

## 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

	Oct-21	3 Months	2021 YTD	1 Year	Cumulative		Annualised			
					3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+2.7</b>	<b>+17.6</b>	<b>+24.7</b>	<b>+60.2</b>	<b>+100.6</b>	<b>+255.6</b>	<b>+17.0</b>	<b>+14.9</b>	<b>+15.0</b>
<i>MSCI World</i>	<i>+4.0</i>	<i>+5.6</i>	<i>+19.7</i>	<i>+33.5</i>	<i>+56.4</i>	<i>+88.2</i>	<i>+252.9</i>	<i>+16.1</i>	<i>+13.5</i>	<i>+14.9</i>

### Top 5 Holdings

Stock	Sector	% of NAV
Alphabet	Communication Services	8.2
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	5.8
Adobe	Information Technology	5.7
ThermoFisher	Health Care	4.5
Salesforce	Information Technology	4.4

### Strategy Performance Analysis

Cash % of NAV	1.5%
Annualised Rate of Return	+15.0%
Best Month	10.8% Jun' 16
Worst Month	-7.6% Oct' 18
Average Month	1.1%
% Positive Months	57.1%
Sharpe ratio	1.18

### Key Facts

No. of Stocks	28
Active share <sup>^</sup>	87.6%
Median Market Cap	£114bn
Dividend Yield	0.9%
Beta	0.89
12 Month Turnover	8.5%
Max Drawdown	-19.6%

Performance since launch on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 GBP Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars GBP 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.

## Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,603.20	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	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 Acc CHF	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<sup>^</sup>: USD972m

Fund<sup>^</sup>: USD188m

## Portfolio Comment

Consistently strong trading results from many of our companies drove a significant recovery in the World Stars Global Equity fund in October. This occurred as global equity markets were boosted by investors seeking protection from higher inflation and seeking to limit their exposure to rising interest rates.

Six of our holdings rose by 10% or more. Three in digital transformation, and one each in consumer, healthcare & life sciences and industrials & infrastructure. This underlines the breadth of commercial progress being achieved by companies across our four broad sectors, despite the well-known challenges of input cost inflation and supply chain pressures.

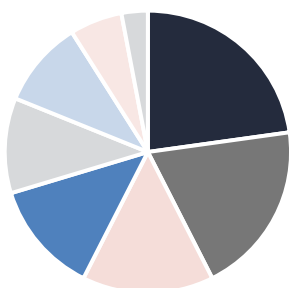
*Alphabet's* (+11%) Q3 results showed further substantial growth in revenues, margins and cash generation, which have combined to drive the stock up 70% this year. Its high-margin advertising revenues rose by 44% and the group EBIT margin in Q3 rose to 32% (24%).

*L'Oreal's* (+10%) Q3 sales increased by 14% on an organic basis and were 15% above Q3 2019. The company is currently growing at almost twice the rate of the global beauty market with particular gains in L'Oreal Luxe, Active Cosmetics and Professional.

Our two payments companies, *Mastercard & Visa*, both reported revenue growth of 29% in Q3, with EBIT margins of 57% and 66% respectively, but a relatively slow recovery in travel spending and cross-border payments. We remain confident in the outlook with multiple growth drivers in both stocks.

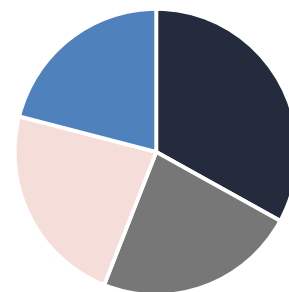
GICS Sector Allocation

- Health Care 23%
- Information Technology 20%
- Communication Services 15%
- Consumer Staples 13%
- Industrials 11%
- Consumer Discretionary 10%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 3%



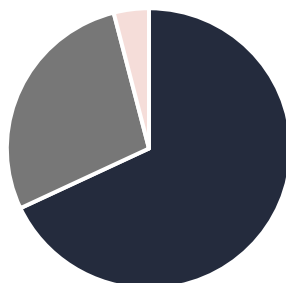
J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 33%
- Consumer 23%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 23%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 21%



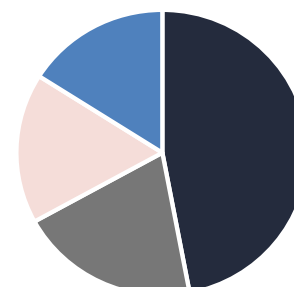
Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 68%
- Europe ex-UK 28%
- UK 4%



Geographic Exposure 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 World	Excess return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6	+4.8	-1.0	+2.0	+1.4	+0.6
2013	+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
2014	-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
2015	+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
2016	-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
2017	+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
2018	+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
2019	+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
2020	+0.7	-4.1	-5.5	+9.1	+6.5	+1.6	+0.8	+3.5	-0.3	-2.9	+5.3	+0.8	+15.6	+13.2	+2.4
2021	-2.2	-0.8	+3.8	+6.8	-1.4	+5.0	+2.8	+3.0	-3.4	+3.1	-	-	+17.6	+19.7	-2.1

See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Fund Information

Portfolio Manager	Christopher Rossbach
Deputy Portfolio Manager	Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA
Launch Date	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Administrator & Depository	RBC Investor Services Bank SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Reference Currency	US Dollar
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day

Share Class	A	B	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, & GBP			USD & GBP
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available			
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day			

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.

Signatory of:



European Commission  
SFDR

Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 28<sup>th</sup> May 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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