | (\$72M) |        |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Equity Income | SSE plc           | Close    | (\$92M) |        |
|   |                   |          |         |        |



# **Consumer Staples** Gaining Ground in UK Small & Midcap Portfolios April 2025

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#### Consumer Staples: Gaining Ground in UK Small & Midcap Portfolios

Consumer Staples exposure among UK Small & Midcap equity managers has reached its highest level in over a decade. As of March 2025, average fund weights in the sector stand at 5.49%, a 13-year high. While participation remains slightly below prior peaks at 91.5%, the breadth of stock ownership has expanded, reflecting growing traction for the sector across active portfolios.

The positioning shift has been broad-based. **Hilton Food Group** is the clear standout—held by 37.2% of funds, with average weights at a record 0.64%—but others have made significant gains. **Premier Foods** has rebounded from near-zero ownership in 2019 to over 25% today, while **Cranswick**, **Kitwave Group**, and **A.G. Barr** have all climbed to new positioning highs.

Over the past 12 months, Consumer Staples recorded the second-largest increase in average weight among all sectors, behind only Financials. That momentum came despite broader net fund outflows of \$2.8bn, pointing to active rotation into the sector rather than passive drift.

The takeover of **Britvic** by Carlsberg removed a long-standing underweight from the sector and helped push the percentage of funds overweight Consumer Staples above 50%—a level last reached in 2012. The Sentiment Grid now places the sector firmly in the top-right quadrant, signalling both high positioning and strong momentum.

While Consumer Staples remains a middle-tier allocation in terms of weight, its profile is clearly rising. What was once a marginal sector is now gaining attention from a broad cross-section of UK Small & Midcap managers, with several names driving the shift and positioning now at its strongest in over a decade.



### **Consumer Staples**: Peer Group Positioning & Ownership Trends

1. Consumer Staples exposure among UK Small & Midcap funds has climbed to a 13-year high, with average weights reaching 5.49%. Fund participation stands at 91.5%, falling short of the highs seen in 2021. Consumer Staples: Average Fund Weight vs Funds Invested



3. Over the past 12 months, Consumer Staples has been a clear beneficiary of manager rotation, recording the second-largest increase in average weight after Financials. The sector was also relatively insulated from the \$2.8bn in net fund outflows over the period.

Ownership Change Metrics per Sector \*

| Financials             |            | 1.47%                          | 0.00%                          |         | -12.77% | -37   |           |        | (\$611.2M)                  |          |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Consumer Staples       |            | 0.67%                          | 2.13%                          |         | 10.64%  |       | -12       |        |                             | \$3.6    |
| Real Estate            |            | 0.64%                          | 2.13%                          |         | 2.13%   |       |           | 3      |                             | \$26.4   |
| Utilities              | ļ          | 0.18%                          | 3.19%                          |         | 1.06%   |       | -1        |        |                             | 70.7     |
| Health Care            | ļ          | ).14%                          | -1.06%                         |         | 0.00%   |       |           | 9      |                             | \$30.4   |
| Multi                  | 0          | 0.12%                          | 1.06%                          |         | 1.06%   |       |           | 1      |                             | \$18.3   |
| Consumer Discretionary | (          | 0.10%                          | 0.00%                          |         | 5.32%   |       | -7        |        | (\$126.1M)                  |          |
| Materials              | -0.09%     |                                | 1.06%                          |         | 5.32%   |       | -21       |        | (\$241.3M)                  |          |
| Energy                 | -0.22%     |                                | -1.06%                         |         | 2.13%   |       | -4        |        | (\$170.4M)                  |          |
| Communication Services | -0.43%     |                                | -1.06%                         |         | -18.09% |       | -12       |        | (\$80.4M)                   |          |
| Information Technology | -0.81%     |                                | 0.00%                          |         | 3.19%   | - 38  |           |        | (\$631.2M)                  |          |
| Industrials            | -2         | .44%                           | 0.00%                          | -4.26%  |         | -57   |           |        | (\$1,16 <mark>7.6</mark> M) |          |
|                        | Average We | 0.0<br><sup>ight ∆</sup> Funds | i i<br>00% 5.00%<br>Invested Δ | Funds C | )/W ∆   | # Fun | ds Sell v | rs Buy | Est. Fund Fl                | .ows, \$ |

2. UK Small & Midcap sector exposure is led by Industrials and Financials, which together make up nearly 40% of total allocations. Consumer Staples ranks alongside Communication Services and Real Estate by weight, and sits as a moderate overweight relative to the MSCI UK Small Cap Index.

Sector Ownership Metrics

| Industrials            | 21.78          | 100.00%          | -0.07%      |             | 53.19%      |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Financials             | 17.89%         | 100.00%          | -2.45%      |             | 32.98%      |
| Information Technology | 12.40%         | 97.87%           |             | 6.32%       | 78.72%      |
| Consumer Discretionary | 12.33%         | 100.00%          | -3.85%      |             | 22.34%      |
| Communication Services | 6.07%          | 95.74%           |             | 0.49%       | 50.00%      |
| Real Estate            | 5.69%          | 88.30%           | -7.32%      |             | 5.32%       |
| Consumer Staples       | 5.49%          | 91.49%           |             | 0.73%       | 52.13%      |
| Materials              | 4.91%          | 91.49%           | -0.46%      |             | 39.36%      |
| Health Care            | 3.26%          | 72.34%           |             | 1.47%       | 53.19%      |
| Utilities              | 1.86%          | 52.13%           | -0.02%      |             | 40.43%      |
| Energy                 | 1.80%          | 63.83%           |             | 0.64%       | 45.74%      |
| Multi                  | 0.17%          | 5.32%            |             | 0.17%       | 5.32%       |
|                        | Average Weight | Funds Invested % | Average Wei | ght vs AAXJ | Funds O/W % |

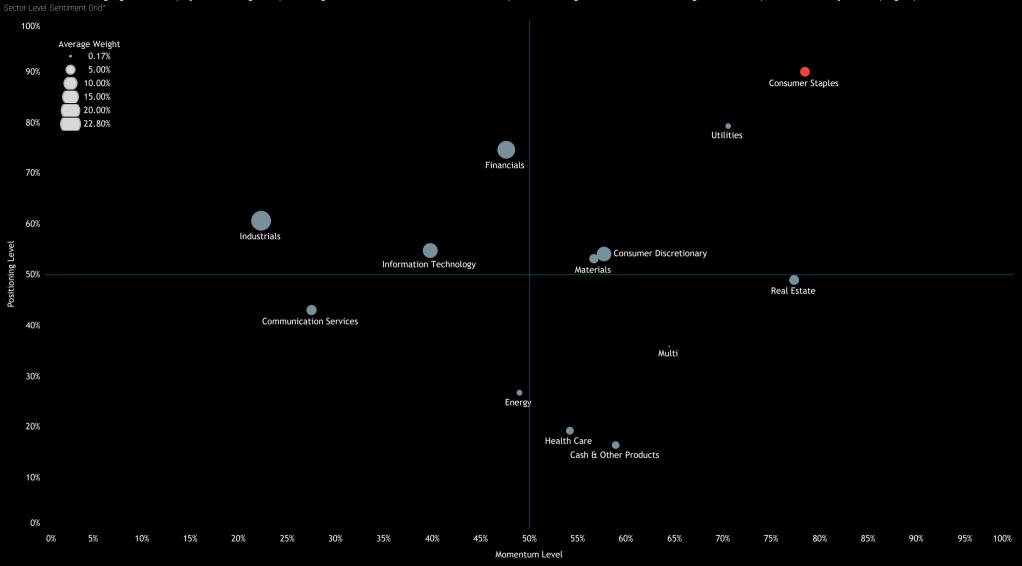
4. The percentage of funds positioned ahead of the benchmark rose sharply at the start of the year, following the takeover of long-standing underweight Britvic by Carlsberg. On both relative weight and the proportion of funds overweight, Consumer Staples has returned to levels last seen in 2012. Consumer Staples: Average Weight vs CUKS vs Funds Overweight %.



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### **Consumer Staples**: Sector Sentiment vs Peers



5. The Sentiment Grid highlights the interplay between long-term positioning and short-term momentum. With ownership near record highs and rotation accelerating, Consumer Staples now sits firmly in the top-right quadrant.



### Consumer Staples: Stock Ownership Statistics

11. Hilton Food Group is the most widely held name in the sector, owned by 37.2% of UK Small & Midcap funds. Cranswick plc and Premier Foods follow, each held by just over a quarter of managers but with average weights comparable to Hilton. In total, nine Consumer Staples stocks are held by more than 10% of funds.

