# **QUAERO CAPITAL FUNDS (LUX) - ARGONAUT**

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### **INVESTMENT STYLE & OBJECTIVE**

Quaero Capital Funds (Lux) – Argonaut is a Deep Value Equity fund that aims to produce substantial capital growth, by investing in micro capitalization mis-valued companies quoted on European stock markets. The fund focuses particularly on little-known or poorly followed smaller companies and situations that have been ignored by mainstream investors (often because they are considered to be too small to be of interest). The fund is managed with a rigorous "Value Investing" philosophy, aiming to limit potential downside in the selected shares, ensuring a "margin of safety". As a result, after more than 10 years since launch the fund has showed itself to be counter-intuitively resilient during market falls. This "Long Only" fund is alternative by nature, but traditional by structure. It is not tied by country, index or sector weightings and invests opportunistically as situations arise.

### **KEY FACTS**

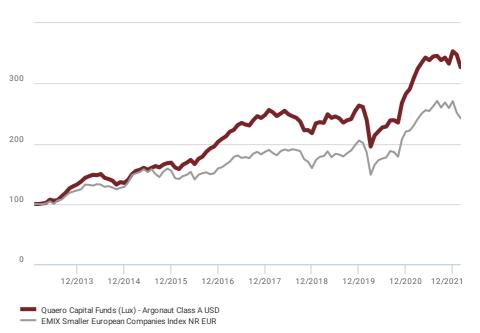
Last NAV	USD 326.81						
Inception date (class)	20/02/2013						
Share class currency	USD						
Fund AuM (in Mn)	EUR 321.3						
Strategy AuM (in Mn)**	EUR 383.8						
Investment zone	Europe						
Index EMIX Smaller European	Companies Index						
	NR EUR						
Legal structure Lu	uxembourg SICAV						
UCITS Status							
Registration LU, CH, GB, F	FR, DE. ES, SG, BE						
■ Lower risk	Higher risk ►						
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Investment manager	Quaero Capital SA
Management team	Philip Best, Marc Saint
	John Webb
Administrator	FundPartner Solutions
	(Europe) SA
Custodian	Pictet & Cie (Europe) SA

### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION



Cumulative	Class	Ind ex	Calendar year	Class	Ind ex
1M	-6.0%	-3.8%	2022 YTD	-7.5%	-10.6%
3M	-1.8%	-6.6%	2021	+25.0%	+22.9%
6M	-5.4%	-10.7%	2020	+7.4%	+7.3%
1Y	+6.0%	+5.3%	2019	+21.0%	+28.6%
3Y	+38.7%	+35.8%	2018	-12.2%	-14.5%
5Y	+54.1%	+46.0%	2017	+21.9%	+17.2%
Since inception	+226.8%	+142.0%	2016	+20.5%	+2.3%

Class	Index	Risk measures	Class	Index
+11.5%	+10.7%	Volatility*	18.6%	20.6%
+9.0%	+7.9%	Beta*	0.86	-
+14.1%	+10.4%	Correlation*	0.95	-
	+11.5% +9.0%	+11.5% +10.7% +9.0% +7.9%	+11.5% +10.7% Volatility* +9.0% +7.9% Beta*	+11.5% +10.7% Volatility* 18.6% +9.0% +7.9% Beta* 0.86

<sup>\* 3-</sup>year annualized measures. No data available if the Fund is under 3 years. Risk measures are relative to the benchmark index indicated under the "Key Facts" section.

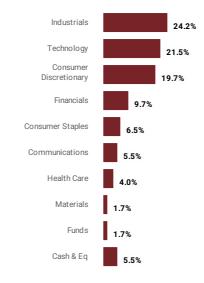
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<sup>\*\*</sup> From November 2018, Quaero Capital SA is managing a parallel account for and on behalf of an existing investor in the fund following the transfer of that investor's entire holding in the fund to the account. The account follows a similar strategy to the fund, its assets are therefore part of the Argonaut Strategy.

