# WORLD STARS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

## **Investment Objective**

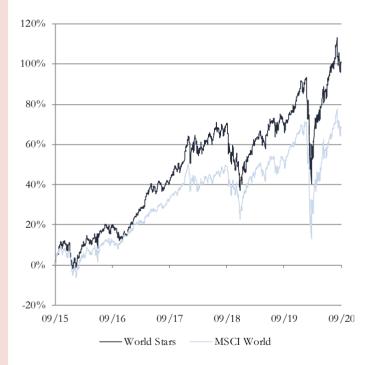
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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.

#### 5 Year World Stars Portfolio Performance, USD



3 Months

+8.4

+8.0

#### **Performance Analysis**

Portfolio

MSCI World

ThermoFisher

Sep-20

-3.6

-3.4

Health Care

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Top 5 Holdings	3		Strategy Performance Analy	sis
Stock	Sector	Cash % of NAV		
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	8.3	Annualised Rate of Return	
Adobe	Information Technology	8.2	Best Month	10.8%
Alphabet	Communication Services	6.2	Worst Month	-9.3%
Activision Blizzard	Communication Services	5.4	Average Month	

2020 YTD

+9.3

4.8

1 Year

+18.2

% Positive Months

Sharpe ratio

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NAV*	USD	1,236.47
Comparator	1	MSCI World

\*NAV of A1 USD share class as at 30 September 2020

#### **Share Class Summary**

**Fund Summary** 

Share Class	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 USD Acc	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 EUR Acc	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 GBP Acc	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A5 USD Acc	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 USD Acc	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 GBP Acc	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979606040

\*The estimated Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For all detail so fall fees and charges, please refer to the relevant special section of the Prospectus

#### Portfolio Comment

September saw a pullback in global equity markets driven by uncertainty over the US election, concerns over a second wave of the pandemic, and a correction in some large technology stocks, after a substantial rise earlier in the year.

Despite its strong performance year to date, our World Stars fund was resilient, falling back in line with the MSCI World, but it is still 7.2% ahead of the index this year.

Roche (+5%) was amongst the best performing stocks in the month. At its Virtual Pharma Day the company emphasized the strength of its pipeline across therapeutic areas, more than offsetting the impact of biosimilar competition to its key oncology franchise.

Other net gainers included Givaudan (+4%), the global leader in flavours and fragrances, after its investor day in late August. The company has multiple long-term growth drivers across emerging and developed markets, including urbanisation and a focus on food technology, health & wellness, and active beauty.

The weakest performers were all in tech, including *Alphabet* (-12%) and Amazon (-10%), due to the announcement of anti-trust investigations by the US government. As we wrote in an investment insight last month that is available on our website, we believe that the key issues are around market power, privacy and algorithm bias. The big tech companies have been of major benefit to consumers during the pandemic and we do not think that a break-up of the companies is a solution to the issues.

Cu	mulative		Annualised				
Year	5 Year	Since Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception		
+41.9	+105.8	+133.0	+12.4	+15.5	+11.1		
-27.1	+69.0	+118.6	+8.3	+11.1	+10.3		

3.8% +11.1%

Apr' 20

Oct' 18 0.7%

51.6%

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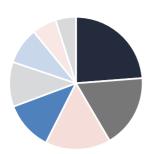
Key Facts	
No. of Stocks	27
Active share	87.2%
Median market cap	\$116bn
Dividend Yield	1.0%
Beta	0.90
12 Month turnover	7.5%
Max Drawdown	-6.2%

^Active share as at 29 February 2020

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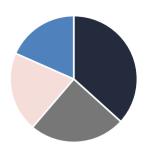
#### **Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 24%
- Information Technology 18%
- Communication Services 16%
- Consumer Discretionary 12%
- Consumer Staples 11%
- Industrials 9%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 5%



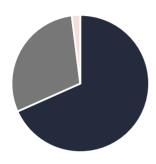
#### **Thematic Allocation**

- Dominant Internet/Tech Franchises 36%
- Pharma & Healthcare Companies 24%
- Global Leaders w. Recurring Businesses 20%
- Global Leaders w. Cyclical Exposure 18%



## Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 69%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 2%



## Geographic Mix of Sales

- USA 47%
- Europe 20%
- Rest of World 17%
- Asia 16%



# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, USD

														MSCI	Excess
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	World	return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.8	+4.2	+0.4	+2.8	+2.0	+0.8
2013	+3.3	+5.4	+0.8	+1.4	-1.1	-2.8	+3.3	-2.9	+6.2	+4.2	+1.7	+1.9	+23.1	+27.3	-4.2
2014	-5.7	+6.5	-0.5	+1.8	+1.9	+1.9	-4.6	+2.6	-3.1	-0.8	+2.2	-2.8	-1.3	+5.5	-6.8
2015	-0.4	+5.3	-2.8	+2.8	+1.6	-4.2	+2.7	-7.8	-4.3	+10.0	+0.9	-1.3	+1.4	-0.3	+1.7
2016	-5.7	+0.4	+7.1	+1.2	+0.7	+1.8	+2.5	-0.4	+2.4	-3.7	-2.1	+1.5	+5.0	+8.1	-3.1
2017	+4.7	+3.1	+3.5	+3.4	+4.4	-1.6	+2.5	+0.4	+1.1	+4.4	+0.3	+1.8	+31.8	+23.0	+8.8
2018	+8.1	-3.3	-0.9	+0.3	+2.7	+0.5	+3.0	+0.4	+1.1	-9.3	-0.4	-6.5	-5.2	-8.2	+3.0
2019	+5.8	+1.9	+4.2	+3.2	-4.5	+6.1	+1.1	+0.4	-0.4	+2.5	+2.3	+3.1	+28.5	+28.4	+0.1
2020	+0.4	-6.9	-8.5	+10.8	+4.4	+1.9	+6.5	+5.6	-3.6	-	-	-	+9.3	+2.1	+7.2

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# **Fund Information**

Investment Manager	J. Stern & Co. LLP
Portfolio Manager	Christopher Rossbach
Deputy Portfolio Manager	Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA
Launch Date	08 April 2019
Vehicle	Alpha UCITS SICAV, Luxembourg
Management Company	MDO Management Company SA
Administrator & Depository	RBC Investor Services
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Reference Currency	USD
NAV & Dealing Day	Daily, 3pm Luxembourg time

Share Class	A	В	L	A5/A6				
Minimum Investment	1,000,000	5,000	25,000,000	1,000,000				
Management Fee	0.90%	1.20%	0.75%	0.65%				
Target OCF*	1.20%	1.50%	1.05%	0.95%				
Eligibility	All	Retail	Institutional	Charity				
Currencies	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & GBP USD & C							
Accumulation / Distribution	Accumulation & Distribution available to all							
Alternative fee structure	Reduced annual fee with performance fee available on request							
Dealing Cut-off	3pm in Luxembourg on the business day before the dealing day							

\*Subject to discussions with J. Stern & Co., accumulation and distribution share classes can be made available in all currencies displayed above. The base currency of the Fund is USD. Minimum investment is stated in currency of share class. Target OCF is the Investment Manager's target for the OCF for the GBP share class.

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