

Fund factsheet

31/08/2024

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)

€447m

Number of holdings

44

Dealing frequency

Daily

UCITS ManCo.

Altum Management
Company (Lux) S.A.

Yield (projected 2024¹)

4.40%

Yield (historic - 2023¹)

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 managers



Rob Burnett



George Boyd-Bowman

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

We believe equity market volatility has the potential to persist, driven by the largest companies in the benchmark. The biggest companies are not only the most crowded but also the most expensive. This is introducing vulnerability to the index and making passive investing risky. But this need not be a threat. Active management with a value bias can protect client portfolios.

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 cyclicals. Over the last two years certain defensives in consumer staples and healthcare have de-rated sufficiently to be considered as potential value investments.

Whilst bond yields have fallen, we do not see the scope for large declines in yields, even in recession. We believe supply and demand factors driven by government deficits will limit the scale of yield declines. Falling bond yields is the classic release valve for valuations during an economic slowdown, and so if this release valve is not as effective, it could add downside to benchmark valuations.

We prepare for this scenario by enabling the portfolio to compete against Bunds, Gilts and Treasuries. The Lightman European Equities Fund has an estimated dividend yield of 4.40% in 2024 and 4.50% in 2025, which we view as a strong starting point.

Whilst the remainder of 2024 looks a little challenging for the index, we believe the Fund can deliver positive absolute and relative returns.

Sector breakdown		Top 10 countries		Top 10 holdings	
Consumer Staples	17.69%	France	20.88%	Roche	5.78%
Communication Services	15.54%	Netherlands	15.55%	Danone	4.35%
Health Care	14.99%	Switzerland	14.15%	Unilever	4.30%
Financials	14.97%	Sweden	7.14%	Ahold Delhaize	4.24%
Materials	12.47%	Norway	6.66%	Orange	3.66%
Industrials	9.89%	Denmark	6.10%	Sandoz	3.66%
Cash	7.36%	Australia	5.24%	DNB	3.42%
Energy	6.24%	Germany	4.37%	Koninklijke	3.39%
Consumer Discretionary	0.85%	United States	4.04%	Sanofi	3.24%
Utilities	0.00%	Portugal	2.60%	Swisscom	3.13%

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	1.21	1.83	9.19	12.22	23.23	70.94
MSCI Europe	2.46	2.14	8.27	17.23	22.25	59.57

Calendar year (%)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020*	2019
I-Acc	8.15	4.68	3.35	23.58	18.22	n/a
MSCI Europe	12.11	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 31/08/24 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.²

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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¹ 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.
² 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.