### **Investment Objective**

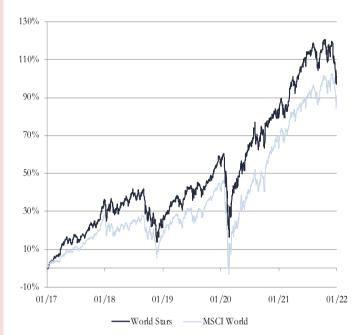
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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 Acc USD	1,510.57	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	1,543.08	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,337.43	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1 Acc CHF	1,028.55	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,521.58	0.65%	0.89%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,424.38	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,184.60	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,373.78	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^: USD1.05bn

Fund^: USD194m

#### Portfolio Comment

After strong gains in 2021 our World Stars Global Equity fund gave up ground in January. It was a challenging month for markets with increased concerns over inflation, a sharp rise in the 10 year Treasury yield from 1.34% in early December to 1.8%, and an escalation in geopolitical tensions. Offsetting these pressures, many of our holdings have continued to report very robust trading results even if their outlook statements have been less specific in tone and content.

Activision Blizzard (+19%) was the top performer as it received a \$69bn cash offer from Microsoft, reflecting its strategic value in a consolidating industry with significant long-term growth levers.

Most of our other digital stocks have held up well, reflecting their scale, profitability and strong cash flows. For example, just after the month end, *Alphabet* reported Q4 revenue growth of 32% and a rise in the full year operating margin to 31% (23%). The stock rose 10% on the day, after a 6% fall in January.

Our payments holdings reported ~25% revenue growth in Q4 2022 with cross-border volumes now above 2019. Also in the consumer space, *LVMH's* (+1%) Q4 revenues grew 27% driven by Asia-ex Japan +40% and Fashion & Leather Goods +28%. Compared to Q4, total revenues were 22% ahead. Market fears over a slowdown in luxury goods, especially in China, appear to be overdone.

The feature of *Raytheon's* (+5%) Q4 results was the sharp recovery in commercial aftermarket revenues in Collins and Pratt & Whitney, up 47% and 28%. We expect our industrial holdings to be major beneficiaries of the new super-cycle of capex which will be focused on supply chains, infrastructure and the transition to net zero.

					mulative	Annualised				
	Jan-22	3 Months	2022 YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Portfolio	-6.6	-5.0	-6.6	+14.1	+65.2	+105.1	+184.6	+18.2	+15.4	+11.9
MSCI World	-5.3	-3.3	-5.3	+17.0	+60.8	+91.0	+189.1	+17.1	+13.8	+12.0
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Top 5 Holding	Ţ <b>S</b>		Strategy Performance Analysis			Key Facts	
Stock	Sector	% of NAV	Cash % of NAV		3.0%	No. of Stocks	28
Alphabet	Communication Services	7.9	5 Year CAGR		+15.4%	Active share^	87.6%
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	5.5	Best Month	10.8%	Apr' 20	Median market cap	\$140bn
Adobe	Information Technology	4.9	Worst Month	-9.3%	Oct' 18	Dividend Yield	0.9%
ThermoFisher	Health Care	4.4	Average Month		1.0%	Beta	0.90
LVMH	Consumer Discretionary	4.4	% Positive Months		67.9%	12 Month turnover	6.4%
			5 Year Sharpe ratio		1.12	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 1th 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 18%
- Communication Services 14%
- Consumer Staples 14%
- Industrials 11%
- Consumer Discretionary 10%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 3%



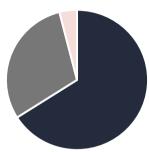
### J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 32%
- Consumer 28%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 23%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 18%



# Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 66%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 4%



### Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 46%
- Europe 22%
- Rest of World 18%
- Asia 14%



## 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	+3.9	+19.7	+22.3	-2.6
2022	-6.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.6	-5.3	-1.3

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 & C						
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fe available						
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every husiness day until 3nm Luxembourg time, one husines						

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#### Important Information

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