



# Vaughan Nelson U.S. Select Equity Fund

**FUND FACTSHEET** 

MARKETING COMMUNICATION - EXCLUSIVELY FOR PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS OR NON-PROFESSIONALS INVESTED IN THE FUND (1)

# SHARE CLASS: R/A (USD) - LU0183517498

March 2024

#### **Fund highlights**

- · Actively managed fund with a concentrated portfolio.
- · The investment horizon is aimed at the long term.
- · Invests primarily in U.S. companies and focuses on medium to larger issuers, but may invest in companies of any size
- · Employs a research-intensive bottom-up investment process, emphasizing fundamental metrics to uncover value
- · Implements disciplined philosophy and process to continually identify attractive investments and monitor existing

#### PERFORMANCE DATA SHOWN REPRESENTS PAST PERFORMANCE AND IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS. Illustrative growth of 10,000 (USD) (from 31/03/2014 to 28/03/2024)



This share class was inactive for the period from 22/04/2004 to 29/01/2009, and during this time performance was calculated as described on page 3. The fund, formerly Vaughan Nelson U.S. Small Cap Value fund, became Vaughan Nelson U.S. Select Equity on 18 September 2017. The principal investment strategy of the Fund has changed. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus and KIID for further information. Due to a change of strategy on 18 September 2017, performance of the fund shown prior to this date is shown for indicative purposes only. Owing to a change in the reference index, index performance shown from inception until 18/09/2017 represents Russell 2000 Value TR USD. Performance of the reference index after 18/09/2017 represents performance of Russell 3000 TR USD. This share class was inactive for the period from 22/04/2004 to 29/01/2009, and during this time performance was calculated as described on page 3

# Calendar year returns (%)

ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

(Month end)

Since inception

3 years 5 years

10 years



Fund Reference Index

11 49

14 91

11 41

9.75

11 57

14.52

10 29

10.22

| TOTAL RETURNS (%) | Fund   | Reference Index |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1 month           | 1.02   | 3.22            |
| Year to date      | 9.96   | 10.56           |
| 3 months          | 9.96   | 10.56           |
| 1 year            | 22.01  | 29.88           |
| 3 years           | 38.89  | 38.59           |
| 5 years           | 96.98  | 100.37          |
| 10 years          | 166.38 | 194.54          |
| Since inception   | 596.45 | 540.53          |
|                   |        |                 |

| RISK MEASURES  | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years |
|--|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Fund Standard Deviation (%)  | 11.85  | 16.52   | 19.52   | 17.05    |
| Reference Index Standard<br>Deviation (%)                                  | 11.24  | 16.47   | 19.88   | 17.88    |
| Tracking Error (%)   | 4.57   | 5.27    | 5.33    | 5.08     |
| Fund Sharpe Ratio*   | 1.40   | 0.46    | 0.62    | 0.53     |
| Reference Index Sharpe<br>Ratio*   | 2.18   | 0.45    | 0.63    | 0.57     |
| Information Ratio  | -1.72  | 0.02    | -0.07   | -0.22    |
| Alpha (%)  | -5.55  | 0.42    | 0.41    | -0.09    |
| Beta   | 0.97   | 0.95    | 0.95    | 0.91     |
| R-Squared  | 0.85   | 0.90    | 0.93    | 0.92     |
| * Pick from rate: Parformance over the period of capitalized LIBOR 1M LISO |        |         |         |          |

Risk free rate: Performance over the period of capitalised LIBOR 1M USL chained with capitalised SOFR since 31/12/2021

# **ABOUT THE FUND**

Investment objective

Achieve long-term growth of capital

Overall Morningstar rating TM

\*\*\* 129/02/2024

Morningstar category ™ US Large-Cap Blend Equity

Reference Index

S&P 500 (C) TR \$

### **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

| Legal structure       | St                   | ub-fund of a SICAV |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Share class inception | n                    | 22/04/2004         |
| Valuation frequency   |                      | Daily              |
| Custodian             | <b>BROWN BROTHER</b> | S HARRIMAN LUX     |
| Currency              |                      | USD                |
| Cut off time          |                      | 13:30 CET D        |
| AuM                   |                      | USDm 148.7         |
| Recommended inves     | stment period        | > 5 years          |
| Investor type         |                      | Retail             |