Consumer Staples: Aggregate Stock Ownership Statistics

| Ticker  | Stock Name                   | Funds Invested % | Average Weight % | Average Weight vs<br>Bmark | Fund AUM \$ |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| HFG-GB  | Hilton Food Group plc        | 37.23%           | 0.64%            | 0.43%                      | \$213M      |
| CWK-GB  | Cranswick plc                | 26.60%           | 0.73%            |                            | \$225M      |
| PFD-GB  | Premier Foods plc            | 25.53%           | 0.59%            | 0.18%                      | \$175M      |
| KITW-GB | Kitwave Group PLC            | 25.53%           | 0.33%            | 0.33%                      | \$70M       |
| BAG-GB  | A.G. BARR p.l.c.             | 19.15%           | 0.34%            | 0.10%                      | \$68M       |
| SMWH-GB | WH Smith PLC                 | 15.96%           | 0.27%            |                            | \$48M       |
| PZC-GB  | PZ Cussons Plc               | 13.83%           | 0.17%            | 0.17%                      | \$52M       |
| GRG-GB  | Greggs plc                   | 13.83%           | 0.23%            |                            | \$68M       |
| FEVR-GB | Fevertree Drinks PLC         | 13.83%           | 0.25%            |                            | \$58M       |
| BAKK-GB | Bakkavor Group PLC           | 9.57%            | 0.20%            | 0.20%                      | \$185M      |
| TSCO-GB | Tesco PLC                    | 6.38%            | 0.15%            | 0.15%                      | \$68M       |
| MPE-GB  | M.P. Evans Group PLC         | 6.38%            | 0.08%            | 0.08%                      | \$31M       |
| CCR-GB  | C&C Group Plc                | 6.38%            | 0.07%            |                            | \$82M       |
| BATS-GB | British American Tobacco p.l | 6.38%            | 0.23%            | 0.23%                      | \$146M      |
| ULVR-GB | Unilever PLC                 | 5.32%            | 0.15%            | 0.15%                      | \$16M       |

13. Several companies have seen meaningful increases in fund ownership over the past 12 months, led by an 8.5% rise in the percentage of funds invested in Kitwave Group. Hilton Food Group followed with a 5.3% increase, while A.G. Barr and Premier Foods plc each saw gains of 4.26%.

Consumer Staples: Largest increases in stock ownershi

| Ticker  | Stock Name                  | Funds Invested % $\Delta$ | Ave Wgt % $\Delta$ | Fund Flows, \$ |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| KITW-GB | Kitwave Group PLC           | 8.51%                     | 0.02%              | \$21M          |
| HFG-GB  | Hilton Food Group plc       | 5.32%                     | 0.09%              | \$18M          |
| BAG-GB  | A.G. BARR p.l.c.            | 4.26%                     | 0.11%              | \$11M          |
| PFD-GB  | Premier Foods plc           | 4.26%                     | 0.19%              | \$9M           |
| MCLS-GB | McColl's Retail Group Plc   | 3.19%                     | 0.00%              | \$0M           |
| GNC-GB  | Greencore Group Plc         | 2.13%                     | 0.03%              | \$2M           |
| RKT-GB  | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc | 2.13%                     | 0.08%              | \$33M          |
| TSCO-GB | Tesco PLC                   | 2.13%                     | 0.02%              |                |
| OCDO-GB | Ocado Group PLC             | 2.13%                     | 0.01%              | \$3M           |
| SMWH-GB | WH Smith PLC                | 1.06%                     | 0.02%              | \$10M          |
| GRG-GB  | Greggs plc                  | 1.06%                     |                    | \$27M          |
| FEVR-GB | Fevertree Drinks PLC        | 1.06%                     | 0.03%              | \$11M          |
| SIS-GB  | Science In Sport Plc        | 1.06%                     | 0.02%              | \$2M           |
| CRL-GB  | Creightons Plc              | 1.06%                     | 0.01%              | \$3M           |
| SBRY-GB | J Sainsbury plc             | 1.06%                     | 0.04%              | \$40M          |

## 12. Relative to the MSCI UK Small Cap Index, the largest overweights are in Hilton Food Group, Kitwave Group, and British American Tobacco. These positions offset underweights in Tate & Lyle, Ocado Group, and Greggs plc.

Consumer Staples: Top overweight and underweight position

| Ticker  | Stock Name                   | Average Weight vs<br>Bmark | Funds Invested % | Average Weight % | Fund AUM \$ |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| HFG-GB  | Hilton Food Group plc        | 0.43%                      | 37.23%           | 0.64%            | \$213M      |
| KITW-GB | Kitwave Group PLC            | 0.33%                      | 25.53%           | 0.33%            | \$70M       |
| BATS-GB | British American Tobacco p.l | 0.23%                      | 6.38%            | 0.23%            | \$146M      |
| BAKK-GB | Bakkavor Group PLC           | 0.20%                      | 9.57%            | 0.20%            | \$185M      |
| PFD-GB  | Premier Foods plc            | 0.18%                      | 25.53%           | 0.59%            | \$175M      |
| IMB-GB  | Imperial Brands PLC          | 0.18%                      | 5.32%            | 0.18%            | \$192M      |
| PZC-GB  | PZ Cussons Plc               | 0.17%                      | 13.83%           | 0.17%            | \$52M       |
| CCR-GB  | C&C Group Plc                |                            | 6.38%            | 0.07%            | \$82M       |
| CWK-GB  | Cranswick plc                |                            | 26.60%           | 0.73%            | \$225M      |
| SMWH-GB | WH Smith PLC                 |                            | 15.96%           | 0.27%            | \$48M       |
| GNC-GB  | Greencore Group Plc          |                            | 5.32%            | 0.06%            | \$26M       |
| GRG-GB  | Greggs plc                   |                            | 13.83%           | 0.23%            | \$68M       |
| OCDO-GB | Ocado Group PLC              |                            | 3.19%            | 0.02%            | \$7M        |
| TATE-GB | Tate & Lyle PLC              |                            | 5.32%            | 0.10%            | \$14M       |

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

\* Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

14. Over the same period, ownership declines were fewer and smaller in scale. Britvic and Accrol Group Holdings were both delisted following takeovers, while 2.1% of funds exited positions in Volvere plc and Associated British Foods.

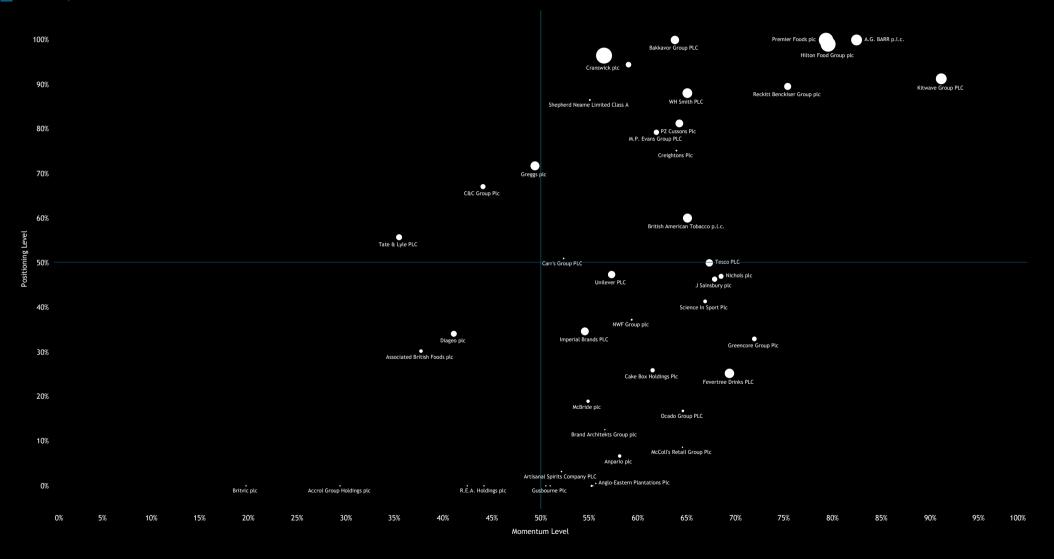
Consumer Stanles: Largest decreases in stock ownershi

| Ticker   | Stock Name                      | Funds Invested % $\Delta$ | Ave Wgt % $\Delta$ | Fund Flows, \$ |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| BVIC-GB  | Britvic plc                     |                           |                    |                |
| ACRL-GB  | Accrol Group Holdings plc       |                           |                    |                |
| VLE-GB   | Volvere plc                     |                           |                    | (\$2M)         |
| ABF-GB   | Associated British Foods plc    |                           |                    |                |
| RE-GB    | R.E.A. Holdings plc             |                           |                    | (\$2M)         |
| TATE-GB  | Tate & Lyle PLC                 |                           |                    | (\$7M)         |
| CCR-GB   | C&C Group Plc                   |                           |                    | \$6M           |
| DGE-GB   | Diageo plc                      |                           |                    | (\$3M)         |
| AGRO3-BR | BrasilAgro Cia Brasileira de Pr |                           |                    |                |
| PZC-GB   | PZ Cussons Plc                  |                           | 0.05%              |                |
| 73-HK    | Asian Citrus Holdings Limited   | 0.00%                     | 0.00%              | \$0M           |
| ABI-BE   | Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV      | 0.00%                     | 0.00%              | \$0M           |
| AEP-GB   | Anglo-Eastern Plantations Plc   | 0.00%                     | 0.00%              | \$0M           |
| ANP-GB   | Anpario plc                     | 0.00%                     | 0.00%              |                |
| ART-GB   | Artisanal Spirits Company PLC   | 0.00%                     |                    |                |



### **Consumer Staples**: Stock-Level Sentiment

15. The 86 Consumer Staples companies in our analysis are skewed to the right of the momentum scale, reflecting broad positive momentum across the sector. On the positioning front, many stocks—such as A.G. Barr, Premier Foods, and Hilton Food Group—are approaching record highs, while names like Fevertree Drinks and Greencore Group are attempting to rebound from lower positioning levels.





Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

\* Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

### **Consumer Staples**: Stock Ownership Trends

16. Hilton Food Group sits at the peak of a 10-year bull run in UK Small & Midcap fund positioning. Fund ownership has reached a record 37.2%, with average weights also at an all-time high of 0.64%.

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17. A.G. BARR plc and Kitwave Group have powered on to new highs in fund positioning, whilst Tate & Lyle has lost all momentum.

Percentage of Funds Invested: Kitwave Group PLC, A.G. BARR p.l.c., Tate & Lyle PLC

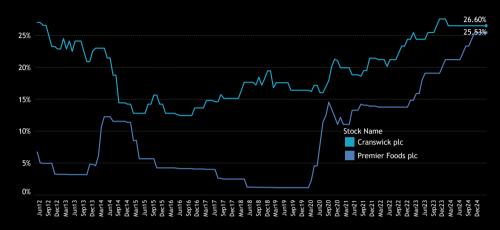


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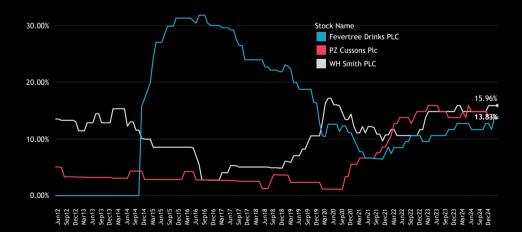
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18. Premier Foods has shown impressive growth in positioning, rebounding from near-universal exclusion in 2019 to 25.5% fund ownership today. Cranswick has followed a more gradual but sustained trajectory and now sits close to its all-time positioning high.

Percentage of Funds Invested: Cranswick plc & Premier Foods plc

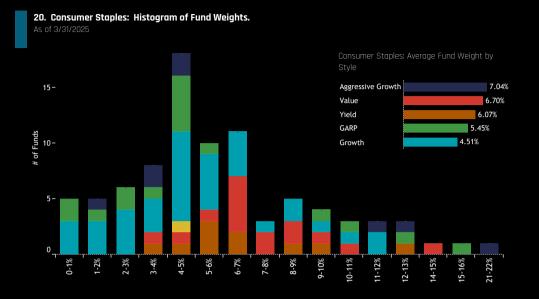


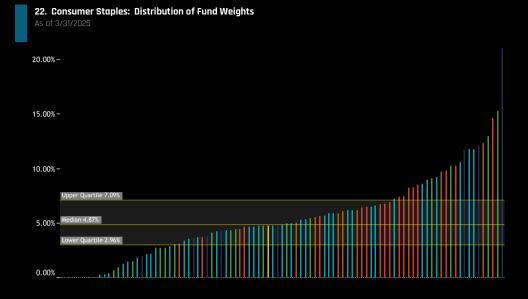
19. Smaller in scale and lacking the same upward momentum, Fevertree, PZ Cussons, and WH Smith share similar ownership profiles, with modest and relatively stable fund participation among UK managers. Funds Invested %: Fevertree Drinks PLC, PZ Cussons PIC, WH Smith PLC





## **Consumer Staples**: Fund Ownership Statistics





#### 21. Consumer Staples: Largest Fund Weights

As of 3/31/2025

#### Fund Name

Unicorn Investment Funds - Outstanding British Companies Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund Fidelity Funds SICAV - UK Special Situations Fund Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid Cap Fd VT Downing Invt. Fds. ICVC - Small & Mid-Cap Income Fund Rathbone UK Opportunities Fund IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund abrdn OEIC I - UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund Castlefield Funds - CFP SDL Free Spirit abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund Polar Capital Funds Plc - UK Value Opportunities Fund JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Growth Fund Premier Miton Investment Funds (Dublin) Plc - UK Focus Fund Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Mid Cap Growth Fund LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund Unicorn Investment Funds - UK Growth Fund ES River & Mercantile Funds ICVC - UK Dynamic Equity Fund TM Crux OEIC - UK Special Situations Fund Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportunities Fd.

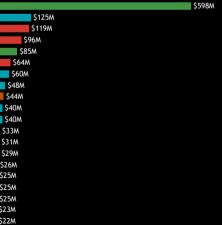
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#### 23. Consumer Staples: Largest Fund-Level AUM, \$ As of 3/31/2025

#### Fund Name

21.08%

| i di a Hame   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund                |                |
| abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund                     | \$125          |
| Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc                         | \$119 <i>N</i> |
| Polar Capital Funds Plc - UK Value Opportunities Fund         | \$96M          |
| LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                                | \$85M          |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - UK Smaller Companies Fund              | \$64M          |
| Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund                           | \$60M          |
| Franklin Templeton Funds - FTF Martin Currie UK Mid Cap Fund  | \$48M          |
| Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund                             | \$44M          |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Mid Cap Growth Fund       | \$40M          |
| Slater Growth Fund  | \$40M          |
| IFSL Marlborough Special Situations                           | \$33M          |
| Montanaro Smaller Companies Plc - UK Income Fund              | \$31M          |
| MI Chelverton UK Equity Fund - Growth Fund                    | \$29M          |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Smaller Companies Fund    | \$26M          |
| Artemis UK Smaller Companies Fund                             | \$25M          |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid Cap Fd | \$25M          |
| Baillie Gifford UK & Bal. Fds UK Equity Alpha Fund            | \$25M          |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportunities Fd. | \$23M          |
| JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Growth Fund                      | \$22M          |
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#### Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research \* Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

### **Consumer Staples**: Fund Ownership Changes

#### 24. Consumer Staples: Largest Increases in Fund Weight

etween 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

| Fund Name   | New or Closed    |              |                     | Fund Name  | New or Closed    |                    |            |
|---|------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                                |                  | 6.30%        |                     | LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                                 |                  |                    | \$74M      |
| FP Octopus Invts. UCITS Funds - UK Multi Cap Income Fund      |                  | 4.81%        |                     | Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc                          |                  | \$21M              |            |
| JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Growth Fund                      |                  | 4.61%        |                     | Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund                 |                  | \$19M              |            |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds (Dublin) Plc - UK Focus Fund   |                  | 4.28%        |                     | BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund                            |                  | \$15M              |            |
| SVS Dowgate Cape Wrath Focus Fund                             |                  | 4.21%        |                     | Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund                              |                  | \$12M              |            |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid Cap Fd |                  | 3.69%        |                     | JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Growth Fund                       |                  | \$9M               |            |
| Castlefield Funds - CFP SDL Free Spirit                       |                  | 3.28%        |                     | WS Amati UK Listed Smaller Companies Fund                      | New              | \$6M               |            |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportunities Fd. |                  | 3.14%        |                     | Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK Smaller Cos. Fund  |                  | \$6M               |            |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund                |                  | 2.97%        |                     | Fidelity Invt. Funds - UK Smaller Companies Fund               |                  | \$4M               |            |
| BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund                           |                  | 2.92%        |                     | Henderson Smaller Companies Investment Trust Plc (The)         | New              | \$4M               |            |
| BlackRock Growth & Recovery Fund                              |                  | 2.81%        |                     | Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - UK Smaller Companies Fund   |                  | \$4M               |            |
| Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc                         |                  | 2.53%        |                     | Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Mid Cap Growth Fund        |                  | <b>\$3M</b>        |            |
| Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund                             |                  | 2.53%        |                     | MGTS AFH DA Fund - UK Smaller Companies                        |                  | <b>\$</b> 3M       |            |
| Aberforth UK Small Companies Fund                             |                  | 2.35%        |                     | Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid Cap Fd  |                  | \$3M               |            |
| Jupiter Asset Mgmt. Series Plc - UK Dynamic Equity Fund       |                  | 2.29%        |                     | Aberforth UK Small Companies Fund                              |                  | \$2M               |            |
| Fidelity Funds SICAV - UK Special Situations Fund             |                  | 2.28%        |                     | Schroder Invt. Fund Company - UK Dynamic Smaller Companies Fd. |                  | \$2M               |            |
| Unicorn Investment Funds - UK Growth Fund                     |                  | 2.17%        |                     | FP Octopus Invts. UCITS Funds - UK Multi Cap Income Fund       |                  | \$2M               |            |
| abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund                     |                  | 1.94%        |                     | BlackRock Growth & Recovery Fund                               |                  | \$2M               |            |
| TM Crux OEIC - UK Special Situations Fund                     |                  | 1.92%        |                     | SVS Dowgate Cape Wrath Focus Fund                              |                  | \$2M               |            |
| Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK Smaller Cos. Fund |                  | 1.72%        |                     | Schroder UK Mid 250 Fund                                       |                  | \$2M               |            |
|   |                  |              |                     |  |                  |                    |            |
| Funds Invested <b>∆</b> * Average Weight                      | t <b>∆</b> * #Ne | w Positions* | # Closed Positions* | # Funds Buying* #  | # Funds Selling* | Estimated Net Fund | Flows, \$* |