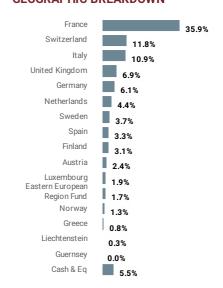
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# MAIN FEES Annual management fee 1.50% Performance fee Max 12.5% on perf>5%pa (with HWM) Subscription fee 5.00% Redemption fee 0.50% TER (as at last year end) 2.14% Subscription & Redemption fees can be waived upon identification of the investor. DEALING INFORMATION Liquidity 10th, 20th and last day of each month Subscription notice T-1bd (max 4pm CET) Redemption notice T-15bd (max 4pm CET) Minimum investment 10'000 ISIN LU0675400260 Bloomberg ARGOAAU LX Telekurs 13762857 This fund is closed to new investments. ESG RATING ESG scored by BAS at 31.12.2021 Fund In-line with the European mid-cap market. It reflects the challenge for micro-cap companies who benefit from less coverage by ESG rating agencies. More information: quaerocapital.com/ESG.

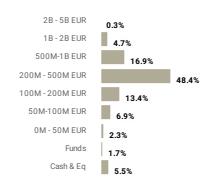
### SECTORAL BREAKDOWN



### **GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN**



### MARKET CAPITALISATION BREAKDOWN



### LARGEST HOLDINGS

HEIJMANS NV BIGBEN INTERACTIVE SAFILO GROUP SPA VIEL & CIE SA CAMELLIA PLC Construction
Video games
Italian eyewear manufacturer
Inter dealer broker
Agricultural producer

### **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS**

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Class	-7.5%	+25.0%	+7.4%	+21.0%	-12.2%	+21.9%	+20.5%	+25.0%	+1.8%	+32.4%◆
Index	-10.6%	+22.9%	+7.3%	+28.6%	-14.5%	+17.2%	+2.3%	+21.2%	+4.7%	+22.4%◆

<sup>◆</sup> Results since inception (20/02/2013)

### **MONTHLY RETURNS (PAST 5 YEARS)**

		Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022	Class Index	<b>-7.5%</b> -10.6%	<b>-1.6%</b> -7.1%	-6.0% -3.8%										
2021	Class	+25.0%	+2.8%	+6.1%	+5.0%	+3.1%	+2.7%	-1.3%	+1.9%	+0.3%	<b>-2.1%</b>	+1.3%	-3.0%	+6.2%
	Index	+22.9%	+0.7%	+3.7%	+4.7%	+3.7%	+2.3%	-0.4%	+3.1%	+3.3%	-4.1%	+3.3%	-3.4%	+4.4%
2020	Class	<b>+7.4%</b>	-0.9%	-8.4%	<b>-18.3%</b>	+9.3%	+3.3%	+3.0%	+0.6%	<b>+4.5%</b>	+0.1%	-1.6%	+13.9%	+5.6%
	Index	+7.3%	-1.7%	-8.2%	-19.9%	+11.0%	+4.8%	+1.6%	+1.1%	+5.9%	-1.0%	-4.1%	+16.3%	+6.2%
2019	Class	+21.0%	+7.5%	+0.8%	-0.5%	+6.1%	<b>-2.4%</b>	+1.0%	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	+1.7%	+0.8%	+5.4%	+3.7%
	Index	+28.6%	+8.3%	+3.2%	+0.6%	+4.4%	-5.2%	+3.1%	-0.6%	-1.7%	+3.0%	+2.4%	+4.6%	+3.9%
2018	Class	<b>-12.2%</b>	+3.4%	-1.5%	-2.5%	+1.7%	+1.9%	<b>-2.4%</b>	-1.2%	-1.1%	<b>-2.6%</b>	-6.1%	+0.1%	-2.3%
	Index	-14.5%	+1.7%	-2.8%	-2.0%	+3.8%	+1.6%	-1.1%	+1.3%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-7.1%	-2.4%	-6.2%

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