Lightman

Lightman European Equities Fund

Fund factsheet

31/01/2025

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)

€293m

Number of holdings

44

Dealing frequency

Daily

UCITS ManCo.

Altum Management Company (Lux) S.A.

Yield (projected 20251)

4.64%

Yield (historic - 2024¹)

I Acc €5.6154 / 3.40% I Inc €3.0931 / 2.98%

Initial charge

N/A

Performance fees

N/A

Ex-dividend date

31st December 2024

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 see some reasons for optimism for Europe in 2025. We believe it is likely Friedrich Merz will become Chancellor of Germany in February, and he is committed to a more pro-growth agenda. He is likely to be more robust in defending German corporates from EU regulations and promoting Germany's military capabilities. He also plans to restart nuclear power and lower electricity prices.

We believe the biggest risk for European markets is likely to come from US equities. Record US valuations, allocations and expectations are usually a dangerous combination for forward returns. We believe a balanced European value strategy with a focus on strong balance sheets, dividends and buy-backs ought to be able to withstand elevated US equity market volatility.

We also see some reasons for optimism in China in 2025 despite the pessimistic consensus. Even with new tariffs, policies are in place that may start to support Chinese consumption.

We continue to see a world with relatively high bond yields and therefore regard investment in value equities as the best approach to compete against the higher yield now available in sovereign bonds. We are finding opportunities across industries, both cyclical and defensive.

The Lightman European Equities Fund has an estimated dividend yield of 4.6% in 2025 and 4.8% in 2026, with a median PE ratio of 13.2 in 2025 and 11.4 in 2026.

Sector breakdown		Top 10 countries		Top 10 holdings	
Financials	18.34%	France	17.96%	Roche	4.47%
Communication Services	13.17%	Germany	15.39%	Danone	4.44%
Consumer Staples	12.92%	Switzerland	14.45%	DNB	4.05%
Health Care	12.04%	Netherlands	10.50%	Danske Bank	3.50%
Consumer Discretionary	11.77%	Norway	9.20%	Tryg	3.48%
Materials	11.68%	Denmark	6.98%	KPN	3.45%
Energy	9.95%	Sweden	5.79%	Swisscom	3.39%
Industrials	8.06%	United States	5.55%	Swatch	3.36%
Cash	2.06%	United Kingdom	3.38%	Orange	3.24%
Utilities	0.00%	Portugal	2.95%	BMW	3.19%

Fund share classes

	OCF				Min. initial	Min. subsequent	Regular
Share class	(capped)	SEDOL	ISIN	Bloomberg	investment	investment	saving
Institutional EUR Acc	0.8%	BMF2996	LU2214500949	LIEEFIA LX	€10,000,000	None	N/A
Institutional EUR Inc	0.8%	BPBM2X6	LU2401174797	ELLEEID LX	€10,000,000	None	N/A
Institutional GBP Inc	0.8%	BRPSC45	LU2952792146	ELIEIGD LX	£10,000,000	None	N/A
Institutional USD Inc	0.8%	BRPSC67	LU2952833353	ELIEIUD LX	\$10,000,000	None	N/A

Performance

Since launch (%)



Cumulative (%)	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	Launch
I-Acc	5.54	4.21	2.47	11.16	16.18	74.44
MSCI Europe	6.47	7.06	4.79	13.82	25.21	64.56

Calendar year (%)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020 [*]
I-Acc	5.54	4.57	4.68	3.35	23.58	18.22
MSCI Europe	6.47	8.59	15.83	-9.49	25.13	8.51

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 31/01/25 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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Note: 2024 yields are estimated net yields based on the period Jan - Dec 2024. Net yield is after expenses and taxes. Yield % is calculated using ex-dividend unit price as on 31/12/2024. 2025/26 gross yields are approximate and calculated based on actual stock weightings and consensus dividend yields for 2025/26 as available on Bloomberg.

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