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Between 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

2.13%

| Fund Name  | New or Closed |
|--|---------------|
| Premier UK Growth Fund   | -2.88%        |
| VT Downing Invt. Fds. ICVC - Small & Mid-Cap Income Fund       | -2.58%        |
| Montanaro Smaller Companies Plc - UK Income Fund               | -2.24%        |
| IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund                    | -2.17%        |
| WS Montanaro Funds - UK Income Fund                            | -2.12%        |
| VT Tyndall Funds ICVC - Unconstrained UK Income Fund           | -2.10%        |
| Artemis UK Smaller Companies Fund                              | -1.76%        |
| Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity Fund                       | -1.76%        |
| Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK Mid Cap Fund       | -1.43%        |
| Schroder UK Smaller Companies Fund                             | -1.29%        |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Smaller Companies Fund     | -1.00%        |
| LF Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Smaller Companies Fd          | Close -0.99%  |
| Baillie Gifford UK Growth Trust PLC                            | -0.78%        |
| ES River & Mercantile Funds ICVC - UK Equity Smaller Companies | -0.76%        |
| Baillie Gifford UK & Bal. Fds UK Equity Alpha Fund             | -0.71%        |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Multi Cap Income Fund    | -0.64%        |
| CT Invt. Funds UK ICVC - UK Smaller Companies Fund             | -0.59%        |
| Allianz UK & European Investment Fds UK Opportunities Fund     | -0.58%        |
| Dimensional Funds ICVC - United Kingdom Small Companies Fund   | -0.49%        |
| Rathbone UK Opportunities Fund                                 | -0.40%        |

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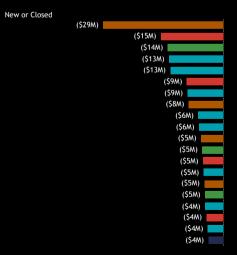
#### 27. Consumer Staples: Largest Fund Outflows, \$

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26. Consumer Staples: Largest Fund Inflows, \$

3etween 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2025

#### Fund Name Montanaro Smaller Companies Plc - UK Income Fund Polar Capital Funds Plc - UK Value Opportunities Fund Artemis UK Smaller Companies Fund Franklin Templeton Funds - FTF Martin Currie UK Mid Cap Fund Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK Mid Cap Fund Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportunities Fd. Premier UK Growth Fund Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Multi Cap Income Fund Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity Fund **IFSL Marlborough Special Situations** Unicorn Investment Funds - UK Income Fund Schroder UK Smaller Companies Fund Dimensional Funds ICVC - United Kingdom Small Companies Fund Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund MI Chelverton UK Equity Fund - Income Fund Schroder Institutional UK Smaller Companies Fund Slater Recovery Fund Allianz UK & European Investment Fds. - UK Opportunities Fund Slater Growth Fund Unicorn Investment Funds - Outstanding British Companies



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## **Consumer Staples:** Stock-Level Ownership & Activity

#### 28. Consumer Staples Stocks: Largest Fund Positions, %

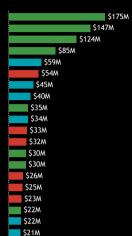
| Fund Name   | Stock Name                      |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Slater Growth Fund  | Tesco PLC                       |
| Franklin Templeton Funds - FTF Martin Currie UK Mid             | Cranswick plc                   |
| abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund                       | Cranswick plc                   |
| TM Crux OEIC - UK Special Situations Fund                       | Imperial Brands PLC             |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds (Dublin) Plc - UK Foc            | British American Tobacco p.l.c. |
| IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund                     | Cranswick plc                   |
| Castlefield Funds - CFP SDL Free Spirit                         | Nichols plc                     |
| Fidelity Funds SICAV - UK Special Situations Fund               | Imperial Brands PLC             |
| Unicorn Investment Funds - Outstanding British Comp             | A.G. BARR p.l.c.                |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund                  | Imperial Brands PLC             |
| ES River & Mercantile Funds ICVC - UK Dynamic Equit             | Cranswick plc                   |
| Slater Recovery Fund  | Tesco PLC                       |
| M&G Investment Funds (3) OEIC - Smaller Companies               | Premier Foods plc               |
| Unicorn Investment Funds - Outstanding British Comp             | Unilever PLC                    |
| abrdn OEIC I - UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund                           | Cranswick plc                   |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportu             | British American Tobacco p.l.c. |
| Fidelity Funds SICAV - UK Special Situations Fund               | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc     |
| Valu-Trac Invt. Fds. ICVC - Downing Unique Opportuni            | A.G. BARR p.l.c.                |
| Castlefield Funds - CFP SDL Free Spirit                         | Unilever PLC                    |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid $\ldots$ | Cranswick plc                   |

|    |      | 5.33% |
|----|------|-------|
|    |      | 5.19% |
|    | 4    | .95%  |
|    | 4.   | 82%   |
|    | 4.6  | 58%   |
|    | 4.6  | 3%    |
|    | 4.5  | 6%    |
|    | 4.5  | 3%    |
|    | 4.5  | 2%    |
|    | 4.4  | 5%    |
|    | 4.42 | 2%    |
|    | 4.37 | %     |
|    | 4.33 | %     |
| 4  | .07% |       |
| 3. | 96%  |       |
| 3. | 88%  |       |
|    | 83%  |       |
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### 30. Consumer Staples Stocks: Largest Fund Positions, \$

Fund Name Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund Slater Growth Fund Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund Franklin Templeton Funds - FTF Martin Currie UK Mid Ca.. Cranswick plc Polar Capital Funds Plc - UK Value Opportunities Fund Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc Polar Capital Funds Plc - UK Value Opportunities Fund Polar Capital Funds Plc - UK Value Opportunities Fund Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund abrdn OEIC II - UK Smaller Companies Fund Liontrust UK Smaller Companies Fund

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#### 29. Consumer Staples Stocks: Largest Changes in Fund Weight

| Fund Name  | Stock Name                   | New or C |        |
|--|------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Castlefield Funds - CFP SDL Free Spirit                | Nichols plc                  | New      |        |
| abrdn OEIC I - UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund                  | Premier Foods plc            | New      |        |
| LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                         | J Sainsbury plc              | New      |        |
| SVS Dowgate Cape Wrath Focus Fund                      | PZ Cussons Plc               | New      |        |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds (Dublin) Plc - UK Foc   | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc  | New      |        |
| Unicorn Investment Funds - Outstanding British Comp    | Fevertree Drinks PLC         | New      |        |
| JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Growth Fund               | Fevertree Drinks PLC         | New      |        |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportu    | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc  | New      |        |
| Montanaro Smaller Companies Plc - UK Income Fund       | Britvic plc                  | Close    | -1.79% |
| Schroder UK Smaller Companies Fund                     | Accrol Group Holdings plc    | Close    | -1.98% |
| IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund            | Greggs plc                   |          | -2.12% |
| VT Downing Invt. Fds. ICVC - Small & Mid-Cap Income    | Tate & Lyle PLC              | Close    | -2.45% |
| Premier UK Growth Fund                                 | Associated British Foods plc | Close    | -2.64% |
| VT Downing Invt. Fds. ICVC - Small & Mid-Cap Income    | Britvic plc                  | Close    | -3.06% |
| Premier Miton Responsible UK Equity Fund               | Associated British Foods plc | Close    | -3.09% |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid | Britvic plc                  | Close    | -3.10% |
|  |                              |          |        |

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

| New or C |        |       |
|----------|--------|-------|
| New      |        | 4.56% |
| New      |        | 3.40% |
| New      |        | 3.26% |
| New      |        | 3.21% |
| New      |        | 3.11% |
| New      |        | 2.87% |
| New      |        | 2.46% |
| New      |        | 2.45% |
| Close    | -1.79% |       |
| Close    | -1.98% |       |
|          | -2.12% |       |
| Close    | -2.45% |       |
| Close    | -2.64% |       |
| Close    | -3.06% |       |
| Close    | -3.09% |       |
| Close    | -3.10% |       |
|          |        |       |

#### 31. Consumer Staples Stocks: Largest Fund Flows, \$

| Fund Name  | Stock Name                      | New or C |         |       |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund             | British American Tobacco p.l.c. |          |         | \$44M |
| LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                             | J Sainsbury plc                 | New      |         | \$35M |
| LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                             | Greggs plc                      | New      |         | \$32M |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund             | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc     |          |         | \$27M |
| Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc                      | Hilton Food Group plc           |          |         | \$26M |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Mid Cap Growth Fund    | Premier Foods plc               | New      |         | \$7M  |
| LF Livbridge UK Multi Cap Fund                             | Nichols plc                     | New      |         | \$7M  |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid Cap | Greggs plc                      | New      |         | \$6M  |
| Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust Plc                      | McBride plc                     |          | (\$9M)  |       |
| Premier Miton Investment Funds 3 - UK Value Opportuniti    | Imperial Brands PLC             | Close    | (\$10M) |       |
| Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK Mid Cap Fund   | Greggs plc                      |          | (\$10M) |       |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds ICVC - UK Listed Small & Mid Cap | Britvic plc                     | Close    | (\$11M) |       |
| Franklin Templeton Funds - FTF Martin Currie UK Mid Cap    | Cranswick plc                   |          | (\$11M) |       |
| Artemis UK Smaller Companies Fund                          | Britvic plc                     | Close    | (\$13M) |       |
| Montanaro Smaller Companies Plc - UK Income Fund           | Britvic plc                     | Close    | (\$20M) |       |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Special Situations Fund             | Imperial Brands PLC             |          | (\$51M) |       |
|  |                                 |          |         |       |





