

### Fund factsheet

30/04/2024

### Structure

Société d'investissement  
à Capital Variable  
(SICAV)

### Regulatory status

UCITS

### Fund launch date

14/09/2020

### Benchmark

None. Can use MSCI Europe  
as comparator

### Fund size (EUR)

€396m

### Number of holdings

47

### Dealing frequency

Daily

### UCITS ManCo.

Altum Management  
Company (Lux) S.A.

### Yield (projected 2024<sup>1</sup>)

4.77%

### Yield (historic - 2023<sup>1</sup>)

I Acc €4.24 / 2.68%  
I Inc €3.50 / 3.44%

### Initial charge

N/A

### Performance fees

N/A

### Ex-dividend date

29th December 2023



### Fund manager

Rob Burnett has managed the Lightman European Equities Fund since launch on 14th September 2020. He has managed European equity funds since 2005.

### Fund aim and objectives

The investment objective is to provide capital growth and to generate positive Environmental, Social and/or Governance (ESG) momentum, over the long term (in excess of 5 years). The investment manager will primarily invest the fund's assets in the shares of companies listed and domiciled in Europe, maintaining a concentrated portfolio of approximately 40-50 holdings. The investment manager seeks to invest in undervalued companies with positive operational momentum. ESG factors will also be incorporated in the analysis by adjusting standard financial metrics to reflect the impact of selected ESG factors.

### Fund Commentary

The abundant liquidity that has supported markets over the past year is beginning to run out. There are still mechanisms to support equities ahead of the US election, but the scale of support is fading relative to recent months.

We see elevated risks for large-cap growth equities, with the possibility of absolute downside at some point this year. Today appears to be a dangerous time to be a passive investor. The megacaps that dominate passive strategies are the most expensive, the most crowded and may face the largest downside in a sell-off. This is an opportunity for active strategies with a value bias to protect client portfolios.

We view the mania attached to AI as excessive and believe expectations will not match reality in 2024. We see limited identifiable value creation from the technology as it currently stands and a slow roll-out speed, leading to earnings disappointments in associated companies.

Our focus remains on companies at low valuations with strong balance sheets, with solid dividends, buy-backs and earnings expectations that can be beaten. Today we are finding more opportunities in defensive companies than cyclical companies.

Investors expect rate cuts in the US and Europe over the next year. Could this amount to a significant tailwind for growth-style investing and a headwind for value? We would say no. It is the long end of the yield curve that matters for valuation, not the short end. Whilst the Fed can cut interest rates at the short end, it cannot drive down interest rates at the long end. As we have discussed previously, the supply of bonds in the coming years is so high relative to demand that it is hard to see long bond yields falling much more, even in a recession.

Whilst 2024 looks like a more challenging year for the index than 2023, we believe the Fund can deliver positive absolute and relative returns.

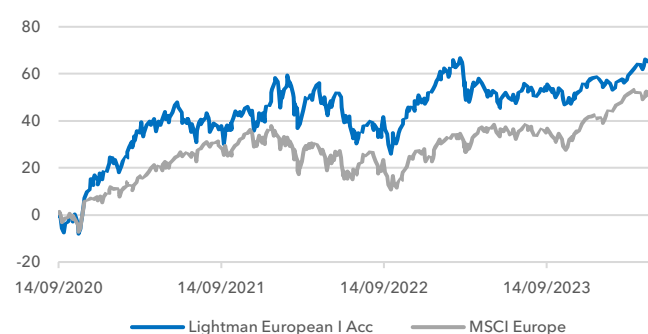
Sector breakdown		Top 10 countries		Top 10 holdings	
Energy	18.95%	France	19.88%	Galp Energia	5.51%
Materials	18.25%	Netherlands	11.20%	Shell	5.21%
Financials	14.80%	Norway	10.32%	Telefonica	4.46%
Communication Services	14.71%	Sweden	7.70%	Antofagasta	4.16%
Industrials	11.50%	Switzerland	7.42%	Orange	3.80%
Health Care	9.62%	Germany	6.00%	Roche	3.53%
Consumer Staples	8.00%	Australia	5.52%	Sandoz	3.32%
Cash	3.23%	Portugal	5.51%	Vallourec	3.13%
Consumer Discretionary	0.95%	Denmark	4.74%	Koninklijke	3.11%
Utilities	0.00%	Spain	4.46%	Carrefour	3.04%

### Fund share classes

Share class	OCF (capped)	SEDOL	ISIN	Bloomberg	Min. initial investment	Min. subsequent investment	Regular saving
Institutional (Acc)	0.8%	BMF2996	LU2214500949	LIEEFIA LX	€1,000,000	None	N/A
Institutional (Inc)	0.8%	BPBM2X6	LU2401174797	ELLEID LX	€1,000,000	None	N/A
Retail (Acc)	1.25%	BMF29C9	LU2214501673	LIEEFRA LX	€1,000	None	€100
Retail (Inc)	1.25%	BPBM2Y7	LU2401174870	ELLEERD LX	€1,000	None	€100

### Performance

Since launch (%)



Cumulative (%)

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	Launch
I-Acc	1.70	5.50	11.72	6.86	19.42	65.14
MSCI Europe	-0.91	4.98	18.39	10.98	26.51	51.81

Calendar year (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020*	2019
I-Acc	4.47	4.68	3.35	23.58	18.22	n/a
MSCI Europe	6.65	15.83	-9.49	25.13	8.51	n/a

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. Tax treatment depends on the individuals' circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. All data as at 30/04/24 in EUR; fund prices from Northern Trust, MSCI Europe from MSCI. For periods covering part of a calendar year, performance has not been annualised: \*2020 performance is from fund launch on 14/09/2020 to year end.<sup>2</sup>

### What are the risks specific to this fund?

- The value of investments and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise and shareholders may not recoup the original amount they invest in the Fund.
- Funds investing in overseas securities are exposed to currency risk. Exchange rate movements may cause the EUR value of investments to increase or decrease.
- The Fund may suffer a reduction in value due to dealing costs incurred when buying and selling investments and management fee charges applied to the fund. Net yields may be lower than gross yields.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: 2023 yields are estimated net yields based on the period Jan - Dec 2023. Net yield is after expenses and taxes. Yield % is calculated using ex-dividend unit price as on 29/12/2023. 2024 gross yields are approximate and have been calculated based on actual stock weightings and consensus dividend yields for 2024 as available on Bloomberg.

<sup>2</sup> Performance quoted does not consider applicable taxes on the investor. Performance calculated using EUR denominated unit prices or index values as at beginning and end of periods. Fund performance is net of fees with net income reinvested. MSCI Europe values used are net return EUR index.