

Fund factsheet

31/10/2024

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)

€361m

Number of holdings

44

Dealing frequency

Daily

UCITS ManCo.

Altum Management
Company (Lux) S.A.

Yield (projected 2024¹)

4.89%

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

Trump's victory has driven investors to increase their overweight to US equities, sucking capital away from the rest of the world, including Europe. The currency market may be a useful indicator to judge when this asset allocation shift is coming to a close. Our sense is that by mid to late November, most investors will have made any planned changes. This sets up an interesting 2025 for stocks. There are high expectations, high valuations and high allocations to the US, but comparatively cautious positioning, valuations and allocations to Europe.

Whilst many investors see Europe as in a bind, given Trump and China, we see some reasons for optimism. 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 also likely to be more robust in defending German corporates from EU regulations and promoting Germany's military capabilities. The German military renaissance, combined with rising Polish military investment and Finnish and Swedish Nato membership, ought to provide a powerful counterweight to Russia, over time.

Europe is also clearly exposed to the Chinese economy, and we see some reasons for optimism in 2025, despite the pessimistic consensus. Tariffs are coming but policies are in place that may support Chinese consumption next year.

We continue to see a world with relatively high bond yields and therefore regard investment in value equities as the best way to outperform in this rising competition for capital. Today we find opportunities across industries, both cyclical and defensive. The Lightman European Equities Fund has an estimated dividend yield of 4.89% in 2024 and 5.10% in 2025, with a median PE ratio of 12.2 in 2025 and 11.4 in 2026.

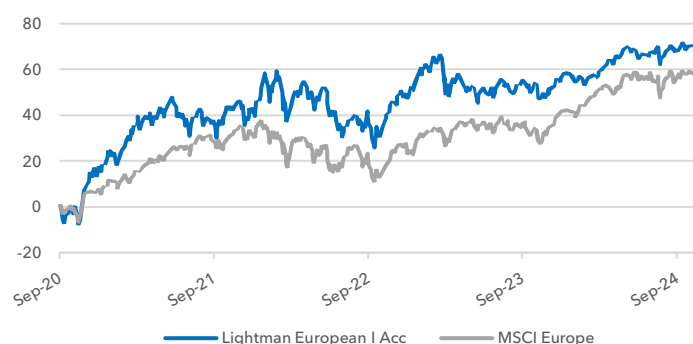
Sector breakdown		Top 10 countries		Top 10 holdings	
Consumer Staples	18.68%	Switzerland	19.69%	Roche	5.65%
Financials	17.14%	France	17.30%	Danone	5.32%
Communication Services	16.19%	Netherlands	15.44%	Ahold Delhaize	4.83%
Health Care	14.69%	Germany	8.50%	Sandoz	4.51%
Materials	10.46%	Norway	7.59%	DNB	3.96%
Consumer Discretionary	8.49%	Denmark	7.40%	Tryg	3.93%
Industrials	8.17%	Australia	6.57%	Koninklijke	3.84%
Energy	6.74%	Sweden	5.22%	Swatch	3.69%
Utilities	0.00%	United States	3.09%	Swisscom	3.61%
Cash	-0.56%	Portugal	2.94%	Danske Bank	3.47%

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	-2.09	-1.67	1.36	13.29	17.56	67.39
MSCI Europe	-3.26	-2.12	1.25	19.19	16.48	53.70

Calendar year (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020*	2019
I-Acc	5.90	4.68	3.35	23.58	18.22	n/a
MSCI Europe	7.99	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 31/10/24 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.

Contacts

The Key Investor Information Document (KIID) and prospectus are available in English from:

Lightman Investment Management
20 Eastbourne Terrace
London, W2 6LG

Sales - +44 (0)20 3667 3425
info@lightmanfunds.com
Visit lightmanfunds.com

Important information

This document is intended for professional clients and eligible counterparties in the UK, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, and Ireland and for qualified investors in Switzerland. Please note views, opinions, and forecasts expressed in this document are based on Lightman's investment research, analysis, and house views at the time of publication. We make appropriate attempts to ensure the accuracy and reliability of data provided in this document, but its completeness and accuracy is not guaranteed. Please read all scheme documents before investing or consult your professional investment adviser before investing. If you invest through a third-party provider you are advised to consult them directly as charges, performance, and terms and conditions may differ materially from those shown on this document. Nothing in this document is intended to or should be construed as advice. We may record telephone conversations for our mutual protection, to improve customer service, or for regulatory record keeping. By writing or calling us using the details above, you agree to provide consent to us under GDPR to be able to process your data. The communication does not constitute an offer or a recommendation to sell or purchase any investment. Issued by Lightman Investment Management Limited, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FRN: 827120). In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/1156 on facilitating cross-border distribution of collective investment undertakings, information on investor rights is available on <https://ww2.linkgroup.eu/lfs/policies>

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.