

**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\$2.1bn WSGE Strategy: US\$1.7bn Fund: US\$401m

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



**Net Performance, % Total Return, USD**

	Cumulative					Annualised						
	Jan-25	3 M	2025 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
<b>Portfolio</b>	+4.2	+4.9	+4.2	+17.8	+26.5	+68.2	+189.5	+259.9	+8.1	+11.0	+11.2	+10.9
<i>MSCI World NTR</i>	+3.5	+5.5	+3.5	+21.4	+31.4	+76.8	+172.2	+264.1	+9.5	+12.1	+10.5	+11.0

**Top 5 Holdings**

Stock	Sector	%
Nvidia	Information Technology	7.0
Meta	Communication Services	5.5
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	5.4
Alphabet Class C	Communication Services	4.8
Eaton	Industrials	4.6

**Key Facts**

No. of Stocks	30	Median Market Cap <sup>1</sup>	US\$181bn
Gross Dividend Yield	1.1%	Cash % of NAV	1.6%
Active Share <sup>^</sup>	84.9%	5 Year Standard Deviation	17.9%
Best Month	10.8% Apr' 20	5 Year Sharpe Ratio	0.71
Worst Month	-9.6% Sep' 22	Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover <sup>2</sup>	10.5%
Average Month	1.0%	5 Year Max. Drawdown	-31.2%
% Positive Months	65.5%	5 Year Beta	0.95

Performance since launch on 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 is 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> January 2025.

**Share Class Summary**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 A€ USD	1,910.14	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 A€ EUR	2,115.19	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 A€ GBP	1,835.62	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1H A€ GBP	1,280.51	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU25494545601
A1 A€ CHF	1,279.86	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 A€ USD	1,939.05	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 A€ USD	1,785.07	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 A€ EUR	1,608.91	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 A€ GBP	1,868.60	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979606040
L1 A€ USD	1,115.11	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782975945
L1 A€ EUR	1,145.07	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2782976083
L1 A€ GBP	1,119.37	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 performed strongly in a month marked by President Trump's inauguration, speculation over US tariffs and the potential launch of new AI products by the Chinese company DeepSeek. Performance was led by our healthcare stocks, accounting for five of the top ten. There is a common theme in health care of stronger underlying growth and greater predictability with the final roll-off of Covid-related revenues.

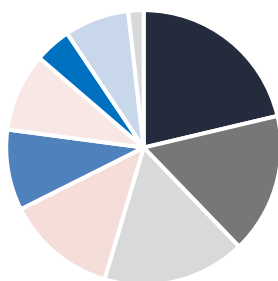
The macroeconomic background has remained robust as we have expected. US GDP rose 2.3% in Q4 led by consumer spending. US PCE core CPI is steady at 2.8%. With the potential of a boost to inflation from tariffs, the US Fed is not expected to cut rates for some time. In Europe the ECB reduced rates by 25bps to 2.75%.

Meta (+18%) was the top performer. Q4 revenues grew 21% with a sharp rise in the EBIT margin to 48%. Advertising impressions increased 6% with a 14% average price increase. Meta is achieving high margin growth driven by technological innovation and AI. Importantly, after the DeepSeek announcement, Meta confirmed its plan to invest c.US\$65bn in expanding its AI infrastructure.

Nvidia (-11%) fell in response to the DeepSeek news. We believe that accessibility of cheaper AI will drive faster adoption and that Nvidia will continue to hold a substantial share of the AI market as it moves to inference from training. Nvidia has a deep competitive moat based on technological advantage, persistent NPD and the power of its GPU systems.

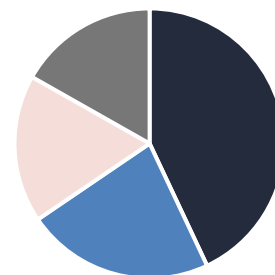
GICS Sector Allocation

- Information Technology 21.3%
- Health Care 16.5%
- Industrials 16.8%
- Communication Services 13.0%
- Consumer Staples 9.5%
- Consumer Discretionary 9.2%
- Financials 4.3%
- Materials 7.6%
- Real Estate 1.8%



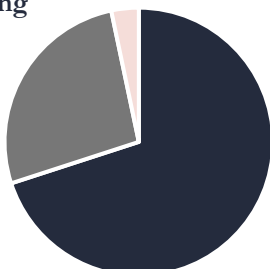
J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 43.0%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 22.5%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 17.7%
- Consumer 16.8%



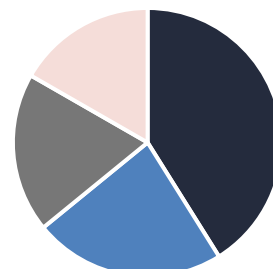
Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 70.0%
- Europe ex-UK 28.0%
- UK 3.3%



Geographic Exposure of Sales

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



Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	MSCI World NTR	Excess return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.8	+4.2	+0.4	+2.8	+1.9	+0.9
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	+26.7	-3.6
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	+4.9	-6.2
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	-0.9	+2.3
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	+7.5	-2.5
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	+22.4	+9.4
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	-8.7	+3.5
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	+27.7	+0.8
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	+15.9	+3.5
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	+21.8	-2.1
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	-18.1	-6.8
2023	+8.3	-3.4	+6.8	+2.4	+0.7	+6.2	+3.2	-1.7	-7.6	-1.6	+9.1	+5.2	+29.5	+23.8	+5.1
2024	+2.6	+8.0	+2.2	-4.3	+5.3	+1.9	-0.8	+1.9	+1.9	-4.0	+2.9	-2.2	+16.0	+18.7	-2.7
2025	+4.2												+4.2	+3.5	+0.7

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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