## **Investment Objective**

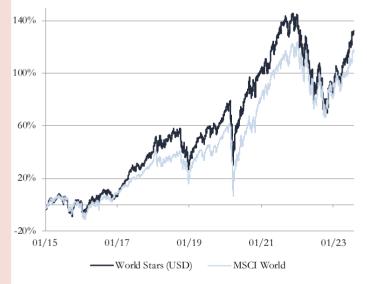
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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.

### World Stars Portfolio Performance, USD



### **Share Class Summary**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,540.14	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	1,608.74	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,430.03	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1H Acc GBP	1,047.62	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2549545601
A1 Acc CHF	988.08	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,557.14	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,445.99	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,229.40	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,462.39	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: US\$959m

Fund: US\$188m

### Portfolio Comment

Our World Stars Global Equity fund continued its strong performance, led by our digital stocks and supported by news flow from the large majority of our companies in the Q2 results season. For the 27 companies which have reported results for a period ending in April to June, c.90% have either left their earnings guidance unchanged for the FY2023 or raised it. This reflects the strength of their competitive positions in growing markets, whether consumer-based or industrial, and their global spread of revenues.

There was little change overall in the economic background. Headline CPI is falling, led by the US where the June figure was 3.0% (4.0% May), with faster reductions in global producer input prices. GDP is flat to modestly positive in most large economies, and the Fed "no longer" expects a US recession in 2023.

Within the digital stocks there is a common picture of strong revenues and margins, boosted by cost-cutting, and incremental growth being generated by AI. For example, *Meta* (+11%) reported 13% revenue growth in Q2 on constant currency (vs. 4% in CY22) and forecast a 13-22% increase in Q3. Similarly, *Alphabet's* Q2 revenues rose 9% with an EBIT margin of 29.3%. The AI-powered Search Generative Experience in Google is enhancing the consumer experience and raising efficiency for the business.

In industrials, *Amphenol* (+4%) highlighted significant demand for its connectors as part of the huge investment in GPU-based infrastructure driven by data centers and AI. This follows similar comments by *Eaton* (+2%) in respect of its power management and electricals business.

## **Performance Analysis**

						Cumulative	e					Annualised	
	Jul-23	3 M	2023 YTD	1Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since In	ception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Portfolio	+3.2	+10.3	+26.2	+14.6	+26.9	+50.1	+155.7	+19	00.2	+8.3	+8.5	+9.8	+10.3
MSCI World	+3.3	+8.7	+19.3	+13.9	+41.1	+58.8	+153.3	+19	19.4	+12.2	+9.7	+9.7	+10.6
Top 5 Holding	ıgs			Stra	itegy Perform	nance Analysis	s		Key F	acts			
Stock	Sector		% of NA	Cash % of NAV			3.0%	3.0% No. of Stocks			29		
Nvidia	Information '	ion Technology 8.7 Best Month			10.8%	Apr' 20	Active Share^				87.8%		
LVMH	Consumer Di	iscretionary	5.	.1 <u>Wo</u>	rst Month		-9.6%	Sep' 22	Mediar	n Market C	ар		\$162bn
Adobe	Information '	Technology	5.	1 Ave	rage Month			0.9%	Divide	nd Yield			1.1%
Eaton	Industrials		4.	9 % P	ositive Months	i.		66.2%	12 Moi	nth Turnov	ver		8.9%

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, unhedged, 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.

Consumer Discretionary

Amazon

4.9

Standard Deviation

Sharpe Ratio

Max Drawdown

16.0%

0.46

-27.5%

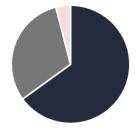
### **GICS Sector Allocation**

- Information Technology 22%
- Health Care 18%
- Industrials 15%
- Consumer Staples 13%
- Communication Services 11%
- Consumer Discretionary 10%
- Materials 5%
- Financials 4%
- Real Estate 2%



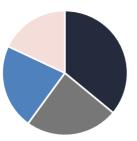
# Geographic Exposure by Listing

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



# J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 36%
- Consumer 24%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 22%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 18%



# Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 42%
- Asia 24%
- Europe 19%
- Rest of World 15%



# 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	-3.8	+2.2	-8.6	-2.0	-7.3	+8.7	-6.8	-9.6	+4.4	+8.1	-4.3	-24.6	-17.7	-6.8
2023	+8.3	-3.4	+6.8	+2.4	+0.7	+6.2	+3.2	-	-	-	-	-	+26.2	+19.3	+6.9

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	CACEIS 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.





European Commission
SFDR





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 &						
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fe available						
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day						

### 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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