#### **AVAILABLE SHARE CLASSES**

| Share class | ISIN         | Bloomberg   |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| R/A (USD)   | LU0183517498 | CDCVNRA I X |

#### **RISK PROFILE**

| Lower risk |  |   | Higher risk    |
|------------|--|---|----------------|
|            |  |   | i ligitor tion |
|            |  | 5 | 6 7            |

The category of the summary risk indicator is based on historical data. Due to its exposure to equity markets, the Fund may experience significant volatility, as expressed by its rank on the above scale

The Fund investment policy exposes it primarily to the following risks:

- Equity securities
- Exchange Rates
- Geographic concentration risk
- Growth/Value Equities risk Risk Large Capitalization Companies
- Portfolio Concentration risk Smaller Capitalization risk
- Real Estate Securities and REITs
- Sustainability risk

The Fund is subject to sustainability risks.

For more information, please refer to the section detailing specific risks at the end of this document.

Some recent performance may be lower or higher. As the value of the capital and the returns change over time (notably due to currency fluctuations), the repurchase price of the shares can be higher or lower than their initial price. The performance indicated is based on the NAV (net asset value) of the share class, and is net of all charges applying to the fund but does not account for sale commissions, taxation or paying agent fees, and assumes that dividends if any are reinvested. Taking such fees or commissions into account would lower the returns. The performance of other share classes would be higher or lower based on the differences between the fees and the entry charges. In the periods where certain share classes are not subscribed or not yet created (inactive share classes), performance is calculated based on the actual performance of an active share class of the fund whose characteristics are considered by the management company as being closest to the inactive share class concerned, after adjusting it for the differences between the total expense ratios (TER), and converting any net asset value of the active share class in the currency in which the inactive share class is listed. The performance given for the inactive share class is the result of a calculation provided for information.

Please read the important information given in the additional notes at the end of this document.

(1) Please refer to the prospectus of the fund and to the KID before making any final investment decisions.

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# Portfolio analysis as of 28/03/2024



| MAIN ISSUERS (%)                | Fund           |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| MICROSOFT CORP                  | 6.9            |
| NVIDIA CORP                     | 5.7            |
| AMAZON.COM INC                  | 5.6            |
| SAIA INC                        | 5.3            |
| ALPHABET INC                    | 5.0            |
| MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC    | 4.6            |
| JPMORGAN CHASE & CO             | 4.5            |
| WALT DISNEY CO/THE              | 4.3            |
| O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC         | 4.2            |
| SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO/THE         | 4.1            |
| Total                           | 50.2           |
| Number of issuers per portfolio | 25             |
|                                 | Funds excluded |

**CAPITALIZATION BREAKDOWN (%** 

USD 2 to 5 Bln USD 5 to 10 Bln

USD 10 to 25 Bln USD 25 to 50 Bln

Cash & cash equivalent

> USD 50 Bln

| ) | Fund | Reference<br>Index |
|---|------|--------------------|
|   | 2.1  | -                  |
|   | -    | 0.5                |

10.3 82.9

| VALUES MEASURES | Fund | Reference<br>Index |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| Dividend Yield  | 0.6  | 1.4                |
| Price/Book      | 5.3  | 4.3                |
| Price/Sales     | 5.3  | 2.7                |
| Price/Earnings  | 31.6 | 22.5               |

| SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)   | Fund | Reference<br>Index |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Information Technology | 30.3 | 29.6               |
| Financials             | 15.6 | 13.2               |
| Health Care            | 11.3 | 12.4               |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9.8  | 10.3               |
| Communication Services | 9.3  | 9.0                |
| Industrials            | 8.6  | 8.8                |
| Materials              | 4.1  | 2.4                |
| Energy                 | 4.1  | 3.9                |
| Consumer Staples       | 3.2  | 6.0                |
| Real Estate            | 2.5  | 2.3                |
| Utilities              | -    | 2.2                |
| Cash & cash equivalent | 1.3  | -                  |