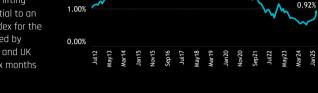
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Prudential plc: Recovery In Play
Barratt Redrow plc: Spiking Higher
Close Brothers Group plc: New Lows
GSK plc: Top Cycle Consolidation
Vodafone Group Plc: The Long Decline



### **Prudential plc** Recovery in Play

Fund ownership in Prudential plc among UK investors has bottomed and is starting to recover. A steady exodus since the 2019 peak, when 66% of funds held a position, saw ownership fall to 43% by early 2024. Since then, the percentage of funds invested has risen to 46.4%, lifting average weights off the lows and tipping Prudential to an overweight position versus the FTSE All-Share Index for the first time since 2020. Larger holders are dominated by Value strategies, led by Invesco UK Opportunities and UK Equity funds, with new positions over the past six months driven by Invesco, Schroders, and JP Moraan.

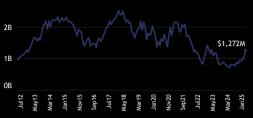


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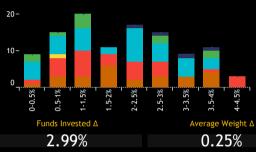
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6. Combined Fund AUM, \$







#### 10. Largest Fund Weights

Fund Name

| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fun     | 4.0   |
|---|-------|
| Invesco Funds - UK Equity Fund                | 4.0   |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Sus. UK Companies F      | 4.0   |
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust        | 3.84  |
| Jupiter Responsible Income Fund               | 3.70% |
| UBS Investment Funds ICVC - UK Equity Inco    | 3.63% |
| SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Select Growth F.   | 3.62% |
| AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund         | 3.61% |
| HBOS Specialised Invt. Funds ICVC - Special S | 3.60% |
| Jupiter Investment Management Series I - UK   | 3.60% |
| Jupiter Asset Mgmt. Series plc - UK Alpha Fu  | 3.58% |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Special S | 3.57% |
| Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - Income &   | 3.51% |
| abrdn Life UK Equity Fund                     | 3.51% |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust Plc    | 3.45% |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                        | 3.45% |
| Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund                   | 3.42% |
| ES River & Mercantile Funds ICVC - UK Equity  | 3.42% |
| Baillie Gifford Investment Funds II ICVC - UK | 3.42% |
| abrdn UK Sustainable & Responsible Investm    | 3.34% |
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Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

#### 7. Average Weight vs FTAL N~~~ 0.03% 0.00% 🔨 -0.20% -0.40% sep21 Jul22 Aay23 Aar24 Jan25 ul12 an20 lov20 ay1

# New Positions

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11. Largest Changes in Fund Weight Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/20

Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - Sus. UK Com.. New

Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd. - Schroder .. New

JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Dynamic F.. New TT International Funds Plc - UK Equit. New

BNY Mellon Investment Fds. - UK Inc.. New

Royal London Sustainable Leaders Tr.. BlackRock UK Special Situations Fund New

Aegon Asset Mgmt. UK ICVC - UK Sus..

Aegon Asset Mgmt. UK ICVC - UK Equ..

abrdn OEIC I - UK Income Equity Fund abrdn Equity Income Trust Plc

HSBC Universal Investment Fds. - UK.. abrdn OEIC IV - UK Equity Enhanced I..

Janus Henderson Institutional High A.. Close

CT Specialist Funds UK ICVC.- UK Sus.. Close

RGI Funds ICVC - UK Alpha Fund

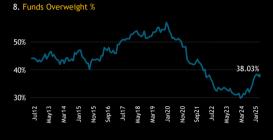
CT (Lux) - UK Equities

Fund Name

Schroder Recovery Fund

Schroder Income Maximiser

MGI Funds Plc - UK Equity Fund





Estimated Net Fund Flows, \$ # Closed Positions # Funds Buying # Funds Selling 37

\$145M

91M

#### 12. Largest Fund AUM, \$

2.58%

2.54%

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2.08%

2.00% 1.70%

1.62%

1.44%

1.36%

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-0.75%

-1.35%

-0.01%

-0.09%

-0.09% -0.26%

| Fund Name                                      |       |
|--|-------|
| Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust         |       |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opportunities Fun      | Ş     |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                         | \$62M |
| Border to Coast UK Listed Equity Fund          | \$57M |
| Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd Schroder Income       | \$39M |
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds UK Income Fund       | \$34M |
| Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund                 | \$33M |
| Aviva Investors Funds ACS - AI Stewardship U   | \$32M |
| Schroder Recovery Fund                         | \$30M |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Equity I.  | \$29M |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Dividen    | \$29M |
| Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - Income &    | \$27M |
| Schroder Income Maximiser                      | \$27M |
| Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund                    | \$26M |
| abrdn UK Sustainable & Responsible Investm     | \$26M |
| M&G Investment Funds (3) - Recovery Fund       | \$24M |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Special S. | \$21M |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust Plc     | \$21M |
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds UK Equity Fund       | \$19M |
| AXA Framlington - UK Select Opportunities F.   | \$19M |

#### 13. Largest Estimated Fund Flows, \$ Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

| Fund Name                       | New or Closed |        |              |      |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|------|
| Royal London Sustainable Lea    |               |        |              | \$6  |
| Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd Sc     | New           |        |              | \$60 |
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds       | New           |        |              | 52/  |
| Schroder Recovery Fund          | New           |        | Ş4           | 46M  |
| Schroder Income Maximiser       | New           |        | \$4          | 1M   |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opp     |               |        | \$19M        |      |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser Sus. U     | New           |        | <b>\$12M</b> |      |
| Janus Henderson Sust./Respon    |               |        | \$12M        |      |
| BlackRock UK Special Situatio   | New           |        | <b>\$10M</b> |      |
| JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Dyn     | New           |        | <b>\$10M</b> |      |
| HSBC Investment Funds - UK G    |               | (\$1M) |              |      |
| RGI Funds ICVC - UK Alpha Fund  |               | (\$1M) |              |      |
| Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund     |               | (\$1M) |              |      |
| abrdn Life UK Equity Fund       |               | (\$1M) |              |      |
| abrdn UK Sustainable & Respo    |               | (\$1M) |              |      |
| AXA Framlington - UK Select O   |               | (\$1M) |              |      |
| CT (Lux) - UK Equities          | Close         | (\$1M) |              |      |
| RGI Funds ICVC - UK Recovery    |               | (\$2M) |              |      |
| UBS (CH) Institutional Fund - E |               | (\$2M) |              |      |
| abrdn OEIC IV - UK Equity Enh   |               | (\$2M) |              |      |



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\$310M

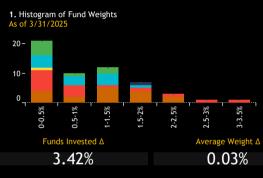
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### **Barratt Redrow plc** Spiking Higher

UK fund ownership in Barratt Redrow plc has surged to record highs. Across all measures, positioning is at new peaks, with 23% of funds now holding a position at an average weight of 0.22%. Dver the past six months, there have been nine new positions versus one closure, and 22 buyers against 12 sellers. Portfolio weights are typically below 2%, with the more bullish investors concentrated in Value and Yield strategies, led by Man GLG Undervalued Assets and The Merchants Trust. New positions have been driven by Quilter UK Opportunities and JP Morgan UK Equity funds.

