# The Value of Song-Term Investing

### **Investment Objective**

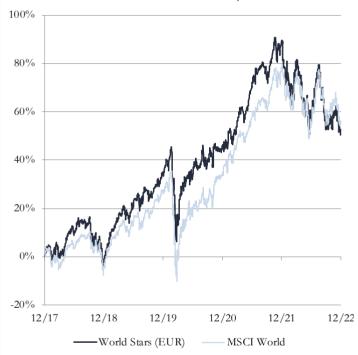
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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, EUR



## Performance Analysis

### **Share Class Summary**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 AœUSD	1,220.33	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 AccEUR	1,309.27	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 AαGBP	1,202.81	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1 AccHF	830.12	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 AαUSD	1,231.95	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,147.73	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,002.30	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,232.18	1.20%	1.50%	,	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^: US\$886m Fund^: US\$147m

### Portfolio Comment

After a strong rebound in November, our World Stars Global Equity fund declined in December in line with the global equity market driven by macro news flow and prospects of further monetary tightening. The US Fed gave limited weight to the fifth consecutive monthly decline in US CPI to 7.7%, focusing on tight labour markets and stating that there was "more work to do". The ECB pointed to "significant" further increases in rates.

Eight of the top ten performers were in healthcare & life sciences and industrials & infrastructure. These companies have enduring competitive advantages and powerful positions in long-term growth markets. Their supply chain constraints are manageable and price increases are covering much of the input cost inflation. Becton Dickinson's (+2%) Q4 results, with 8.6% revenue growth and higher margins is a good example of this combination.

We expect markets to remain volatile in the first part of this year. The 2022 results season is likely to include downward adjustments to guidance for the coming year. The macro background will remain challenging with slowdowns and possible recessions of varying magnitude, although we expect the US economy to be more resilient than others. From Q2/Q3 lower inflation should point to a peak in interest rates. The current uncertainties over China's sudden economic reopening should give way to a resurgence in activity and ease pressure on global supply chains. As long-term investors we know that we have to be patient. We look forward to a turning point in markets and a new phase of sustained economic growth and higher investment, and are confident that our companies are well-placed to do well in this environment.

				Cumulative						Annualised			
	Dec-22	3 M	2022 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	
Portfolio	-7.0	-1.2	-19.8	-19.8	+13.0	+51.1	+183.7	+183.9	+4.2	+8.6	+11.0	+10.7	
MSCI World	-7.8	+0.4	-12.6	-12.6	+22.9	+55.0	+203.0	+202.2	+7.1	+9.2	+11.7	+11.4	

Top 5 Holding	s	
Stock	Sector	% of NAV
Alphabet	Communication Services	6.4
ThermoFisher	Health Care	5.1
LVMH	Consumer Discretionary	4.8
Eaton	Industrials	4.6
Mastercard	Information Technology	4.5

Strategy Performance Analysis		
Cash % of NAV		2.0%
5 Year CAGR		+8.6%
Best Month	11.5%	Jul' 22
Worst Month	-9.1%	Aug' 15
Average Month		0.9%
% Positive Months		64.2%
5 Year Sharpe ratio		0.27

Key Facts	
No. of Stocks	28
Active share^	87.8%
Median market cap	€139bn
Dividend Yield	1.1%
Beta	0.90
12 Month turnover	9.1%
Max Drawdown	-26.9%

Performance since launch on 13th May 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 EUR Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars EUR 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.

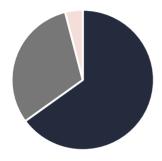
### **GICS Sector Allocation**

- Health Care 22%
- Information Technology 18%
- Industrials 16%
- Consumer Staples 14%
- Consumer Discretionary 13%
- Communication Services 9%
- Materials 5%
- Real Estate 3%



## Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 65%
- Europe ex-UK 31%
- UK 4%



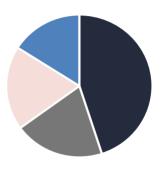
## J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 30%
- Consumer 25%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 22%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 22%



## Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 45%
- Europe 20%
- Rest of World 19%
- Asia 16%



## Monthly Performance, % Total Return, EUR

														MSCI	Excess
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	World	return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3	+3.9	-1.0	+0.5	-0.3	+0.8
2013	+0.3	+7.1	+4.7	-1.2	+0.6	-3.1	+1.2	-2.2	+3.5	+3.8	+1.6	+0.7	+17.9	+22.0	-4.1
2014	-3.7	+4.1	-0.0	+0.9	+3.5	+1.6	-2.4	+4.2	+0.9	-0.0	+2.7	+0.0	+12.0	+20.3	-8.3
2015	+6.7	+5.9	+1.5	-1.4	+3.8	-5.7	+3.5	-9.1	-3.9	+11.1	+5.5	-4.0	+12.8	+11.1	+1.7
2016	-5.4	-0.2	+2.4	+0.7	+3.6	+2.0	+1.8	-0.0	+1.5	-1.4	+1.1	+2.1	+8.1	+11.5	-3.4
2017	+2.3	+4.8	+2.9	+1.7	+1.2	-2.9	-0.8	-0.4	+1.6	+5.9	-2.0	+1.1	+16.1	+8.0	+8.1
2018	+4.2	-1.2	-1.7	+2.0	+6.2	+0.5	+2.8	+1.0	+1.3	-7.1	-0.3	-7.3	-0.6	-3.6	+3.1
2019	+8.4	+2.6	+5.5	+3.4	-4.5	+4.2	+3.8	+1.1	+0.4	+0.1	+3.6	+1.3	+34.4	+31.0	+3.5
2020	+1.5	-6.4	-8.4	+11.4	+3.1	+0.7	+1.6	+4.6	-2.2	-1.8	+5.9	+0.9	+9.7	+7.0	+3.5
2021	-1.3	+1.5	+5.6	+4.4	-0.1	+5.2	+3.2	+2.4	-3.5	+5.0	-0.2	+3.5	+28.5	+31.3	-2.8
2022	-5.4	-3.5	+3.6	-4.2	-3.7	-5.0	+11.5	-5.2	-7.3	+3.5	+2.7	-7.0	-19.8	-12.6	-7.2

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

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%	1.05%	0.95%			
Acc./ Dist.	Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all						
Currencies*	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & USD & GBP						
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee 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 SFDR framework.





**European Commission SFDR** 





### Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 1st September 2022 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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