

**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.

**AUM**

Firm: US\$2.0bn WSGE Strategy: US\$1.6bn Fund: US\$378m

**World Stars Global Equity (WSGE) Performance, EUR**



**Net Performance, % Total Return, EUR**

	Dec-24	3 M	2024 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	Cumulative			Annualised			
						5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Portfolio	-0.1	+3.9	+23.6	+23.6	+24.6	+75.5	+223.7	+331.9	+7.6	+11.9	+12.5	+12.7
MSCI World NTR	-0.5	+7.6	+26.9	+26.9	+32.3	+84.2	+201.8	+337.5	+9.8	+13.0	+11.7	+12.8

**Top 5 Holdings**

Stock	Sector	%
Nvidia	Information Technology	8.1
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	5.2
Eaton	Industrials	4.9
Meta	Communication Services	4.8
Alphabet Class C	Communication Services	4.6

**Key Facts**

No. of Stocks	30	Median Market Cap <sup>1</sup>	US\$172bn
Dividend Yield	1.2%	Cash % of NAV	2.3%
Active Share <sup>^</sup>	84.9%	5 Year Standard Deviation	15.2%
Best Month	11.5%	5 Year Sharpe Ratio	0.86
Worst Month	-9.1%	Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover <sup>2</sup>	10.7%
Average Month	1.1%	5 Year Max. Drawdown	-26.9%
% Positive Months	63.9%	5 Year Beta	0.92

Performance since launch on 13<sup>th</sup> 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, a model or hypothetical portfolio, unhedged, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears, inception 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. 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. The MSCI World Net Total Return Index reflects large and mid-cap issuers across 23 developed markets countries and is the benchmark for the Fund. The total return index includes price performance and income after tax from regular cash distributions. Source: Factset, Wize, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co. As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**Share Class Summary**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,833.16	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	2,032.49	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,744.53	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1H Acc GBP	1,229.77	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2549545601
A1 Acc CHF	1,223.98	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,860.50	0.65%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,713.62	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,546.45	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,776.39	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979606040
L1 Acc USD	1,070.03	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782975945
L1 Acc EUR	1,100.16	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782976083
L1 Acc GBP	1,063.69	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782975861

\*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.

**Portfolio Comment**

Our World Stars Global Equity fund had a good year in 2024 with significant progress overall. In December, performance was led by our consumer and digital companies, which accounted for five and four of the top ten stocks respectively.

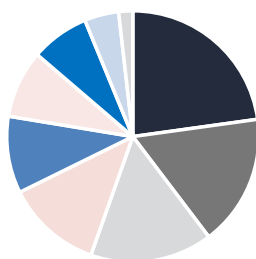
In macroeconomic terms the US Fed forecast a slower decline in CPI during 2025. This lifted the 10 years Treasury yield to 4.6% (4.2%). However, US GDP growth is still forecast at 2% p.a. through 2025-26, and market expectations are for global GDP growth of c.3% p.a. over the same period.

We reduced our exposure to *Amazon*, *Meta*, *Nvidia* and *Alphabet* by about 450bps. All four have performed strongly. We still believe that they can deliver significant further growth and shareholder value, including a differentiated exposure to the AI revolution, but we decided to reallocate some capital to other opportunities.

We reinforced our positions in *Honeywell* and *Diageo*. Honeywell should benefit from increased investment in US domestic manufacturing and energy under the Trump administration. The business is also undergoing a strategic review under the new CEO Vimal Kapur, with a tighter focus on growth mega-trends in industrials. Diageo's forward P/E is about 20% below its ten years average at a time when underlying growth should improve. We have added a new position in *Intercontinental Exchange* (ICE), a diversified financials business with a strong track record, EBIT margins of 59% and over 50% of its revenues recurring.

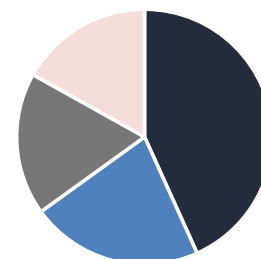
GICS Sector Allocation

- Information Technology 22.8%
- Health Care 16.9%
- Industrials 15.7%
- Communication Services 12.3%
- Consumer Staples 9.9%
- Consumer Discretionary 8.7%
- Financials 7.5%
- Materials 4.4%
- Real Estate 1.8%



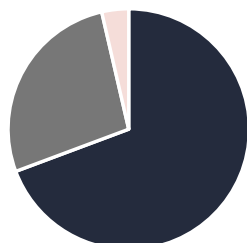
J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 43.3%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 21.8%
- Consumer 18.1%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 16.9%



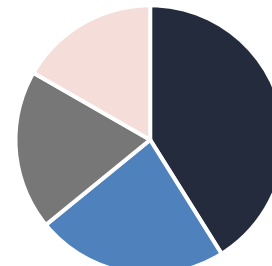
Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 69.3%
- Europe ex-UK 27.1%
- UK 3.6%



Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 41.1%
- Asia 23.0%
- Europe 19.2%
- Rest of World 16.7%



Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, EUR

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	MSCI World NTR	Excess return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.3	+3.9	-1.0	+0.5	-0.4	+0.9
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	+21.2	-3.4
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	+19.6	-7.6
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	+10.4	+2.4
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	+10.8	-2.7
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	+7.4	+8.8
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	-4.2	+3.6
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	+30.2	+4.2
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	+6.5	+3.2
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	+30.8	-2.3
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	-13.0	-6.8
2023	+6.7	-0.7	+4.1	+0.7	+3.8	+4.0	+2.4	-0.3	-5.2	-1.6	+6.0	+3.7	+25.6	+19.8	+5.8
2024	+4.8	+8.0	+2.4	-3.2	+3.6	+3.2	-1.8	-0.2	+1.2	-1.7	+5.8	-0.1	+23.6	+26.9	-3.3

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

Share Class	A	B	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, & GBP			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.



Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 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. ^Median market cap based on USD market cap of companies in the World Stars Global Equity Fund. ^Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover is based on the World Stars Global Equity Strategy in USD which the Fund follows.

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