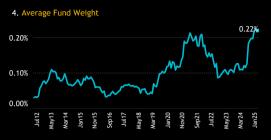


#### 10. Largest Fund Weights

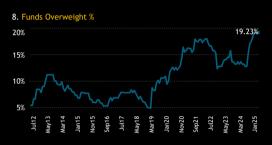
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| Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fund       | 3.    |
|---|-------|
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)                       | 2.52  |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Special S   | 2.39% |
| ES River & Mercantile Funds ICVC - UK Equity    | 2.27% |
| Allianz UK & European Investment Fds UK         | 2.19% |
| WS Canada Life Invt. Fund - Canlife UK Equit    | 1.95% |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds II - UK Opportunities Fund | 1.90% |
| Premier Income Funds ICVC - Monthly Incom       | 1.82% |
| Premier Optimum Income Fund                     | 1.78% |
| WS Canada Life Investments Fund - Canlife U     | 1.67% |
| HSBC Investment Funds - Income Fund             | 1.58% |
| Quilter Invs. Tr UK Equity Opportunities Fu     | 1.54% |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund                   | 1.42% |
| JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Dynamic Fund            | 1.41% |
| HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Growth Shares     | 1.38% |
| HSBC Investment Funds - UK Growth & Incom       | 1.32% |
| JPMorgan Claverhouse Investment Trust Plc       | 1.32% |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - UK Select Fund           | 1.27% |
| JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Equity Growth Fund      | 1.24% |
| Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity Growth      | 1.23% |

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research









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| # New Positions | # Closed Positions | # Funds Buying | # Funds Selling | Estimated Net Fund Flow |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 9               |                    | 22             |                 | \$84.1M                 |

#### 11. Largest Changes in Fund Weight Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

7. Average Weight vs FTAL

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New or Cl.. Fund Name Ouilter Invs. Tr. - UK Equity Opportu. New Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK ... JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Equity Gro.. New Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity G.. New Jupiter UK Income Fund New BlackRock UK Special Situations Fund New Artemis UK Special Situations Fund New Vanguard Invt. Fds. ICVC - Active UK.. New Santander Premium Fund - UK Equities New Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Growt.. WS Canada Life Investments Fund - ... JPMorgan Claverhouse Investment Tr.. HSBC Investment Funds - UK Growth ... HSBC Investment Funds - Income Fund HSBC Universal Investment Fds. - UK., Close WS Canada Life Invt. Fund - Canlife ... ES River & Mercantile Funds ICVC - U.. MGTS AFH DA Fund - UK Multi-Cap G.. JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Equity Cor..

#### 12. Largest Fund AUM, \$

-0.01%

1.27%

1.24%

1.23%

1.01%

0.88%

0.80%

0.64%

0.61%

0.49%

-0.17%

-0.19%

-0.19%

-0.27%

-0.29%

-0.31%

-0.32%

-0.35%

-0.35%

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> Fund Name Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fund Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund \$34M Merchants Trust Plc (The) \$26M Jupiter UK Income Fund \$18M Ninety One Funds Series I OEIC - UK Special S. \$14M WS Canada Life Investments Fund - Canlife U. \$11M Quilter Invs. Tr. - UK Equity Opportunities Fu. \$10M Premier Income Funds ICVC - Monthly Incom. \$10M \$10M Fidelity Invt. Funds - UK Select Fund JPMorgan Claverhouse Investment Trust Plc \$8M Fidelity Invt. Funds II - UK Opportunities Fund \$8M \$7M Allianz UK & European Investment Fds. - UK . Ouilter Investors Trust - UK Equity Fund \$7M Artemis UK Special Situations Fund \$6M Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity Growth \$6M HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Growth Shares 55M Invesco UK 2 Investment Series - UK Enhance.. \$5M SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Growth Fund \$5M JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Dynamic Fund \$4M HSBC Investment Funds - UK Growth & Incom. \$4M

#### 13. Largest Estimated Fund Flows, \$ Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

6. Combined Fund AUM, \$

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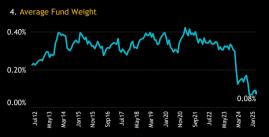
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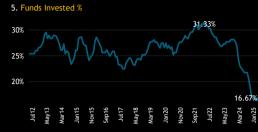
| Fund Name                       | New or Closed |        |              |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| Jupiter UK Income Fund          | New           |        | \$21M        |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fu     |               |        | \$15M        |
| Quilter Invs. Tr UK Equity O    | New           |        | \$11M        |
| Ninety One Funds Series I OEI   |               |        | \$8M         |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalu     |               |        | \$7M         |
| Artemis UK Special Situations   | New           |        | \$6M         |
| Quilter Investors Trust - UK Eq | New           |        | <b>\$6</b> M |
| BlackRock UK Special Situatio   | New           |        | <b>\$</b> 4M |
| JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Equi    | New           |        | \$3M         |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - UK Selec |               |        | \$2M         |
| HSBC Universal Investment Fd    | Close         | \$0M   |              |
| UBS (CH) Institutional Fund - E |               | \$0M   |              |
| RGI Funds ICVC - UK Recovery    |               | \$0M   |              |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds II - UK Op |               | \$0M   |              |
| HSBC Investment Funds - Inco    |               | \$0M   |              |
| HSBC Investment Funds - UK G    |               | \$0M   |              |
| ES River & Mercantile Funds IC  |               | \$0M   |              |
| MGTS AFH DA Fund - UK Multi     |               | \$0M   |              |
| MGI Funds Plc - UK Equity Fund  |               | (\$1M) |              |
| JPMorgan Fund ICVC - UK Equi    |               | (\$5M) |              |



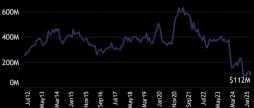
### Close Brothers Group plc New Lows

Positioning in Close Brothers among UK equity funds has fallen to its lowest level on record. From a peak of 31% of funds invested in early 2022, persistent quarterly closures have reduced ownership to just 16.7%. Activity over the past six months has accelerated the trend, with 11 closures versus 2 new positions, and 17 sellers against 8 buyers. Among those still invested, most hold between 0% and 1%, with only three funds – led by abrdn UK Equity and UK Income funds – holding above 1%. Rathbone, HSBC, and Dunedin were among the funds to fully exit.





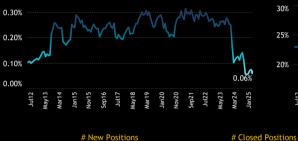


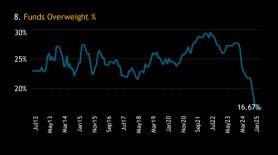






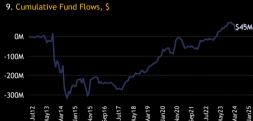
#### 7. Average Weight vs FTAL





# Funds Buying

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| # Funds Selling | Estimated Net Fund Flows, \$ |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
|                 | (\$21 3M)                    |

#### 10. Largest Fund Weights

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|     |    |    |    |   |  |

| abrdn Life UK Equity Fund                      | 1.    |
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| abrdn OEIC I - UK Income Equity Fund           | 1.1   |
| Allianz UK & European Investment Fds UK        | 1.06  |
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)                      | 0.94% |
| abrdn Equity Income Trust Plc                  | 0.94% |
| HBOS Specialised Invt. Funds ICVC - Special S  | 0.93% |
| abrdn UK Sustainable & Responsible Investm     | 0.91% |
| Schroder ISF - UK Equity                       | 0.85% |
| Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund                    | 0.80% |
| Murray Income Trust Plc                        | 0.74% |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Equity I   | 0.73% |
| Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Dividen    | 0.72% |
| SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Select Growth F     | 0.71% |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                         | 0.60% |
| EdenTree Invt. Fds Ser. 1 - Responsible &      | 0.58% |
| Royal London UK Income with Growth Trust       | 0.57% |
| Barclays MM Fd. Plc - GlobalAccess UK Oppor    | 0.55% |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Eq | 0.55% |
| L&G Quality Equity Dividends ESG Exclusions    | 0.55% |
| SPW Multi-Manager ICVC - UK Equity Income      | 0.49% |
|  |       |

11. Largest Changes in Fund Weight Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

.26%

5%

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| und Name                             | New or Cl |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| GI Funds ICVC - UK Recovery Fund     | New       |
| GI Funds ICVC - UK Alpha Fund        | New       |
| Vaverton Invt. Fds. Plc - UK Fund    |           |
| olare UK Equity Offshore Fund        |           |
| anguard Invt. Fds. ICVC - Active UK  |           |
| rojan Investment Funds - Income F    |           |
| WIP UK & Income ICVC - Ethical Fund  |           |
| WIP UK & Income ICVC - Environme     |           |
| VS Church House UK Equity Growth     |           |
| t. James's Place Unit Trust - UK Uni |           |
| chroder UK Alpha Plus Fund           |           |
| antander Managed OEIC - Enhanced     | Close     |
| antander Equity Income Unit Trust    | Close     |
| chroder ISF - UK Equity              |           |
| brdn Equity Income Trust Plc         |           |
| brdn OEIC I - UK Income Equity Fund  |           |
| brdn Life UK Equity Fund             |           |
| ISBC Universal Investment Fds UK     | Close -0  |
| Dunedin Income Growth Investment     | Close -0. |
| athbone Income Fund                  | Close     |
|                                      |           |

#### 12. Largest Fund AUM, \$

11

0.03%

0.03%

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-0.41%

-0.44%

-0.44%

-0.45%

0.51%

69%

85%

Fund Name \$11M Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Equity I. Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK Dividen \$11M Jupiter UK Income Fund \$11M Merchants Trust Plc (The) \$10M Murray Income Trust Plc \$10M abrdn OEIC I - UK Income Equity Fund \$9M Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund \$8M abrdn UK Sustainable & Responsible Investm \$7M Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund \$6M Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK Listed Eq. \$5M Allianz UK & European Investment Fds. - UK \$3M SPW Multi-Manager ICVC - UK Equity Income \$2M abrdn Equity Income Trust Plc \$2M Barclays MM Fd. Plc - GlobalAccess UK Oppor. \$2M abrdn Life UK Equity Fund \$2M HL Select Umbrella Trust - UK Growth Shares 📒 \$1M HBOS Specialised Invt. Funds ICVC - Special S... \$1M \$1M Royal London UK Income with Growth Trust St. James's Place UK Equity Income Unit Trust \$1M MI Brewin Dolphin Sel. Mgrs. Fd. - UK Equity ... \$1M

