

# Marlborough Quantock UK Growth Fund

## *Monthly Fund Commentary - February 2010*



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During January, Marlborough Quantock (+0.0%) outperformed the FTSE All-Share Index (-3.6%), an excellent relative start to the year.

Subject to FSA approval, we have decided to change the name of the Fund to Marlborough UK Primary Opportunities Fund as this better reflects the nature of the Fund. Since we launched Quantock in December 1995 most purchases have been made in primary markets. These consist of companies seeking a new listing (IPO), those undertaking equity fund raisings for restructuring and/or growth opportunities.

We also buy secondary shares from large known sellers typically at a substantial discount to the price. We also subunderwrite rights issues and buy the rump. The reasoning behind this approach is to buy shares at a discount to fair value or the prevailing market price. We will continue to operate this unique investment style. The Fund has seen recent inflows.

We participated in placings in Chime Communications (+3.8%), JKC Oil & Gas (+0.8%) and Tullow Oil (+0.4%).

The market began the year positively on suggestions that the Federal Reserve will keep rates low for some time to come and a solid set of Christmas trading figures from a number of retailers. Marks & Spencer however saw a sharp fall following an uninspiring trading statement. Cadbury finally succumbed to Kraft's takeover pursuit by recommending the revised offer.

The month closed with sharp falls as Chinese banks reduced credit availability and President Obama vowed to reform the banking industry, potentially resulting in banks having to split their investment bank from their retail bank. Unsurprisingly, prices of financials suffered.

*Bob Brown - 05/02/2010*

### Regulatory Information and Risk Warning

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