

# AQR Global Risk Parity UCITS Fund

Factsheet | August 2019

## **Key Information**

Share Class: A2 (USD)

Fund Inception Date: 30 August 2012

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Fund Size: \$1474mm (as of 31 Aug. 2019)

Domicile: Luxembourg

ISIN: LU0995951836

Benchmark: ML 3 Month T Bill Index

Share Price: 118.96 (as of 31 Aug. 2019)

Number of Holdings:<sup>1</sup> 25

Morningstar© Category: EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation

Minimum Subscription: 150mm

Investment Management Fee:<sup>2</sup> 0.35%

Administrative & Operating Fee: 0.09%

Performance Fee: N/A

Local Lux Tax:<sup>3</sup> 0.01%

## Share Class Performance as of 31 Aug. 2019<sup>4</sup>

	Share Class	Benchmark
1 Month	1.3%	0.2%
3 Months	7.4%	0.6%
YTD	17.5%	1.6%
1 Year	10.2%	2.4%
Since Inception	7.6%	1.8%

## **Fund Overview**

#### Fund Aspects:

Global, long-only and benchmark-agnostic portfolio that seeks to maintain a diversified, risk-balanced portfolio across three main risk exposures: equity risk, nominal interest rate risk and inflation risk. The Fund is actively managed to maintain a diversified risk exposure across its three main asset categories with over 50 underlying exposures to keep total portfolio risk as steady as possible.

Seeks to maintain a targeted level of volatility, utilizing index futures and other liquid derivatives to modestly increase or decrease the notional exposure of the portfolio (generally employs modest leverage).

# Fund Objective:

The Fund uses a risk budgeting approach (commonly called "risk parity") to combine a large number of liquid global risk premia into a welldiversified portfolio that seeks to provide higher risk-adjusted returns than traditional beta exposures.

There can be no assurance that the fund will achieve its investment objective.

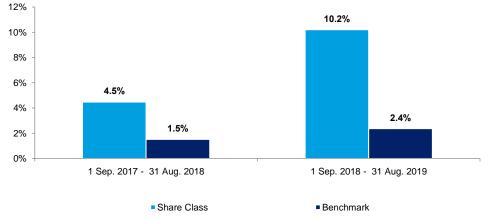
#### **Risk Management:**

Risk control is built into AQR's portfolio construction process with a focus on downside risk management. Portfolio managers, investment committee and risk management team actively assess the risk of the Fund. The Fund also incorporates a systematic drawdown control procedure overseen by the Risk Manager to mitigate downside risk.

### **Risk and Reward Profile:**

Calculated using historical data which may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for details.





<sup>1</sup> Holdings subject to change without notice.

<sup>3</sup> Local Lux Tax per annum of Fund's NAV, payable quarterly.

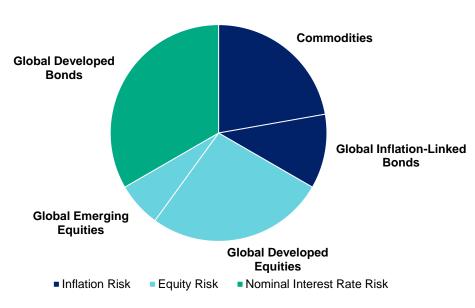
<sup>4</sup> Source: AQR, Bloomberg. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Returns over one year are annualised.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fees follow a step-down structure. Fees are charged on an investor's net aggregate subscription (subscriptions minus redemptions) vs. a blended weighted average approach.

# **Fund Characteristics**

# **Target Risk Allocation:**



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## **Principal Risks**

The use of derivatives, forward and futures contracts and commodities indices exposes the Fund to additional risks including increased volatility, lack of liquidity and possible losses greater than the Fund's initial investment as well as increased transaction costs. Concentration generally will lead to greater price volatility. This fund enters into a short sale by selling a security it has borrowed. If the market price of a security increases after the Fund borrows the security, the Fund will suffer a potentially unlimited loss when it replaces the borrowed security at the higher price. Short sales also involve transaction and other costs that will reduce potential Fund gains and increase potential Fund losses. Diversification does not eliminate risk. An investor considering the Funds should be able to tolerate potentially wide price fluctuations. The funds are subject to high portfolio turnover risk as a result of frequent trading, and thus will incur a higher level of brokerage fees and commissions, and cause a higher level of tax liability to shareholders in the funds. The Funds may attempt to increase its income or total return through the use of securities lending, and they may be subject to the possibility of additional loss as a result of this investment technique.

# **Investment Approach**

The Fund uses a risk-budgeting approach to combine a large number of liquid, global risk premia into a diversified portfolio, which aims to provide positive total returns. We seek assets that we believe are liquid and provide either a positive expected return or some portfolio diversification benefit over the long term. The strategy seeks to offer investors exposure to a number of global equity, fixed income and commodity markets. We believe the Fund attempts to draw on Modern Portfolio Theory in three ways: employing a broad investment opportunity set, maximizing diversification and utilizing leverage to manage risk.

The Fund targets equal risk contributions from three major asset class categories: equity risk, nominal interest rate risk and inflation risk. The strategy preserves this balance using a dynamic approach.

Diversification: Pursues exposure to a wide variety of global markets.

Risk Balanced: Targets equal risk contribution from equities, fixed income and inflation sensitive assets.

Dynamic: Actively managed to maintain risk diversification.

Risk Managed: Incorporates drawdown control, stress testing and volatility targeting.

Transparent: Clearly defined process and strategy.

# Philosophy - Risk Parity

In allocating investments among asset classes, the strategy follows a "risk parity" approach. The "risk parity" approach to asset allocation seeks to balance the allocation of risk across asset classes (as measured by forecasted volatility, estimated potential loss and other proprietary measures) when building a diversified portfolio. This means that lowerrisk asset classes (such as global fixed income and inflation linked government bonds) will generally have higher capital allocations than higher-risk asset classes (such as global developed and emerging market equities). This risk parity portfolio aims to have less equity risk than traditional 50/50 (equity/bond) asset allocations do, and more investment in government bonds and commodities indices. The Fund's strategy will generally target a volatility of 10%. A "neutral" asset allocation targets an equal risk allocation from each of the three following major risk sources: equity risk, fixed income risk and inflation risk.

# **Company Profile**

# At a Glance:

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# Assets Under Management<sup>5</sup>

# Total Assets: \$185.6bn



# **Portfolio Managers**



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Definition: The ML 3 Month T Bill Index measures the rate of return an investor would realize when purchasing a single U.S. 3-month treasury bill, holding it for one month, selling it, and rolling it into a newly selected issue at the beginning of the next month.

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