#### 13. Largest Estimated Fund Flows, \$ Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

| Fund Name                       | New or Closed |        |      |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)       |               |        | \$1  |
| Allianz UK & European Invest    |               |        | \$11 |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fu     |               |        | \$0M |
| Royal London UK Income with     |               |        | \$0M |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC |               |        | \$0M |
| Royal London UK Broad Equity    |               |        | \$0M |
| RGI Funds ICVC - UK Recovery    | New           |        | \$0M |
| RGI Funds ICVC - UK Alpha Fund  | New           |        | \$0M |
| Waverton Invt. Fds. Plc - UK F  |               |        | \$0M |
| Volare UK Equity Offshore Fund  |               |        | \$0M |
| Santander Managed OEIC - Enh    | Close         | \$0M   |      |
| Santander Equity Income Unit    | Close         | (\$1M) |      |
| M&G Investment Funds (2) OEI    | Close         | (\$1M) |      |
| Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund     |               | (\$1M) |      |
| Royal London Equity Funds IC    | Close         | (\$2M) |      |
| Royal London UK Growth Trust    | Close         | (\$2M) |      |
| M&G Investment Funds (3) OEI    | Close         | (\$3M) |      |
| M&G Equities Investment Fund    | Close         | (\$3M) |      |
| Dunedin Income Growth Invest    | Close         | (\$4M) |      |
| Rathbone Income Fund            | Close         | (\$7M) |      |
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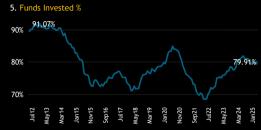


## **GSK plc** Top Cycle Consolidation

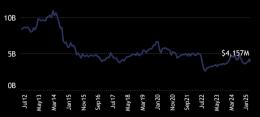
## GSK plc remains the most widely owned stock among UK active investors, held by 79.9% of funds at an average

weight of 2.59% – a moderate overweight versus the FTSE All-Share Index, with 62.8% of funds positioned overweight. Chart 5 highlights the cyclical nature of GSK ownership, and with positioning currently at the top of the recent three-year cycle, selling has begun to emerge. Ownership activity over the past six months shows a sell-side bias, with 69 sellers versus 49 buyers and four closures against one new position. At the fund level, GSK remains a high-co.





#### 6. Combined Fund AUM, \$







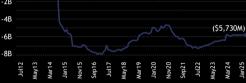
# New Positions



# Funds Buying

49





| # Funds Selling | Estimated Net Fund Flows, \$ |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 69              | \$55.7M                      |

#### 10. Largest Fund Weights

Fund Name

| AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund               | 7.    |
|---|-------|
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds UK Income Fund            | 7.0   |
| JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Dynamic                | 6.15% |
| JOHCM UK - Dynamic                                  | 6.09% |
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds UK Equity Fund            | 5.83% |
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds Sustainable UK            | 5.76% |
| CT (Lux) - UK Equity Income                         | 5.73% |
| CT Invt. Funds UK ICVC - UK Growth & Incom          | 5.69% |
| Columbia Threadneedle Invt. Fds. UK ICVC - $\ldots$ | 5.62% |
| CT Specialist Funds UK ICVC - UK Equity Alph        | 5.62% |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                              | 5.61% |
| Liontrust Investment Funds I - Income Fund          | 5.59% |
| Merchants Trust Plc (The)                           | 5.46% |
| Aviva Investors Funds ACS - AI Stewardship U        | 5.29% |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fund           | 5.22% |
| Aviva Investors Funds ACS - Al Sust. Steward        | 5.08% |
| Jupiter Responsible Income Fund                     | 4.85% |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund                       | 4.78% |
| Schroder Invt. Fund Company - Sustainable U         | 4.70% |
| Slater Income Fund                                  | 4.62% |
|   |       |

Source: Factset, Copley Fund Research

#### 11. Largest Changes in Fund Weight Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

59%

New or Cl.. Fund Name Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Climate .. New BNY Mellon Investment Fds. - UK Inc.. TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Income Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Value Fu... JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Dyna.. BNY Mellon Investment Fds. - UK Equ., JOHCM UK - Dynamic Jupiter Responsible Income Fund Royal London Equity Funds ICVC - UK.. COURTIERS UCITS Investment Funds I... AXA World Funds - UK Equity Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - UK Opportuni.. Invesco Funds - UK Equity Fund Invesco UK Invt. Ser. - Sus. UK Com... Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund MGI Funds Plc - UK Equity Fund Artemis SmartGARP UK Equity Fund JPMorgan Fund II ICVC - UK Equity Pl.. Aviva Invs. - UK Equity Unconstraine.. Close Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC - UK L., Close

#### 12. Largest Fund AUM, \$

# Closed Positions

2.71%

1.50%

1.32%

1.28%

1.17%

1.13%

1.08%

1.08%

0.93%

0.81%

-4.04%

-4.04%

-1.01%

-1.08%

-1.08% -1.11%

-1.26%

-1.47%

-1.56%

-1.62%

Fund Name \$247M Artemis Income Fund Columbia Threadneedle Invt. Fds. UK ICVC -\$199M BNY Mellon Investment Fds. - UK Income Fund \$138M St. James's Place UK Equity Income Unit Trust \$137M Border to Coast UK Listed Equity Fund \$123M Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fund \$116M IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC - Inco. \$111M Liontrust Special Situations Fund \$107M Royal London Sustainable Leaders Trust \$107M \$100M Jupiter UK Income Fund Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalued Assets Fund \$100M SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Growth Fund \$91M Aviva Investors Funds ACS - Al Stewardship U. \$77M Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc \$72M Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - UK All Co. \$70M St. James's Place Unit Trust - UK Unit Trust \$62M Merchants Trust Plc (The) \$57M \$57M City of London Investment Trust Plc (The) SPW Multi-Manager ICVC - UK Equity Fund \$56M Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund \$52M

#### 13. Largest Estimated Fund Flows, \$ Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

| Fund Name                       | New or Closed |         |     |       |       |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds       |               |         |     |       | \$66N |
| Artemis Income Fund             |               |         |     | \$40  | M     |
| TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Inc    |               |         |     | \$37  | M     |
| Royal London Equity Funds IC    |               |         |     | \$30/ | N     |
| Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc  |               |         |     | \$20M |       |
| BNY Mellon Investment Fds       |               |         |     | \$18M |       |
| AXA Framlington UK Equity Inc   |               |         |     | \$16M |       |
| Royal London UK Broad Equity    |               |         |     | \$13M |       |
| Columbia Threadneedle Invt      |               |         |     | \$13M |       |
| City of London Investment Tru   |               |         |     | \$11M |       |
| JPMorgan Claverhouse Invest     |               | (\$8M   | )   |       |       |
| Artemis SmartGARP UK Equity     |               | (\$10M  | )   |       |       |
| Royal London UK Growth Trust    |               | (\$11M  | )   |       |       |
| Liontrust Sustainable Future I  |               | (\$12M) |     |       |       |
| Liontrust Special Situations Fu |               | (\$13M) |     |       |       |
| Santander UK Growth Unit Trust  |               | (\$14M) |     |       |       |
| Aviva Investors Invt. Fds. ICVC | Close         | (\$18M) |     |       |       |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Undervalu     |               | (\$29M) |     |       |       |
| Invesco UK Invt. Ser UK Opp     |               | (\$35M) |     |       |       |
| Man UK ICVC - GLG Income Fu     |               |         | (\$ | 52M)  |       |



UK: 234 Active UK Funds, AUM \$155.61Bn

\$13M

### **Vodafone Group Plc** The Long Decline

#### UK fund ownership in Vodafone continues its long-term

decline. From a peak of over 80% of funds invested in 2012, ownership has fallen in an almost linear fashion to just 26.5% today. Average weights are now at an all-time low of 0.33%, representing an underweight of -0.28% versus the FTSE All-Share, Recent fund activity shows a marginal sell-side bias, with closures from JOHCM and Quilter offset by a single new position from AXA Framlington. At the fund level, allocations top out at 3.4% for Jupiter UK Dynamic, with only two growth strategies among the top 20 largest holders.

