

# American Franchise Fund

'A' shares, USD As at end March 2024



## Risk profile

### Lower risk

Potentially lower rewards

### Higher risk

Potentially higher rewards



For information on the risk profile, refer to the 'KID SRI' explanation in the glossary on page 4.

For general information and/or marketing purposes.

## Ratings

Morningstar: ★★ ★

Please see the glossary below for an explanation of the rating.

Investors must read the Key Information Document (or Key Investor Information Document where relevant) and Prospectus prior to investing.

The full list of Fund risks are contained in the appendices of the Ninety One GSF prospectus.

## 'A' Acc Share class charges

Ongoing charge: 1.90%

The Fund may incur further expenses (not included in the above Ongoing charge) as permitted by the Prospectus.

## Key facts

Portfolio managers: Paul Vincent, Will Nott

Fund size: USD 305.4m

Fund launch date: 26.11.90

A Acc USD share class launch date: 30.11.07

Domicile: Luxembourg

Sector: Morningstar US Large-Cap Growth Equity

Benchmark: S&P 500 Net Return (S&P 500 Total Return pre 01/01/1999)

'A' share class dealing currency: USD

SFDR Classification<sup>8</sup>: Article 8

Ninety One ESG Classification<sup>9</sup>: Enhanced Integration

See explanations for SFDR and Ninety One ESG

Classification on Page 2.

## Other information

Pricing: 16:00 New York Time (forward pricing)

Minimum investment:

USD3,000 / equivalent approved currency lump sum

## 'A' Acc USD

ISIN: LU0345774391 Bloomberg: INGSAAA LX

CUSIP: L54481855 Sedol: B2PSZS5

## 'A' Inc USD

ISIN: LU0345774631 Bloomberg: GUIABCI LX

CUSIP: L54481830 Sedol: B2PSZQ3

Yield: 0.00%

Payment dates: 14 Jan

## Objectives and investment policy summary

The Fund aims to provide capital growth (i.e. to grow the value of your investment) with the opportunity for income over the long-term.

The Fund invests primarily in equities (e.g. shares of companies) either listed and/or domiciled in the United States of America, or established outside of the United States of America but carrying out a significant portion of their business activities in the United States of America.

The Fund will be actively managed. The Investment Manager will have full discretion in its choice of companies either by size or industry.

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics in line with Article 8 of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). The Fund will not invest in certain sectors or investments. Over time, the Investment Manager may, in accordance with the Fund's investment policy, apply additional exclusions to be disclosed on the website, as they are implemented.

Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future and there is no guarantee that this investment will make profits; losses may be made. If the currency of this share class differs from your domestic currency, your returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

## Performance (%)



## Risk statistics

	3 years	5 years
Annualised alpha (%)	-2.1	-0.5
Beta	1.1	1.0
Annualised information ratio	-0.4	-0.2
Annualised tracking error (%)	5.3	5.7
Annualised volatility (%)	19.5	18.5

See glossary for explanation.

## Monthly and annual average performance (%)

	1 month	1 year	3 years annualised	5 years annualised	10 years annualised
Fund - A Acc USD	1.5	25.7	9.0	13.2	12.0
Benchmark	3.2	29.3	11.0	14.5	12.3

## Calendar year performance (%)

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund - A Acc USD	6.7	31.5	-23.7	24.6	23.1	31.1
Benchmark	10.4	25.7	-18.5	28.2	17.8	30.7

## Rolling 12 month performance (%)

	31.03.23 -31.03.24	31.03.22 -31.03.23	31.03.21 -31.03.22	31.03.20 -31.03.21	31.03.19 -31.03.20
Fund - A Acc USD	25.7	-3.4	6.7	47.0	-2.2
Benchmark	29.3	-8.2	15.2	55.6	-7.5

  

	31.03.18 -31.03.19	31.03.17 -31.03.18	31.03.16 -31.03.17	31.03.15 -31.03.16	31.03.14 -31.03.15
Fund - A Acc USD	12.8	17.0	21.6	-4.6	9.0
Benchmark	8.8	13.3	16.4	1.1	12.0

Performance data source: © Morningstar, dates to 31.03.24, NAV based, (net of fees, excluding initial charges), total return, in US dollars. The Fund is actively managed, any index shown is for illustrative purposes only. An initial charge of 5% is typically waived. Performance would be lower if this charge was applied. On 01 July 2017, the investment team of the Fund changed from Value to Quality. Performance prior to 30 November 2007 has been simulated.

