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### **Investment Objective**

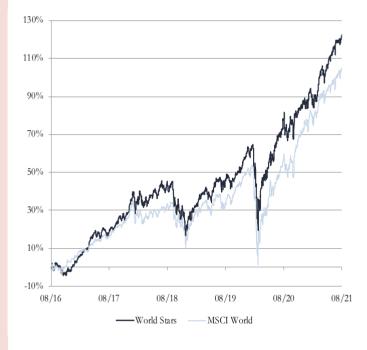
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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



### **Performance Analysis**

#### Share Class Summary

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Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN				
A1 Acc USD	1,603.20	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1952142120				
A1 AccEUR	1,559.27	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979603963				
A1 Acc GBP	1,389.48	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604003				
A1 AccCHF	1,080.23	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604185				
A5 Acc USD	1,613.09	0.65%	0.89%	1,000,000	LU1963577264				
B1 Acc USD	1,513.67	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1952142476				
B1 Acc EUR	1,198.65	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1979605828				
B1 Acc GBP	1,428.87	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1979606040				

\*OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For more details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus.

### World Stars Global Equity AUM

Strategy^: USD975m

Fund<sup>^</sup>: USD189m

#### Portfolio Comment

Our companies have continued to report strong performance during the Q2 results season, with increased confidence from management teams over the trading outlook.

*Alcon's* (+14%) Q2 results revealed a broad acceleration in top-line growth and operating margins of 18.2%. In surgical equipment, where it is the global No 1 in cataract and vitrectomy (retinal), sales were 14% higher than Q2 2019 with clear evidence of market share gains. The vision care division also achieved faster growth in both contact lenses and ocular health products.

Salesforce's (+10%) Q2 results underlined the strength of its competitive positive in enterprise software as investment in digital transformation increases in the post-Covid world. Revenues increased by 24% and the operating margin rose to 20.4%. Early indications on the \$27.7 billion acquisition of Slack are positive.

Amongst our industrial holdings, *Amphenol* (+6%) and *Eaton* (+8%) reported Q2 organic sales growth of 22% and 27% respectively, with significant margin expansion. These companies have broad exposure to higher business investment across automotive, aerospace, automation and communications driven in large part by the 'electrification of everything'.

The Chinese government's measures to increase its influence on the big Chinese technology companies and to emphasize 'common prosperity' have had a significant impact. We have no holdings listed in China and believe that a wider income distribution will be positive for China and will increase demand for the consumer and luxury goods which our companies sell to Chinese customers.

				Cumulative					Annualised			
	Aug-21	3 Months	2021 YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since 1	Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	
Portfolio	+2.0	+7.7	+18.7	+25.0	+54.6	+121.5	+2	202.1	+15.6	+17.2	+13.2	
MSCI World	+2.5	+6.0	+18.3	+30.3	+54.3	+104.9	+ ;	195.0	+15.5	+15.4	+12.9	
Top 5 Holdin	gs			Strategy Perform	nance Anal	ysis		Key Fac	ts			
Stock	Sector		% of NAV	Cash % of NAV			2.1%	No. of Stocks			28	
Alphabet	Communicat	on Services	8.0	Annualised Rate o	f Return	+13.2% Active sh		are^		87.1%		
Amazon	Consumer D	scretionary	6.0	Best Month 10.8%		Apr' 20	Median market cap		\$170bn			
Adobe	Information '	Technology	5.8	Worst Month		-9.3%	Oct' 18	Dividend	Yield		0.9%	
ThermoFisher	Health Care		4.0	Average Month			1.1%	Beta			0.90	
Salesforce	Information '	Technology	3.8	% Positive Month	s		69.2%	12 Month	turnover		8.5%	
				Sharpe ratio			1.00	Max Drav	wdown		-27.5%	

Performance since launch on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars USD Strategy, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Source: SS&C Technologies, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co.

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## J. STERN & CO. WORLD STARS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND

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### **GICS Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 22%
- Information Technology 20%
- Communication Services 15%
- Consumer Staples 13%
- Industrials 11%
- Consumer Discretionary 10%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 3%

# Geographic Exposure by Listing

- ∎ USA 68%
- Europe ex-UK 29%
- UK 4%

# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, USD

### J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 33%
- Consumer 24%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 22%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 21%

### Geographic Exposure of Sales

- ∎ USA 46%
- Europe 20%
- Rest of World 17%
- Asia 16%





														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	-2.5	+8.4	+3.4	+19.4	+16.5	+2.9
2021	-2.0	+0.9	+2.7	+7.0	+1.4	+2.3	+3.2	+2.0	-	-	-	-	+18.7	+18.3	+0.4
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See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

# **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager	Christopher Rossbach	Share Class	
Deputy Portfolio Manager	Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA	Eligibility	
Launch Date	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Minimum Investment* Management Fee	C
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA	OCF	1
Administrator & Depository	RBC Investor Services Bank SA	Acc./ Dist.	
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.	Currencies*	U
Reference Currency	US Dollar	Alternative fee structure*	Rec
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London	Alternative lee structure.	
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day	Subscriptions & Redemptions	E

#### Sustainability & ESG

J. Stern & Co is a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code & the UN PRI; a Member of the SASB Alliance; and strategically aligned to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its ten Global Compact principles.

The World Stars Global Equity Fund is classified as an 'Article 8 Fund' under the EU's SFDR framework.



Share Class	Α	В	L	A5/A6			
Eligibility	All	Retail	Institutional	Charity			
Minimum Investment*	1m	5k	25m	1m			
Management Fee	0.90%	1.20%	0.75%	0.65%			
OCF	1.10%	1.40%	0.95%	0.89%			
Acc./ Dist.	Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all						
Currencies*	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & USD & GBP						
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fe available						
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day						

#### Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and AUM is latest available at time of going to print. \* Minimum investment is stated in share class currency. Share classes currently available are set out on previous page; other classes can be made available in all currencies displayed and with alternative fee structures on request.

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