MSCI Breakdown



| ILLO                                       |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| All-in-Fee                                 | 1.80%                            |
| Max. sales charge                          | 4.00%                            |
| Max. redemption charge                     | 0.00%                            |
| Performance fees                           | -                                |
| Minimum investment                         | 1,000 USD or equivalent          |
| NAV (28/03/2024)                           | 677.37 USD                       |
| The All-in fee represents the sum of Man   | agement fees and Administration  |
| fees. For further details, please refer to | the definition at the end of the |

#### MANAGEMENT

Management company NATIXIS INVESTMENT MANAGERS SA Investment manager

VAUGHAN NELSON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Vaughan Nelson Investment Management specializes in value equity investing with a focus on absolute return. The firm employs a bottom-up, fundamental research process that seeks to capitalize on temporary information and liquidity inefficiencies in the equity universe. The firm's long-term, consistent investment approach draws on its in-depth research capabilities.

| Headquarters                      | Houston                             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Founded                           | 1970                                |
| Assets Under Management (Billion) | US \$ 16.2 / € 14.7<br>(31/12/2023) |

Portfolio managers

Chris Wallis,  $\tilde{C}$ FA: began investment career in 1991; joined Vaughan Nelson in 1999; has managed the Fund since inception; MBA, Harvard University.

Scott Weber, CFA: began investment career in 1997; joined Vaughan Nelson in 2003; has managed the Fund since inception; MBA, Tulane University, U.S.

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#### Calculation of performance during periods of share class inactivity (if applicable)

For periods when certain share classes were unsubscribed or not vet created "inactive share classes"), performance is imputed using the actual performance of the fund's active share class which has been determined by the management company as having the closest characteristics to such inactive share class and adjusting it based on the difference in TERs and, where applicable, converting the net asset value of the active share class into the currency of quotation of the inactive share class. The quoted performance for such inactive share class is the result of an indicative calculation.

#### Illustrative Growth of 10.000

The graph compares the growth of 10, 000 in a fund with that of an index. The total returns are not adjusted to reflect sales charges or the effects of taxation, but are adjusted to reflect actual ongoing fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted, sales charges would reduce the performance quoted. The index is an unmanaged portfolio of specified securities and cannot be invested in directly. The index does not reflect any initial or ongoing expenses. A fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the index. The index is chosen by the fund manager.

#### Risk Measures

The "Summary Risk Indicator" (SRI), as defined by the PRIIPs regulation, is a risk measure based on both market risk and credit risk. It is based on the assumption that you stay invested in the fund for the recommended holding period. It is calculated periodically and may change over time. The indicator is presented on a numerical scale from 1(the lowest risk) to 7 (the highest risk) The risk measures below are calculated for funds with at least a three-year

Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the volatility of the fund's

Tracking Error is reported as a standard deviation percentage difference between the performance of the portfolio and the performance of the reference index. The lower the Tracking Error, the more the fund performance resembles to the performance of its reference index.

The Sharpe ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.

The Information Ratio is the difference between the fund's average annualized performance and the reference index divided by the standard deviation of the Tracking Error. The information ratio measures the portfolio manager's ability to generate excess returns relative to the reference index

Alpha measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk (as measured by beta). Alpha is often seen as a measure of the value added or subtracted by a portfolio manager.

Beta is a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements. A portfolio with a beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market, and a portfolio with a beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market.

R-squared reflects the percentage of a fund's movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark index, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and the benchmark. This figure is also helpful in assessing how likely it is that alpha and beta are statistically significant

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#### Reference Index

For indicative purposes only, the Fund's performance may be compared to the Reference Index. The Fund is unconstrained by the index and may therefore significantly deviate from it.

