## WORLD STARS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND (EUR)

30TH APRIL 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, EUR



# **Performance Analysis**

Strategy, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends rein investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a re

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#### Top 5 Holdings Strategy Performance Analysis Cash % of NAV % of NAV Sector Consumer Discretionary Annualised Rate of Return +12.4% 8.2 Information Technology 7.5 Best Month 11.4% Apr' 20 Communication Services 7.2 Worst Month -9.1% Alphabet Aug' 15 Average Month Real Estate American Tower 5.8 Activision Blizzard Communication Services 5.3 % Positive Months

Sharpe ratio

**Fund Summary** 

NAV*	EUR	1122.43
Comparator	MS	CI World

\*NAV of A1EUR share class as at 30 April 2020

#### **Share Class 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 more details on fees and charges, please refer to the relevant special section of the Prospectus.

#### Portfolio Comment

April has seen a sharp bounce back in global equity markets with the MSCI World Index up 11.3% in EUR, and by 28% from the nadir in March. Our strategy has risen strongly in April, and has outperformed by 6.8% in 2020 YTD. Investors' hopes have been buoyed by the scale of the policy response by Governments and by initial signs of a recovery in consumer spending in China.

The Q1 results season has highlighted the stark difference in recent trading between strongly positioned businesses in attractive industries with the remainder. Notable features in our fund were revenue growth of 26% from Amazon and a 12% increase to 3 billion monthly active users across Facebook's family, driving 17% growth in advertising revenue. In consumer goods, both LVMH and L'Oreal reported on a nascent recovery in consumer demand in China, starting in mid-March.

We initiated new positions in Sika, a high margin speciality chemical business with differentiated high-performance products across construction and autos; and in Amphenol, a leader in electrical & electronic connectivity with a well-diversified global

Although technically the 20% bounce in markets from the low point could constitute a bull market, we are more cautious. With a severe economic downturn now underway and only a steady recovery expected through 2021-22, we believe there will be good opportunities to deploy the 8% cash in the fund.

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Portfolio	+11.4	-4.5	-3.1	+6.9	+34.1	+60.9	+143.4	+10.3	+10.0	+12.4
MSCI World	+11.3	-10.6	-9.9	-1.0	+17.2	+34.0	+121.6	+5.4	+6.0	+11.1
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No. of Stocks	26
Active share	87.2%
Median market cap	€94bn
Dividend Yield	1.2%
Beta	0.91
12 Month turnover	7.5%
Max Drawdown	-2.2%

Annualised

^Active share as at 29 February 2020

Cumulative

#### **Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 27%
- Communication Services 16%

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- Consumer Staples 13%
- Information Technology 12%
- Consumer Discretionary 12%
- Industrials 11%
- Real Estate 6%
- Material 3%



#### **Thematic Allocation**

- Dominant Internet/Tech Franchises 38%
- Pharma & Healthcare Companies 27%
- Global Leaders w. Recurring Businesses 19%
- Global Leaders w. Cyclical Exposure 16%



# Geographic Exposure by Listing



- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 2%



# Geographic Mix of Sales

- USA 45%
- Europe 22%
- Rest of World 19%
- Asia 13%



# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, EUR

														MSCI	Excess
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	World	return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3	+3.9	-1.0	+0.5	-0.3	+0.8
2013	+0.3	+7.1	+4.7	-1.2	+0.6	-3.1	+1.2	-2.2	+3.5	+3.8	+1.6	+0.7	+17.9	+22.0	-4.1
2014	-3.7	+4.1	-0.0	+0.9	+3.5	+1.6	-2.4	+4.2	+0.9	-0.0	+2.7	+0.0	+12.0	+20.3	-8.3
2015	+6.7	+5.9	+1.5	-1.4	+3.8	-5.7	+3.5	-9.1	-3.9	+11.1	+5.5	-4.0	+12.8	+11.1	+1.7
2016	-5.4	-0.2	+2.4	+0.7	+3.6	+2.0	+1.8	-0.0	+1.5	-1.4	+1.1	+2.1	+8.1	+11.5	-3.4
2017	+2.3	+4.8	+2.9	+1.7	+1.2	-2.9	-0.8	-0.4	+1.6	+5.9	-2.0	+1.1	+16.1	+8.0	+8.1
2018	+4.2	-1.2	-1.7	+2.0	+6.2	+0.5	+2.8	+1.0	+1.3	-7.1	-0.3	-7.3	-0.6	-3.6	+3.1
2019	+8.4	+2.6	+5.5	+3.4	-4.5	+4.2	+3.8	+1.1	+0.4	+0.1	+3.6	+1.3	+35.1	+30.9	+4.2
2020	+1.5	-6.4	-8.4	+11.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.1	-9.9	+6.8

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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	Ernst & Young SA
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 & GBF								
Accumulation / Distribution	Accumulation & Distribution available to all								
Alternative fee structure	Reduced annual fee with performance fee available on request								
Dealing Cut-off	3pm in Luxe	embourg on the bus	siness 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 EUR share class.

#### Important Information

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