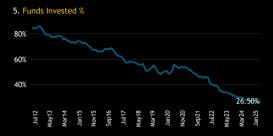


#### 4. Average Fund Weight 4.00% 2.00% 0.33% 0.00% Jul 12 lay 13 lar 14 Aay18 Mar19 Jan20 Vov20 Sep21 Jul22 Mar24 Mar25 Jul 17 lov15 ep16

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8. Funds Overweight %

-0.28%

1.19%

1.16%

0.67%

0.55%

0.45%

0.34%

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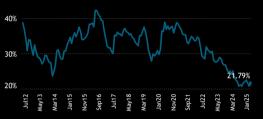
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Estimated Net Fund Flows, \$ # Closed Positions # Funds Buying # Funds Selling # New Positions 13 \$36.9M

#### 10. Largest Fund Weights

#### Fund Name

| Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund                       | 3.37% |
|--|-------|
| Dimensional Funds ICVC - United Kingdom Va           | 3.12% |
| COURTIERS UCITS Investment Funds ICVC - U            | 2.98% |
| Schroder Income Maximiser                            | 2.77% |
| Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd Schroder Income             | 2.77% |
| Schroder Recovery Fund                               | 2.70% |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBuilder Dividend         | 2.53% |
| Royal London UK Income with Growth Trust             | 2.53% |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Enhanced Income Fund          | 2.42% |
| Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - Income &          | 2.23% |
| JOHCM UK - UK Equity Income                          | 2.18% |
| TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Income                      | 2.05% |
| Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Value Fund                 | 2.02% |
| OFI Invest Britannia Sicav                           | 2.02% |
| Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Climate Engage             | 2.00% |
| SEI Global Master Fund Plc - UK Equity Fund $\ldots$ | 1.95% |
| Invesco UK 2 Investment Series - UK Enhance          | 1.85% |
| SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Growth Fund               | 1.82% |
| Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) - UK Equit          | 1.64% |
| Jupiter UK Income Fund                               | 1.56% |

11. Largest Changes in Fund Weight Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/20

7. Average Weight vs FTAL

0.00%

-0.50%

-1.00%

-1.50%

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| Fund Name                             | New or Cl |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBuilder D |           |  |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Enhanced Inco  |           |  |
| AXA Framlington UK Equity Income F    | New       |  |
| Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund        |           |  |
| JOHCM UK - UK Equity Income           |           |  |
| nvesco UK 2 Investment Series - UK    |           |  |
| MFM UK Primary Opportunities Fund     |           |  |
| abrdn OEIC IV - UK Equity Enhanced I  |           |  |
| Epworth Invt. Fds. for Charities - UK |           |  |
| COURTIERS UCITS Investment Funds I    |           |  |
| Dimensional Funds ICVC - United Kin   |           |  |
| /T Munro Smart-Beta Fund - UK Fund    |           |  |
| TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Income       |           |  |
| Redwheel Funds SICAV - UK Value Fu    |           |  |
| owland Investment Company Plc         |           |  |
| Janus Henderson Sust./Responsible F   |           |  |
| Quilter Investors Trust - UK Equity F | Close     |  |
| JOHCM Umbrella Fund Plc - UK Dyna     | Close     |  |
| Janus Henderson UK & EU Fds UK        |           |  |
| JOHCM UK - Dynamic                    | Close     |  |
|                                       |           |  |

#### 12. Largest Fund AUM, \$

Fund Name \$49M JOHCM UK - UK Equity Income SWIP UK & Income ICVC - UK Growth Fund \$48M St. James's Place UK Equity Income Unit Trust \$46M Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund \$45M Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd. - Schroder Income \$42M Schroder Recovery Fund \$31M \$31M St. James's Place Unit Trust - UK Unit Trust \$29M Schroder Income Maximiser \$29M Invesco UK 2 Investment Series - UK Enhance Jupiter UK Income Fund \$28M TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Income \$21M \$18M Temple Bar Investment Trust Plc City of London Investment Trust Plc (The) \$18M Omnis Portfolio Investments ICVC - Income & \$17M Dimensional Funds ICVC - United Kingdom Va. \$14M Aviva Investors Funds ACS - AI Stewardship U.. \$14M Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBuilder Dividend \$13M \$13M SPW Multi-Manager ICVC - UK Equity Fund MI Brewin Dolphin Sel. Mgrs. Fd. - UK Equity \$11M Law Debenture Corporation Plc (The) \$10M

#### 13. Largest Estimated Fund Flows, \$ Between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025

| Fund Name                       | New or Closed |        |      |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|
| JOHCM UK - UK Equity Income     |               |        |      |
| Invesco UK 2 Investment Serie   |               |        | \$8/ |
| Jupiter UK Dynamic Equity Fund  |               |        | \$8٨ |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - MoneyBu  |               |        | \$6M |
| TM RWC Funds - UK Equity Inc    |               |        | \$3M |
| Fidelity Invt. Funds - Enhance  |               |        | \$3M |
| Schroder Unit Trusts Ltd Sc     |               |        | \$3M |
| AXA Framlington UK Equity Inc   | New           |        | \$2M |
| Royal London UK Broad Equity    |               |        | \$2M |
| Schroder Income Maximiser       |               |        | \$2M |
| SEI Global Master Fund Plc - U  |               | \$0M   |      |
| RGI Funds ICVC - UK Recovery    |               | \$0M   |      |
| Epworth Invt. Fds. for Charitie |               | \$0M   |      |
| VT Munro Smart-Beta Fund - U    |               | \$0M   |      |
| UBS (CH) Institutional Fund - E |               | (\$1M) |      |
| Janus Henderson UK & EU Fds     |               | (\$2M) |      |
| Lowland Investment Company      |               | (\$2M) |      |
| Janus Henderson Sust./Respon    |               | (\$2M) |      |
| Quilter Investors Trust - UK Eq | Close         | (\$2M) |      |
| JOHCM UK - Dynamic              | Close         | (\$3M) |      |





# Methodology

Copley uses Factset Ownership data for the majority of its source holdings. This data benefits from various inputs such as fund interim and monthly statements, 13F Forms, and other timely sources utilized by Factset. For US funds, data is usually updated quarterly with varying degrees of lag. However, due to agreements with asset management firms and the incorporation of press releases, Factset often provides updates more quickly. By leveraging these additional sources, Factset ensures a shorter time lag for many data points beyond the standard quarterly fund statements. Copley uses the latest published holdings for each fund and adjusts weights based on price movements between the last filing and the end of the most recent month. The typical average lag ranges from 60 to 90 days depending on the time of year.





# Calculations

Copley uses 6 key measures of fund ownership throughout our analysis. Our chart packs presents these metrics in formats such as time series, snapshots at specific points, or comparisons between two time periods.

**Average Weight**: The sum of all fund weights in any dimension (region, country, sector, industry, stock) divided by the total number of funds (234) in the analysis.

Average Weight vs FTAL: The average weight minus the weight in the SSgA SPDR ETFS Europe I Plc - FTSE UK All Share UCITS ETF (cash removed and weights adjusted).

**Funds Invested %**: The total number of funds with any exposure to a dimension divided by the total number of funds (234) in the analysis.

**Funds O/W**: The total number of funds with a larger weight in any dimension than the SSgA SPDR ETFs Europe I Plc - FTSE UK All Share UCITS ETF, divided by the total number of funds (234) in the analysis.

**AUM, \$**: The combined AUM allocated to a particular dimension across the 234 active UK funds in our analysis, in US Dollars

**Estimate Fund Flows, \$**: The difference in share quantity between 2 periods for each stock in a fund multiplied by the price. These figures are rolled up to provide aggregate fund flows across countries, sectors and stocks.





# Style Classifications

Each fund is split into a Style category based on the P/E and P/B ratios of their portfolio compared to the benchmark

**Aggressive Growth**: At least 70% of the portfolio in stocks with a higher P/E than the SSgA SPDR ETFs Europe I Plc - FTSE UK All Share UCITS ETF average, and at least 70% with a higher P/B ratio.

**Growth**: At least 50% of the portfolio in stocks with a higher P/E than the SSgA SPDR ETFs Europe I Plc - FTSE UK All Share UCITS ETF average, and at least 50% with a higher P/B ratio.

**Value**: Either by the fund description, or at least 50% of the portfolio in stocks with a lower P/E ratio than the SSgA SPDR ETFs Europe I Plc - FTSE UK All Share UCITS ETF average, and at least 50% with a lower P/B ratio

Yield: As per the fund description only (i.e Yield, Dividend, Income funds).

GARP: All other iterations that do not fit under the above classifications.





# Sentiment Grid

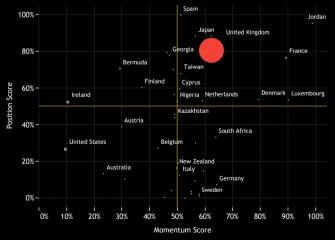
We use the Sentiment Grid in our analysis as a way of combining long-term positioning with shorter dated manager activity across all dimensions (country, sector, stock). Here we outline the metrics that go in to the Sentiment Grid calculation.

The Y-Axis measures where today's ownership levels in each dimension sit relative to the long-term range. We calculate the Z-Score of today's average weight, funds invested % and funds o/w % relative to all monthly observations in our fund history (going back to 5/31/2012). A figure close to 100% would indicate today's positioning is close to its maximum ever level, a figure close to zero, the lowest.

The X-axis provides a measure of short-term fund activity, or 'Momentum', by looking at the changes in average weight, funds invested %, funds o/w % and the net buyers vs sellers between 9/30/2024 and 3/31/2025, relative to each dimension. A figure above 50% means a dimension has seen relative increases in ownership, a figure below 50% indicates a relative decrease in positioning. The size of the bubble represents the average weight of each dimension

#### Country Sentiment Grid

Momentum Measure Between 9/30/2024 - 3/31/2025







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