# **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**

# Fund Summary

NAV*	EUR	1157.13
Comparator	M	ISCI World

\*NAV of A1EUR share class as at 31May 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 was up 3.1% in May, close to the 3.4% rise in the MSCI World. The fund has outperformed the index by 6.8% so far this year. Investor confidence has been boosted further by (i) policymakers, notably the US Fed with its powerful message of "we're not out of ammunition by a long shot", (ii) increasing hopes of new treatments and vaccines for Covid-19, and (iii) steps to progressively re-open economies.

First quarter reports have highlighted the difference in performance between companies that have been resilient or benefitted and others who have been hit by the pandemic. Our digital transformation companies have prospered whilst our consumer companies have benefitted from exposure to the Chinese consumer and well-developed on-line platforms. In healthcare all five of our holdings are leading large-scale Covid-19 initiatives in diagnostic testing and equipment. Our long-term investment *Roche* is a provider of one of the key tests being rolled out and is close to completing patient enrolment in the US for the Phase III clinical trial of Actemra for severe Covid-19 pneumonia.

The economic downturn now underway is severe. However, we are more focused on the aftermath of the pandemic – the prospect of accelerated change in key business and societal trends, and the opportunities for companies with a powerful competitive position in the industries of tomorrow. These are the levers that will deliver further long-term value in the World Stars strategy.

					mulative	Annualised				
	May-20	3 Months	2020 YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Portfolio	+3.1	+5.2	-0.1	+14.4	+36.1	+61.0	+150.9	+10.8	+10.0	+12.7
MSCI World	+3.4	+0.2	-6.9	+8.0	+22.2	+35.0	+129.0	+6.9	+6.2	+11.4

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## Top 5 Holdings

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Stock	Sector	% of NAV
Adobe	Information Technology	7.7
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	7.7
Alphabet	Communication Services	7.2
American Tower	Real Estate	5.9
Activision Blizzar	d Communication Services	5.7

# Strategy Performance Analysis

Cash % of NAV		4.8%
Annualised Rate of Return		+12.7%
Best Month	11.4%	Apr' 20
Worst Month	-9.1%	Aug' 15
Average Month		0.8%
% Positive Months		50.8%
Sharpe ratio		1.12

# Key Facts

No. of Stocks	26
Active share	87.2%
Median market cap	€111bn
Dividend Yield	1.2%
Beta	0.90
12 Month turnover	8.0%
Max Drawdown	-5.4%

^Active share as at 29 February 2020

#### **Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 27%
- Communication Services 17%
- Information Technology 13%
- Consumer Staples 12%
- Consumer Discretionary 11%
- Industrials 10%
- Real Estate 6%
- Materials 3%



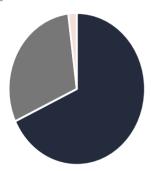
# Thematic Allocation

- 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

- USA 68%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 2%



## Geographic Mix of Sales

- USA 47%
- Europe 21%
- Rest of World 18%
- Asia 15%



# 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.1	-6.9	+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 & G							
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.

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