# WORLD STARS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND 31 MAY 2022

The Value of Song-Term Investing

## **Investment Objective**

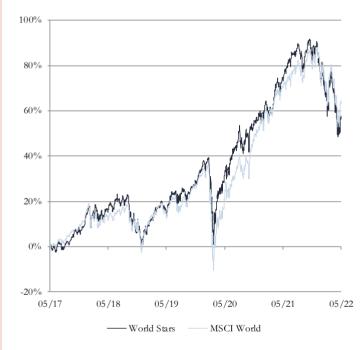
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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	1,330.12	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	1,422.90	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,257.74	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1 AccCHF	938.64	0.90%	1.10%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,340.94	0.65%	0.89%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,253.09	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,091.18	1.20%	1.40%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,290.73	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^: USD927m

Fund^: USD169m

### Portfolio Comment

Our World Stars Global Equity fund declined in May but closed the month 5% above its low point this year. The news flow and reported results from the large majority of our companies has remained very robust in May, despite the economic and geopolitical uncertainties. Markets have been encouraged by various indicators including the decline in core PCE inflation in the US to 4.9% in April, the fall in the 10 year treasury yield to 2.85% from over 3.1% in early May, and initial steps to re-opening in China.

Two of our digital stocks had strong Q1 results. *Nvidia's* total revenues grew 46%, including 83% in its largest data centre division, with a 90 basis points increase in gross margin to 67.1%. *Salesforce* reported 26% revenue growth in Q1 in constant currencies. For the full year it lowered its revenue guidance to +20% but increased its targeted operating margin to 20.4% (18.7% in 2021). Importantly, the company noted a "very strong" outlook for demand.

Four of our top ten stocks were in healthcare & life sciences. *Alcon* reported 16% organic sales growth in constant currencies, with underlying recovery and significant market share gains across surgical and vision care. It lifted its guidance for full year EPS by 6%. With its Q2 results, *Becton Dickinson* reaffirmed its target of lifting the EBIT margin from 19.6% in FY2021 to 25% in FY2022.

We believe that the current pullback in our World Stars fund is a great opportunity to invest in high-quality global stocks in long-term growth industries after a significant compression in valuations. Our portfolio should deliver 10% p.a. revenue growth over 2022-23 with margin expansion and powerful cash flows.

				Cumulative				Annualised			
	May-22	3 Months	2022 YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	
Portfolio	-2.0	-8.5	-17.8	-10.6	+35.7	+56.6	+150.6	+10.7	+9.4	+10.0	
MSCI World	+0.1	-5.6	-12.8	4.4	+45.0	+63.0	+166.2	+13.2	+10.3	+10.7	

Stock	Sector	% of NAV
Alphabet	Communication Services	7.4
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	4.9
ThermoFisher	Health Care	4.8
Adobe	Information Technology	4.3
Diageo	Consumer Staples	4.3

Strategy Performance Analysis		
Cash % of NAV		1.2%
5 Year CAGR		+9.4%
Best Month	10.8%	Apr' 20
Worst Month	-9.3%	Oct' 18
Average Month		0.9%
% Positive Months		66.4%
5 Year Sharpe ratio		0.57

Key Facts	
No. of Stocks	29
Active share^	87.6%
Median market cap	\$141bn
Dividend Yield	1.2%
Beta	0.90
12 Month turnover	4.8%
Max Drawdown	-27.5%

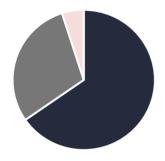
Performance since launch on 8th April 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars USD Strategy, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1th fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears. 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 24%
- Information Technology 22%
- Consumer Staples 14%
- Industrials 12%
- Communication Services 10%
- Consumer Discretionary 9%
- Materials 6%
- Real Estate 3%

# Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 66%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 5%



### J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 29%
- Consumer 29%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 24%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 19%



# Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 43%
- Europe 20%
- Asia 18%
- Rest of World 18%



# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, USD

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	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	-3.8	+2.2	-8.6	-2.0	-	_	-	_	_	_	-	-17.8	-12.8	-5.0

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 & GI						
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance available						
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3nm Luxembourg time, one busines						

### Sustainability & ESG

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







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