**Top holdings (%)**

Microsoft Corp	9.2
Alphabet Inc	7.9
Autodesk Inc	4.3
Texas Instruments Inc	4.1
The Charles Schwab Corp	3.9
Dolby Laboratories Inc	3.6
Intuit Inc	3.6
Monster Beverage Corp	3.5
Automatic Data Processing Inc	3.4
Costar Group Inc	3.3
Total	46.8

Number of equity holdings: 31

**Sector analysis (%)**

Information Technology	33.5
Health Care	20.9
Financials	14.0
Consumer Staples	9.1
Communication Services	7.9
Consumer Discretionary	4.7
Industrials	3.4
Real Estate	3.3
Cash	3.2
Total	100.0

**Top & bottom stock weightings vs benchmark (%)**

Autodesk Inc	4.2
Alphabet Inc	4.2
Texas Instruments Inc	3.7
The Charles Schwab Corp	3.7
Dolby Laboratories Inc	3.6
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	-1.7
Meta Platforms Inc	-2.4
Amazon.com Inc	-3.7
NVIDIA Corp	-5.1
Apple Inc	-5.6

**Top & bottom sector weightings vs benchmark (%)**

Health Care	8.4
Information Technology	3.9
Consumer Staples	3.1
Real Estate	1.0
Financials	0.8
Utilities	-2.2
Materials	-2.4
Energy	-3.9
Industrials	-5.4
Consumer Discretionary	-5.6

**Intended retail investor**

This Fund has been designed to form part of a broader portfolio of investments and should be purchased with advice or on an execution only basis by a basic investor. Investors must be able to bear loss of capital in order to seek to generate higher potential returns and should be prepared to remain invested for at least 5 years.

<sup>§</sup>This Fund is classified under Article 8 of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Article 8 applies to products which promote environmental or social characteristics alongside their financial-only investment objectives. For further information, please see [www.ninetyone.com/SFDR-explained](https://www.ninetyone.com/SFDR-explained)

<sup>§§</sup>Funds that combine ESG integration with one or more binding ESG commitment e.g. exclusions, positive tilting. For further information, please see [www.ninetyone.com/ESG-explained](https://www.ninetyone.com/ESG-explained)

The S&P 500 Net Return Index is used for performance comparison. The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It will generally hold assets that are components of the index, but not in the same proportions, and it is allowed to hold assets which are not components of the index. The assets of the Fund therefore may be very different from the index.

The portfolio may change significantly over a short period of time. This is not a buy or sell recommendation for any particular security. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

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### General risks

The value of these investments, and any income generated from them, will be affected by changes in interest rates, general market conditions and other political, social and economic developments, as well as by specific matters relating to the assets in which they invest.

Past performance does not predict future returns; losses may be made. Ongoing costs and charges will impact returns.

For Inc-2 and Inc-3 shares classes, expenses are charged to the capital account rather than to income, so capital will be reduced. This could constrain future capital and income growth. Income may be taxable.

The Fund's objectives will not necessarily be achieved and there is no guarantee that these investments will make profits; losses may be made.

Environmental, social or governance related risk events or factors, if they occur, could cause a negative impact on the value of investments.

This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

### Specific fund risks

**Concentrated portfolio:** The portfolio invests in a relatively small number of individual holdings. This may mean wider fluctuations in value than more broadly invested portfolios.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives is not intended to increase the overall level of risk. However, the use of derivatives may still lead to large changes in value and includes the potential for large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Equity investment:** The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

**Geographic / Sector:** Investments may be primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors. This may mean that, in certain market conditions, the value of the portfolio may decrease whilst more broadly-invested portfolios might grow.

