# **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



3 Months

+15.6

+16.7

#### **Performance Analysis**

Portfolio

MSCI World

American Tower

Jun-20

+0.7

+1.4

Activision Blizzard Communication Services

Real Estate

# investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Top 5 Holdings Stock Sector % of NAV Cash % of NAV Amazon Consumer Discretionary 7.9 Alphabet Communication Services 6.5 Worst Month -9.1%

5.5

5.4

2020 YTD

+0.6

-5.6

+11.5

+4.5

| Cash % of NAV             |       | 4.6%    |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| Annualised Rate of Return |       | +12.7%  |
| Best Month                | 11.4% | Apr' 20 |
| Worst Month               | -9.1% | Aug' 15 |
| Average Month             |       | 0.8%    |
| % Positive Months         |       | 50.0%   |
| Sharpe ratio              |       | 1.12    |

+41.9

+25.3

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Cumulative

5 Year

+70.9

+42.3

# Key Facts

Since Inception

+152.7

+132.1

| No. of Stocks     | 27    |
|-------------------|-------|
| Active share      | 87.2% |
| Median market cap | €96bn |
| Dividend Yield    | 1.1%  |
| Beta              | 0.90  |
| 12 Month turnover | 8.0%  |
| Max Drawdown      | -2.2% |

Annualised

Since Inception

+12.7

5 Year

+11.3

+7.3

# **Fund Summary**

| NAV*       | EUR | 1122.43 |
|------------|-----|---------|
| Comparator | MSC | I 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

The World Stars Global Equity fund continued its strong performance in June and is now up for the year, compared to the MSCI World which is still negative. Investor confidence has been supported by improvements in leading indicators and by a strong sequential recovery in retail sales, as well as by continued fiscal and monetary support from policy makers including the Fed and the ECB.

Three of our stocks rose over 10%. Amazon and Adobe are clear beneficiaries of the shift to staying at home and working remotely. With powerful competitive positions in their growth industries both stocks will deliver much more. Sika, the Swiss-based materials technology company and a global leader in concrete admixtures, sealants and waterproofing, will be a major beneficiary of rising building and infrastructure spend.

Facebook faced a campaign for a temporary pause in advertising by some of its advertisers. We believe the company needs to do more to address concerns about objectionable content. However, we are positive about the 3bn monthly active users across its social networks (80% ex-US & Europe) and the diversity of its advertiser base (c. 8m mostly small and medium-sized companies).

We have added Visa to benefit from its exposure to the global payments industry as more and more transactions go cash free, and to take advantage of the sell-off due to the short-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

3 Year

+12.4

+7.8

<sup>^</sup>Active share as at 29 February 2020

#### **Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 25%
- Information Technology 17%
- Communication Services 16%
- Consumer Staples 11%
- Consumer Discretionary 11%
- Industrials 9%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 5%



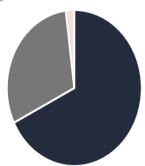
# Thematic Allocation

- Dominant Internet/Tech Franchises 37%
- Pharma & Healthcare Companies 25%
- Global Leaders w. Recurring Businesses 21%
- Global Leaders w. Cyclical Exposure 18%



# Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 67%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 2%



# Geographic Mix of Sales

- USA 47%
- Europe 20%
- Rest of World 18%
- Asia 16%



# 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 | +0.7 | -    | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | +0.6  | -5.6  | +6.2   |

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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                    | 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 & GBP         |        |               |           |  |  |
| 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 EUR share class.

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