

## Investment Objective

The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

We select companies based on our own fundamental research, taking a long-term horizon. We do not follow benchmarks and always seek to invest in quality and value.

Quality means companies that are global leaders, have strong competitive positions and pricing power in structurally attractive and growing markets, have management teams with strong records of value creation and have robust balance sheets.

Value means buying those companies at prices that allow for the prospect of significant capital growth over 5-10 years or more.

## Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,820.61	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	1,922.26	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,682.21	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1H Acc GBP	1,226.43	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2549545601
A1 Acc CHF	1,156.65	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,846.99	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,702.84	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,463.41	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,713.89	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979606040
L1 Acc USD	1,062.44	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782975945
L1 Acc EUR	1,040.24	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782976083
L1 Acc GBP	1,025.43	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782975861

\*OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For more details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus.

## Portfolio Comment

After strong gains this year our World Stars Global Equity fund consolidated in October, in line with the global equity market. The month was characterised by an increase in geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, uncertainty over the US election and concerns over the efficacy of the stimulus measures in China. The US dollar currency index rose by 3% and the yield on 10 years Treasuries increased by 50 bps to 4.3%.

In our portfolio, 21 of our investee companies have reported Q3 earnings with a broad picture of robust revenue growth, improving margins and a reiteration of full year earnings guidance.

Digital stocks accounted for five of the top ten performers. Strong revenue growth and margin expansion was a feature of our digital platforms. *Meta* (-1%) reported 20% revenue growth and an increased EBIT margin of 43%. *Amazon*'s Q3 EBIT margin rose from 8% to 11% boosted by AWS and international ecommerce. *Alphabet*'s (+3%) cloud revenues grew by an exceptional 35% with margins of 17%. In each case these businesses are extracting significant gains from operating leverage, tight cost control and from investment in AI, which is delivering increased appeal to users of the platform and to advertisers.

*Amphenol* (+3%) led our industrial holdings with 15% organic growth in revenues in Q3 and a 110bps rise in the EBIT margin to 22%. In the IT & Datacom division revenues rose 59% year-on-year with strong demand for AI-related applications.

AUM

Firm: US\$2.0bn      WSGE Strategy: US\$1.6bn      Fund: US\$358m

## World Stars Global Equity (WSGE) Performance, CHF



### Net Performance, % Total Return, CHF

	Oct-24	3 M	2024 YTD	Cumulative					Annualised				
				1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	
Portfolio	-2.0	-1.8	+18.3	+25.5	+8.0	+52.9	+152.3	+226.3	+2.6	+8.9	+9.7	+10.3	
MSCI World TR	+0.4	+0.7	+20.1	+27.2	+13.6	+54.8	+128.7	+218.2	+4.3	+9.1	+8.6	+10.0	
<strong>Top 5 Holdings</strong>				<strong>Key Facts</strong>									
Stock	Sector	Portfolio	No. of Stocks		29	Median Market Cap <sup>1</sup>			US\$174bn				
Nvidia	Information Technology	9.3	Gross Dividend Yield			1.1%			Cash % of NAV				
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	5.6	Active Share <sup>^</sup>			84.5%			5 Year Standard Deviation				
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	5.4	Best Month			11.0%			5 Year Sharpe Ratio				
Eaton	Industrials	5.1	Worst Month			-9.1%			Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover <sup>2</sup>				
Alphabet	Communication Services	5.0	Average Month			0.9%			5 Year Max. Drawdown				
			% Positive Months			62.1%			5 Year Beta				

Performance since launch on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 is that of the Fund's A1 CHF Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars CHF Strategy, a model or hypothetical portfolio, unhedged, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears, inception 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The MSCI World Total Return Index reflects large and mid-cap issuers across 23 developed markets countries and is the benchmark for the Fund. The total return index includes price performance and income after tax from regular cash distributions. Source: Factset, Wize, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co. As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

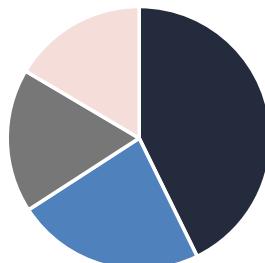
## GICS Sector Allocation

- Information Technology 23.6%
- Industrials 16.7%
- Health Care 16.5%
- Communication Services 13.3%
- Consumer Staples 9.6%
- Consumer Discretionary 9.0%
- Materials 5.0%
- Financials 4.3%
- Real Estate 2.1%