# Asset allocation

Cash offset for Derivatives represents the amount of cash the portfolio manager should borrow if he's Long exposed via derivatives and vice versa. The weighting of the portfolio in various asset classes, including "Other," is shown in this table. "Other" includes security types that are not neatly classified in the other asset classes, such as convertible bonds and preferred stocks. In the table, allocation to the classes is shown for long positions, short positions, and net (long positions net of short) positions. These statistics summarize what the managers are buying and how they are positioning the portfolio. When short positions are captured in these portfolio statistics, investors get a more robust description of the funds' exposure and

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Equity Portfolio Statistics (if applicable)
The referenced data elements below are a weighted average of the long equity holdings in the portfolio. The Price/Earnings ratio is a weighted average of the price/earnings ratios of the stocks in the underlying fund's portfolio. The P/E ratio of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its trailing 12-months' earnings per share. The Price/Cash Flow ratio is a weighted average of the price/cash-flow ratios of the stocks in a fund's portfolio. Price/ cashflow shows the ability of a business to generate cash and acts as a gauge of liquidity and solvency. The Price/Book ratio is a weighted average of the price/book ratios of all the stocks in the underlying fund's portfolio. The P/B ratio of a company is calculated by dividing the market price of its stock by the company's per-share book value. Stocks with negative book values are excluded from this calculation. Dividend Yield is the rate of return on an investment expressed as a percent. Yield is calculated by dividing the amount you receive annually in dividends or interest by the amount you spent to buy the investment.

#### Fixed-Income Portfolio Statistics (if applicable)

The referenced data elements below are a weighted average of the long fixed income holdings in the portfolio. Duration measures the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. Average maturity is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, compu weighting each maturity date by the market value of the security. Modified Duration is inversely related to percentage change in price on an average for a specific change in yield. The average coupon corresponds to the individual coupon of each bond in the portfolio, weighted by the nominal amount of these very same securities. The average coupon is calculated only on fixed rate bonds. The Yield to maturity (YTM) reflects the total return of a bond, if the bond is held until maturity, considering all the payments are reinvested at the same rate. This indicator can be calculated at the portfolio level, by weighting the individual YTM by the market value of each bond.

#### Special Risk Considerations

Equity securities: Equity securities are volatile and can decline significantly in nse to broad market and economic conditions.

Exchange Rates: Some Funds are invested in currencies other than their reference currency. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates will affect the value of those securities held by such Sub-Funds. For unhedged Share Classes denominated in currencies different than the Fund's currency, exchange rate fluctuations can generate additional volatility at the Share

Geographic concentration risk: Funds that concentrate investments in certain geographic regions may suffer losses, particularly when the economies of those regions experience difficulties or when investing in those regions become less attractive. Moreover, the markets in which the funds' invest may be significantly affected by adverse political, economic or regulatory develonments

Growth/Value Equities risk: Investments in equities tend to fluctuate more than investments in bonds, but also offer greater potential for growth. The price of equity investments may sometimes fluctuate quite dramatically in response to the activities and results of individual companies, as well as in connection with general market and economic conditions. Additionally, funds may hold equities having either a growth or value bias; prices of the growth bias equities tend to be more sensitive to certain market movements as they are often subject to factors such as future earnings expectations which may vary with changing market conditions; whereas equities with a value hias may tinue to be underpriced by the market for sustained periods of time.

Risk Large Capitalization Companies: Funds investing in large capitalization companies may underperform certain other stock funds during periods when

large company stocks are generally out of favour.

Portfolio Concentration risk: Funds investing in a limited number of securities may increase the fluctuation of such funds' investment performance. If such securities perform poorly, the fund could incur greater losses than if it had invested in a larger number of securities.

Smaller Capitalization risk: Funds investing in companies with small capitalizations may be particularly sensitive to wider price fluctuations, certain market movements and less able to sell securities quickly and easily.

Real Estate Securities and REITs: Some Funds may invest in equity securities of companies linked to the real estate industry or publicly traded securities of closed-ended Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT's). REITs are companies that acquire and/or develop real property for long term investment purposes They invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive their income primarily from rents.

Sustainability risk: The Fund is subject to sustainability risks as defined in the Regulation 2019/2088 (article 2(22)) by environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investment. More information on the framework related to the incorporation of sustainability risks can be found on the website of the Management Company and the Delegated Investment

Please refer to the full prospectus, for additional details on risks.

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