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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, GBP



### **Performance Analysis**

| Share Class Summary   |          |       |       |           |              |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Share Class   | NAV      | AMC   | OCF*  | Minimum   | ISIN         |  |  |  |  |
| A1 Acc USD  | 1,484.81 | 0.90% | 1.10% | 1,000,000 | LU1952142120 |  |  |  |  |
| A1 Acc EUR  | 1,541.44 | 0.90% | 1.10% | 1,000,000 | LU1979603963 |  |  |  |  |
| A1 Acc GBP  | 1,346.80 | 0.90% | 1.10% | 1,000,000 | LU1979604003 |  |  |  |  |
| A1 Acc CHF  | 1,009.39 | 0.90% | 1.10% | 1,000,000 | LU1979604185 |  |  |  |  |
| A5 Acc USD  | 1,496.32 | 0.65% | 0.89% | 1,000,000 | LU1963577264 |  |  |  |  |
| B1 Acc USD  | 1,399.53 | 1.20% | 1.40% | 5,000     | LU1952142476 |  |  |  |  |
| B1 AccEUR   | 1,182.69 | 1.20% | 1.40% | 5,000     | LU1979605828 |  |  |  |  |
| B1 Acc GBP  | 1,382.79 | 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>: USD1.05bn

Fund^: USD194m

#### Portfolio Comment

In a month dominated by the devastating Russia/ Ukraine conflict and its global impact, our World Stars Global Equity fund was resilient, rising by over 4% during the month and by over 10% from its recent low point. Public statements from our companies naturally has have turned more cautious, but with minimal revenues in Russia and Ukraine, and powerful competitive positions in attractive growth industries, we are still anticipating good progress in sales and earnings in 2022 for most if not all of them.

*Nvidia* (+14%), a new position we bought taking advantage of the share price weakness, was the top performer last month. Nvidia, a global leader in computing, increased its long-term growth forecast for its total addressable market to \$1 trillion. This compares to Nvidia's 2022 revenues of \$27bn (+61%) and underlines the scale of the future opportunities for its GPU accelerator chips across gaming, AI, edge and cloud computing, and autonomous vehicles.

Four of the top performers last month were in healthcare & life sciences, benefiting from a strong recovery in elective surgery, the reinvestment of Covid-related cash flows in new products and add-on acquisitions, and powerful business models which should be able to largely withstand inflationary pressures.

*Eaton's* (+1%) investor day emphasized the scale of its repositioning in recent years, with a marked shift in favour of higher margin and higher growth areas. The business is now targeting organic revenue growth of 5-8% p.a. with EBIT margin expansion from 19% to 24% by 2025. Eaton will be a major beneficiary of the upcoming supercycle of global capital investment.

|                |             |               |          |                          | Cu                       | mulative |                 | Annualised     |        |                 |  |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|--|
|                | Mar-22      | 3 Months      | 2022 YTD | 1 Year                   | 3 Year                   | 5 Year   | Since Inception | n 3 Year       | 5 Year | Since Inception |  |
| Portfolio      | +4.3        | -5.4          | -5.4     | +13.6                    | +49.1                    | +80.3    | +245.9          | +14.2          | +12.5  | +14.0           |  |
| MSCI World     | +4.8        | -2.2          | -2.2     | +16.1                    | +52.5                    | +75.8    | +255.9          | +15.1          | +11.9  | +14.3           |  |
| Top 5 Holdings |             |               |          | Strategy Per             | formance A               | nalysis  |                 | Key Facts      |        |                 |  |
| Stock          | Sector      |               | % of NAV | Cash % of NA             | V                        |          | 2.7%            | No. of Stocks  |        | 28              |  |
| Alphabet       | Communica   | tion Services | 8.1      | 5 Year CAGR              |                          |          | +12.5%          | Active share^  |        | 87.6%           |  |
| Amazon         | Consumer I  | Discretionary | 5.9      | Best Month               | Best Month 10.8% Jun' 16 |          |                 | Median Market  | £113bn |                 |  |
| ThermoFisher   | Health Care |               | 4.4      | Worst Month              |                          |          | -7.6% Oct' 18   | Dividend Yield |        | 1.0%            |  |
| Nvidia         | Information | n Technology  | 4.3      | Average Mont             | h                        |          | 1.2%            | Beta           |        | 0.89            |  |
| Adobe          | Information | n Technology  | 4.2      | % Positive Mo            | nths                     |          | 64.9%           | 12 Month Turn  | over   | 4.9%            |  |
|                |             |               |          | 5 Year Sharpe ratio 0.83 |                          |          | 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.

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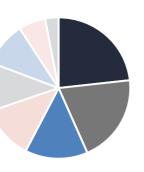
## **GICS** Sector Allocation

- Health Care 23%
- Information Technology 20%
- Consumer Staples 14%
- Communication Services 12%
- Industrials 11%
- Consumer Discretionary 10%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 3%

# Geographic Exposure by Listing

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

# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, GBP



## J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 31%
- Consumer 28%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 23%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 18%

### Geographic Exposure of Sales

- ∎ USA 44%
- Europe 21%
- Rest of World 18%
- Asia 18%





|      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | MSCI  | Excess |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|
|      | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sept | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | YTD   | World | 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 | +0.7 | +2.1 | +21.0 | +23.4 | -2.4   |
| 2022 | -6.1 | -3.5 | +4.3 | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -5.4  | -2.2  | -3.2   |

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 |
|                            |  |

#### Sustainability & ESG

J. Stern & Co is a signatory to 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 t  |        |               |         |  |  |  |
| Currencies*                 | USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & USD & GBP   |        |               |         |  |  |  |
| Alternative fee structure*  | Reduced annual management fee with additional performance<br>available                   |        |               |         |  |  |  |
| Subscriptions & Redemptions | Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day<br>before the Dealing Day |        |               |         |  |  |  |

#### Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 1st December 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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