# WORLD STARS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND (GBP) 31 OCTOBER 2022

# The Value of Song-Term Investing

## **Investment Objective**

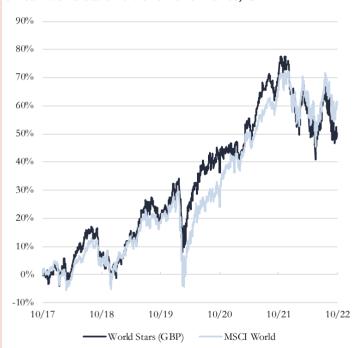
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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, GBP



### **Performance Analysis**

**Share Class Summary** 

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 AœUSD	1,179.75	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 AccEUR	1,371.02	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 A∝GBP	1,225.85	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1 AccCHF	869.09	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,190.50	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,110.12	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,050.09	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,256.39	1.20%	1.50%	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^: USD798m

Fund^: USD130m

### Portfolio Comment

The World Stars Global Equity fund recovered some ground, supported by robust Q3 results from the majority of our companies. This mirrored the position in the US market as at 31st Oct. where, according to FactSet, of the  $\sim 50\%$  of S&P 500 companies which had reported for Q3, some 72% had beaten market expectations.

The macroeconomic background has not changed significantly with limited underlying growth in GDP, inflation still elevated, and no clear indication of when interest rates will peak. At the same time, there are signs that inflationary pressures are easing, including the European gas price, global container shipping rates and the New York Fed's underlying inflation gauge.

Results from our technology stocks were mixed with revenues often lapping a strong quarter in 2021, weak patches in digital advertising such as financial services, the impact of the strong US\$ in many cases, and cost pressures from inflation or investment in future growth. For example, our largest digital holding of *Alphabet* (-2%) reported 11% revenue growth in constant currency, but a 300bps fall in the EBIT margin to 24.8% driven by an increased headcount.

Across our holdings in consumer goods, industrials and healthcare there has been a broad picture of good momentum in revenues, often with an acceleration in Q3, higher margins driven by operating leverage and pricing action, and strong cash flows. The large majority have confirmed unchanged earnings guidance for the full year 2022, with some companies pointing to a modest uplift. Comments on the trading outlook for 2023 have been more muted, but that is the convention for Q3. Our focus has been on the durability of the long-term secular trends which we aim to exploit with these stocks.

				Cumulative						Anı	nualised	
	Oct-22	3 M	2022 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Portfolio	+1.6	-6.6	-13.9	-11.5	+23.8	+50.4	+216.6	+214.9	+7.4	+8.5	+12.2	+12.0
MSCI World	+4.0	-1.0	-5.3	-2.4	+36.7	+61.6	+248.7	+244.6	+11.0	+10.1	+13.3	+13.0

Top 5 Holdings		
Stock	Sector	% of NAV
Alphabet	Communication Services	7.0
ThermoFisher	Health Care	4.9
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	4.7
Eaton	Industrials	4.5
Mastercard	Information Technology	4.4

Strategy Performance Analysis		Key Facts			
Cash % of NAV	1.9%	No. of Stocks	28		
5 Year CAGR	+8.5%	Active share^	88.2%		
Best Month	10.8% Jun' 16	Median Market Cap	£125bn		
Worst Month	-7.6% Oct' 18	Dividend Yield	1.3%		
Average Month	1.0%	Beta	0.88		
% Positive Months	61.2%	12 Month Turnover	6.8%		
5 Year Sharpe ratio	0.29	Max Drawdown	-19.6%		

Performance since launch on 8th 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.

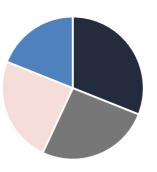
### **GICS Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 24%
- Information Technology 17%
- Consumer Staples 15%
- Industrials 13%
- Consumer Discretionary 13%
- Communication Services 10%
- Materials 5%
- Real Estate 3%



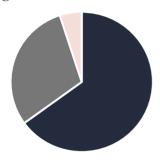
# J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 31%
- Consumer 26%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 24%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 19%



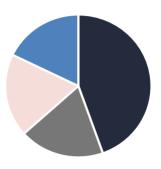
## Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 65%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 5%



# Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 45%
- Europe 19%
- Rest of World 19%
- Asia 18%



# Monthly Performance, % Total Return, GBP

														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	-4.5	-2.2	-4.0	+8.7	-2.3	-5.9	+1.6	-	-	-13.9	-5.3	-8.6

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	1.20%	1.50%	1.50% 1.05%				
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 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 SEDR framework





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#### Important Information

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