## 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, GBP


## Performance Analysis

## Fund Summary

| NAV* | GBP | $1,145.47$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparator |  | MSCI World |

*NAV of A1 GBP share class as at 31 August 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 all detail so fall fees and charges, please refer to the relevant special section of the Prospectus.

## Portfolio Comment

The World Stars Global Equity Fund performed strongly in August ( $+3.5 \%$ ) and is now up $12.4 \%$ this year, $7.6 \%$ ahead of the MSCI World. Over the last five years the strategy has outperformed the index by 410 basis points per year.
Investor confidence in recent weeks has been supported by resilient corporate earnings, an improvement in leading indicators and the Fed's abandonment of its inflation target, the first change since 2012.

Our portfolio benefitted from its diversification across industries, geographies and companies. Ten of our holdings rose by $10 \%$ or more. Many of our healthcare, digital and industrial stocks are benefiting from changed dynamics in the post-Covid environment.

Payments companies Mastercard ( $+19 \%$ ) and Visa ( $+13 \%$ ) epitomise companies with strong long-term growth prospects based on their global reach, technology leadership and brand power.
In healthcare and life sciences, the new CEO of Medtronic (+12\%) is targeting faster and broader top line growth from its powerful range of medical devices and technologies. Abbott ( $+10 \%$ ) received FDA approval for its latest Covid-19 test, which generates a result in just fifteen minutes from a swab and credit card-sized test kit.

Honeywell ( $+13 \%$ ) was the best-performing of our industrials. Second quarter results highlighted the company's seamless execution, its determined cost cutting and swift pivoting to new opportunities such as UV airplane cabin systems to reduce viruses and bacteria.

|  | Aug-20 | 3 Months | 2020 YTD | Cumulative |  |  |  | Annualised |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | Since Inception | 3 Year | 5 Year | Since Inception |
| Portfolio | +3.5 | +6.0 | +12.4 | +11.6 | +46.0 | +131.2 | +194.2 | +13.4 | +18.2 | +14.6 |
| MSCI World | +4.5 | +5.8 | +4.8 | +6.8 | +29.7 | +93.5 | +173.1 | +9.0 | +14.1 | +13.5 |

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Top 5 Holdings

| Stock | Sector | \% of NAV |  | Cash \% of NAV | $4.1 \%$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Amazon | Consumer Discretionary | 8.8 |  | Annualised Rate of Return | $+14.6 \%$ |  |  |
| Adobe | Information Technology | 8.3 |  | Best Month | $10.8 \%$ | Jun' 16 |  |
| Alphabet | Communication Services |  | 6.6 |  | Worst Month | $-7.5 \%$ | Oct' 18 |
| Activision Blizzard | Communication Services | 5.3 |  | Average Month | $0.9 \%$ |  |  |
| American Tower | Real Estate | 4.6 |  | \% Positive Months | $50.8 \%$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Sharpe ratio | 1.28 |  |  |

## Key Facts

| No. of Stocks | 27 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Active Share^ | $87.2 \%$ |
| Median Market Cap | $£ 97 \mathrm{bn}$ |
| Dividend Yield | $1.0 \%$ |
| Beta | 0.89 |
| 12 Month Turnover | $7.7 \%$ |
| Max Drawdown | A. Active share as at 29 |

## Sector Allocation

- Health Care 24\%
- Information Technology 18\%
- Communications Services 16\%
- Consumer Discretionary 12\%
- Consumer Staples 11\%
- Industrials 9\%

Materials 6\%


Real Estate 5\%

## Geographic Exposure by Listing

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


## Thematic Allocation

- Dominant Internet/Tech Franchises 38\%
- Pharma \& Healthcare Companies 24\%

Global Leaders w. Recurring Businesses 20\%

- Global Leaders w. Cyclical Exposure 18\%


## Geographic Mix of Sales

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



## Monthly Performance, \% Total Return, GBP

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD | MSCI <br> World | Excess <br> return |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -1.6 | +4.8 | -1.0 | +2.0 | +1.4 | +0.6 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | +5.9 | +8.2 | +2.5 | -1.0 | +1.5 | -2.9 | +3.4 | -4.8 | +1.5 | +5.1 | -0.2 | +0.8 | +20.9 | +24.9 | -4.0 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | -5.0 | +4.5 | +0.3 | +0.3 | +2.6 | -0.0 | -3.4 | +4.3 | -0.8 | +0.5 | +4.3 | -2.4 | +4.7 | +12.3 | -7.6 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | +3.3 | +2.4 | +1.2 | -0.7 | +2.3 | -7.0 | +3.5 | -6.4 | -2.9 | +7.9 | +3.5 | +0.8 | +7.2 | +5.5 | +1.7 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | -2.1 | +1.9 | +4.0 | -0.7 | +1.4 | +10.8 | +3.3 | +0.9 | +3.2 | +2.3 | -4.3 | +2.6 | +25.1 | +29.1 | -4.1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ | +3.0 | +4.2 | +3.1 | +0.1 | +4.6 | -2.2 | +1.0 | +2.7 | -2.8 | +5.5 | -1.6 | +1.8 | +20.8 | +12.4 | +8.4 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | +2.9 | -0.2 | -2.7 | +2.1 | +6.3 | +1.3 | +3.7 | +1.4 | +0.8 | -7.6 | -0.3 | -6.3 | +0.4 | -2.6 | +3.0 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | +2.6 | +0.8 | +6.9 | +3.3 | -1.4 | +5.4 | +4.9 | +0.9 | -1.6 | -2.4 | +2.2 | +0.7 | +24.8 | +23.4 | +1.4 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ | +0.7 | -4.1 | -5.5 | +9.1 | +6.5 | +1.6 | +0.8 | +3.5 | - | - | - | - | +12.4 | +4.8 | +7.6 |

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## Fund Information

| Investment Manager | J. Stern \& Co. LLP | Share Class | A | B | L | A5/A6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Portfolio Manager | Christopher Rossbach | Minimum Investment | 1,000,000 | 5,000 | 25,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Deputy Portfolio Manager | Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA | Management Fee | 0.90\% | 1.20\% | 0.75\% | 0.65\% |
| Launch Date | 08 April 2019 | Target OCF* | 1.20\% | 1.50\% | 1.05\% | 0.95\% |
| Vehicle | Alpha UCITS SICAV, Luxembourg | Eligibility | All | Retail | Institutional | Charity |
| Management Company | MDO Management Company SA | Currencies | USD \&, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, \& GBP |  |  | USD \& GBP |
| Administrator \& Depository | RBC Investor Services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auditor | Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l. | Accumulation / Distribution | Accumulation \& Distribution available to all |  |  |  |
| Reference Currency | USD | Alternative fee structure | Reduced annual fee with performance fee available on request |  |  |  |
| NAV \& Dealing Day | Daily, 3pm Luxembourg time | Dealing Cut-off | 3 pm in Luxembourg on the business day before the dealing day |  |  |  |

[^0] share class. Target OCF is the Investment Manager's target for the OCF for the GBP share class.

## Important Information

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