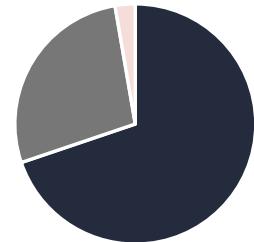
## J. Stern &amp; Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 42.8%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 23.1%
- Consumer 19.0%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 16.5%



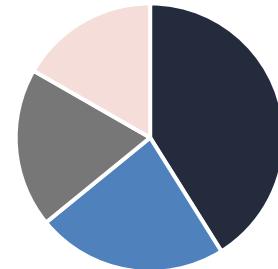
## Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 69.8%
- Europe ex-UK 27.5%
- UK 2.7%



## Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 41.1%
- Asia 23.0%
- Europe 19.2%
- Rest of World 16.7%



## Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, CHF

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	MSCI World TR	Excess return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.7	+3.7	-0.8	+0.1	-0.6	+0.7
2013	+2.7	+8.0	+2.2	-0.5	+1.5	-3.6	+1.5	-2.5	+3.0	+4.4	+1.5	+0.3	+19.6	+23.1	-3.4
2014	-4.0	+3.6	-0.2	+1.5	+3.5	+1.1	-2.1	+3.3	+1.0	-0.1	+2.3	+0.2	+10.2	+17.4	-7.1
2015	-7.8	+8.5	-0.4	-0.8	+2.3	-5.1	+5.6	-7.2	-3.3	+11.0	+5.2	-3.9	+2.1	-0.3	+2.4
2016	-3.5	-2.4	+2.9	+1.3	+4.4	-0.3	+1.6	+1.3	+1.0	-1.8	+0.8	+1.3	+6.6	+9.4	-2.8
2017	+1.7	+4.6	+3.5	+2.9	+1.5	-2.6	+3.3	+0.0	+1.8	+7.6	-1.2	+1.0	+26.4	+17.2	+9.2
2018	+3.1	-1.7	+0.4	+3.6	+2.0	+1.5	+2.7	-1.9	+2.1	-6.6	-1.0	-7.7	-4.1	-7.8	+3.8
2019	+6.5	+2.4	+4.2	+5.7	-5.8	+3.1	+2.6	+0.3	+0.3	+1.3	+3.9	-0.0	+26.8	+25.5	+3.5
2020	-0.2	-6.2	-9.1	+10.8	+4.3	+1.0	+2.5	+4.8	-1.6	-2.9	+7.7	+1.0	+10.9	+6.2	+3.5
2021	-1.4	+3.0	+7.1	+3.7	-0.2	+4.6	+1.1	+3.0	-3.7	+2.9	-1.9	+3.2	+24.6	+25.4	-0.8
2022	-5.2	-4.7	+3.0	-3.8	-3.3	-7.7	+8.4	-4.3	-8.7	+5.9	+2.2	-6.5	-24.6	-17.2	-7.4
2023	+7.3	-0.6	+3.7	-0.0	+2.6	+4.4	+0.5	-0.4	-4.2	-2.2	+5.0	+1.0	+17.8	+12.7	+4.6
2024	+5.3	+10.7	+4.2	-2.4	+3.4	+1.4	-3.1	-1.3	+1.5	-2.0			+18.3	+20.1	-1.9

See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Fund Information

Portfolio Manager	Christopher Rossbach
Deputy Portfolio Manager	Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA
Launch Date	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Administrator & Depository	CACEIS Investor Services Bank SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Reference Currency	US Dollar
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day

Share Class	A	B	L	A5/A6
Eligibility	All	Retail	Institutional	Charity
Minimum Investment*	1m	5k	25m	1m
Management Fee	0.90%	1.20%	0.75%	0.65%
OCF	1.20%	1.50%	1.05%	0.95%
Acc./ Dist.	Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all			
Currencies*	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & GBP			
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available			
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day			

## Sustainability &amp; ESG

J. Stern & Co. is a signatory to the UN PRI; a Member of the SASB Alliance; and strategically aligned to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its ten Global Compact principles.

The World Stars Global Equity Fund is classified as an 'Article 8 Fund' under the EU's SFDR framework.



## Important Information

<sup>1</sup> Active Share is as at 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 and AUM is latest available at time of going to print. \* Minimum investment is stated in share class currency. Share classes currently available are set out on previous page; other classes can be made available in all currencies displayed and with alternative fee structures on request. <sup>2</sup>Median market cap based on USD market cap of companies in the World Stars Global Equity Fund. <sup>3</sup>Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover is based on the World Stars Global Equity Strategy in USD which the Fund follows.

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