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#### **Investment Objective**

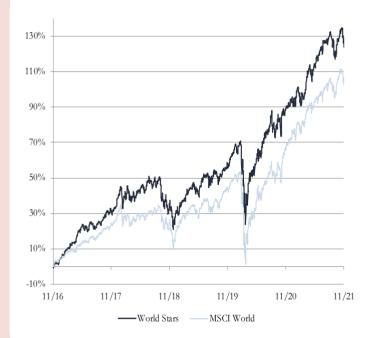
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 AœUSD	1,585.92	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 AccEUR	1,614.53	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,420.43	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1 AccCHF	1,077.74	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,596.84	0.65%	0.89%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,496.24	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,240.21	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,459.67	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^: USD1.02bn

# Fund^: USD185m

#### Portfolio Comment

November started strongly in global equity markets, driven by robust company results and positive economic indicators, especially in the US. Momentum was undermined by growing concern over the longevity of higher inflation and the emergence of the omicron variant of Covid, which combined to trigger renewed volatility. Against this background the World Stars Global Equity fund performed in line with the global equity market. For 2021 YTD our overall progress remains strong in absolute terms.

Sika (+16%) led the portfolio and is now 50% up this year in CHF. It announced the acquisition of MBCC, the construction chemicals business, for CHF5.5bn or 8.5x EV/EBITDA including synergies. This is a good price for a highly complementary purchase which will enhance Sika's EPS by an estimated 12-14% in year one. The new CEO is clearly aiming to accelerate Sika's positioning as an enabler in sustainability with an increased focus on innovation.

Amphenol's (+5%) Q3 revenues rose 13% on an organic basis, including ~25% growth in its three largest divisions of industrials, automotive and IT & datacom. The company has a leading position in the secular growth markets of connectors and sensors, which are driven by the 'electrification of everything'.

Diageo (+5%) lifted its medium-term targets for organic sales and EBIT growth, including an ambition to raise its share of the 'total beverage alcohol' market from 4% to 6% by 2030. The business is benefiting from secular growth in spirits, where it is global No 1, from mix improvement and innovation, scale benefits, and the reinvestment of cost savings in marketing.

				Cumulative					Annualised			
	Nov-21	3 Months	2021 YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since I	nception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	
Portfolio	-2.1	-2.9	+15.2	+19.0	+65.7	+123.4	+193,2		+18.3	+17.4	+12.4	
MSCI World	-2.2	-0.8	+17.3	+22.3	+62.1	+102.9	+ 7	192.5	+17.5	+15.2	+12.4	
Top 5 Holding	gs			Strategy Perfo	rmance Analy	sis		Key Fac	ts			
Stock	Stock Sector % of NAV			Cash % of NAV			2.0%	2.0% No. of Stocks			28	
Alphabet	Alphabet Communication Services 8.1		Annualised Rate of Return			+12.4%	% Active share^			87.6%		
Amazon	Consumer Disc	cretionary	6.2	Best Month		10.8%	Apr' 20	Median m	narket cap		\$141bn	

Adobe Information Technology Worst Month Oct' 18 Dividend Yield Health Care 4.7 Beta 0.90 ThermoFisher Average Month 1.1% Information Technology 12 Month turnover Salesforce 4.3 % Positive Months 68.2% 6.6% Sharpe ratio 0.94 Max Drawdown 27.5%

Performance since launch on 8th 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.

#### **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%



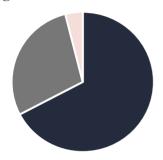
#### J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 34%
- Consumer 23%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 23%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 21%



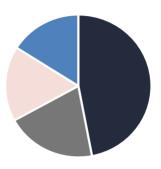
### Geographic Exposure by Listing

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



# Geographic Exposure of Sales

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



# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, USD

														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	-5.3	+4.8	-2.1	-	+15.2	+17.3	-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	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 &					
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance 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 28th 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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