### Important information

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## Glossary summary

**Alpha:** A measure which describes whether an actively managed portfolio has added value in relation to the amount of risk taken relative to the benchmark. Alpha can be positive or negative.

**Benchmark:** A standard to represent the wider market, such as an index, more than one index or a market average, that can be used to measure a fund's performance or risk.

**Beta:** A measure of the volatility of a fund relative to its benchmark, i.e. how sensitive the fund is to movements in the market. A figure greater than 1 indicates that the fund will tend to outperform in a rising market and under perform in a falling one, i.e. is more volatile than the market. The reverse applies to a Beta of less than 1.

**Credit rating:** A score awarded by an independent rating agency to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. The top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB'. Below 'BBB', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'. Average credit ratings are based on the individual bond ratings issued by the ratings agencies. For each bond, the ratings issued by each agency are combined to form a single rating based on the methodology that most closely matches the benchmark, otherwise median is typically used where there is no benchmark. The portfolio rating is the weighted average of the above bond ratings.

### Share class distribution types

**Accumulation (Acc):** An accumulation share will not make income payments to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class.

**Income (Inc):** An income share will distribute all or part of the income accruing in that share class.

**Income-2 (Inc-2):** These distribute the income accruing in the share class and charge all their expenses to capital. This maximises the income available for distribution – although it also reduces capital by an equivalent extent which could constrain future capital and income growth. This can be inefficient from a tax perspective in those countries where income tax rates are higher than those on capital gains.

**Duration:** Expressed in years, this measures how much a bond's price will rise or fall when interest rates change. The longer the duration, the more sensitive it is. The higher the duration, the greater the potential return (and the greater the risk).

**GSF:** Ninety One Global Strategy Fund.

**Information ratio:** A measure of a portfolio manager's skill against a benchmark. The over or underperformance of the fund relative to its benchmark is divided by the tracking error. In this way, we arrive at the value, per unit of extra risk assumed, that the manager's decisions have added to what the market would have delivered anyway. The higher the Information ratio the better.

**KID SRI:** The Summary Risk Indicator (SRI) appears in the Key Information Document (KID) and it is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely the product will lose money because of movements in the markets. A rating of 1 represents a low level of potential losses from future performance and a rating of 7 represents a high level of potential losses from future performance. UK-domiciled investors should refer to the risk indicator contained in the relevant Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

**Maturity profile:** The average life of each bond in a fund's portfolio, weighted by value.

**Morningstar 'star' ratings:** The overall rating for a fund, often called the 'star rating', is a third party rating derived from a quantitative methodology that rates funds based on an enhanced Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return measure. 'Star ratings' run from 1 star (lowest) to 5 stars (highest) and are reviewed at the end of every calendar month. The various funds are ranked by their Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return scores and relevant stars are assigned. It is important to note that individual shareclasses of each fund are evaluated separately and their ratings may differ depending on the launch date, fees and expenses relevant to the share class. In order to achieve a rating the share class of a fund must have a minimum three-year performance track record.

For a further explanation, please visit

<https://www.morningstar.com/company/morningstar-ratings-faq>

**Ongoing charge:** The ongoing charge figure is the charge you'll pay over a year for as long as you hold your investment in a fund. It relates to the costs of running the fund (including the annual management fee).

**NAV:** The Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the value of the assets of a fund less its liabilities.

**Sector:** A peer group of funds managed to a similar investment policy. Not every fund will have a relevant sector.

**Tracking error:** A measure of how much a fund's returns deviate from those of its benchmark. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed that of its benchmark.

**Volatility:** The pace or amount of change in value of an aspect such as an investment, an asset class or a fund.

**YTD:** Year to date.

### Yields

**Yield:** The Yield reflects distributions declared over the past 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Yields do not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

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