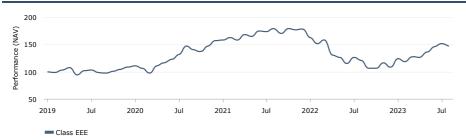
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# **Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS Fund (GBP)**

## **Monthly Performance**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2023	14.17	-3.86	7.30	-0.98	8.20	6.88	4.02	-3.17					35.85
2022	-8.34	-7.18	4.35	-17.15	-3.18	-8.83	8.99	-3.97	-11.89	-0.25	9.60	-7.03	-39.14
2021	0.86	2.49	-2.47	6.24	-1.85	5.90	-0.82	3.26	-4.99	5.27	-1.20	0.53	13.27
2020	2.05	-4.49	-7.70	13.64	5.05	5.12	7.90	10.97	-4.32	-2.62	7.83	6.54	44.72
2019		-1.28	3.90	4.60	-11.94	7.60	1.60	-5.10	-0.28	2.54	4.20	3.86	8.47

## Performance (Since Inception)



### Fund Summary

Fund Summary The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to generate capital growth mainly through exposure to the development, advancement and use of technology. The Sub-Fund will be invested in global technology equities some of which are familiarised by the acronym "FAANG" defining the most well-known technology equities. Apart from the FAANG equities, the Sub-Fund will also invest in other large technology stocks. Up to 100% of the assets of the Sub-Fund may be invested in equities. The Sub-Fund is expected to invest in companies which should benefit from the development, advancement and use of technology and communication services and equipment. The Sub-Fund will have no bias towards a particular geographic sector but may be biased towards securities within the technology, communication, computer software, media and information services and semiconductors and semiconductor equipment sector.

### Manager's Comment

Rising Treasury yields, weak economic data out of China and weak trading volumes all contributed to a tough August for the US equity market. The three major stock indexes wrapped up a volatile month with the largecap S&P 500 index suffering its first monthly loss since February, while the Nasdaq Composite logged its first down month of the year. The powerful artificial intelligence-led rally that helped drive US equity prices for most of the year took a breather in August. Only two of the eleven S&P 500 sectors posted a positive return in the month. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note neared a 16-year high in August before rolling over late in the month. The dollar rose around 1% in August on the back of the spike in yields, gold fell by more than 2% and oil ended the month higher.

In August, the Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS fund posted its first negative month of performance since April. The drop in Chinese stock prices was partly responsible for the weak monthly performance. JD.com was removed from the fund in August and replaced with Infosys Ltd. Adding Infosys helped keep our international diversification while the removal of JD lowered our Chinese exposure. We also replaced PayPal with Arista Networks. While we continue to like the payment processing sector, we felt an increase in our exposure to the AI sector was warranted. FAANG+'s top stock in August was Akamai Technologies. Our top holdings remain Amazon.com, Alphabet Inc, Apple Inc, Meta Platforms and Netflix.

# Fund Details

Administrator	CC Fund Services (Malta) Ltd.
Adviser	Castlestone Management LLC
Management Company	AQA Capital Ltd.
Custodian	Swissquote Bank
Liquidity	Daily
SICAV AUM	268.54M

# Sector Breakdown as % of holdings

Technology	46.37%
Communication Services	29.05%
Consumer Discretionary	17.05%
Financials	5.38%
Private Equity	2.15%

# **Geographic Exposure as % of holdings**

US	78.67%
China	9.24%
Europe	4.14%
Taiwan	2.31%
Canada	2.00%
India	1.96%
South Korea	1.68%

## Top Holdings as % of holdings

AMAZON INC	7.59%
ALPHABET INC-CL C	7.48%
APPLE INC	7.13%
FACEBOOK*	7.01%
NETFLIX INC	6.95%
NVIDIA CORP	4.92%
TESLA INC	4.84%
MICROSOFT CORP	4.63%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING - SP ADR	2.75%
BAIDU INC - SPON ADR	2.50%

\*Meta Platforms inc

#### Statistics

	Class EEE	Class AAA	Class BBB	Class CCC	Class DDD	Class FFF
Official NAV	1469.99	1506.31	1376.48	1375.08	1378.38	1366.67
Total Return Annualized	8.77%	9.53%	7.36%	7.48%	7.25%	9.34%
Positive Months	30	30	30	28	30	22
Losing Months	25	24	24	25	25	20
ISIN (MT70000)	24576	24055	24071	24097	24550	52338
Ticker (Exch MV)	CASFEEE	CASFAAA	CASFBBB	CASFCCC	CASFDDD	CASFFFF

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