

# Neuberger Berman US Equity Index PutWrite Fund

USD I Accumulating Class

28 March 2024

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks long-term, equity-like returns with less volatility than broader equity markets by writing put options on broad-based indexes, (e.g. S&P 500) and investing collateral in a laddered high quality, short-term fixed income portfolio.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

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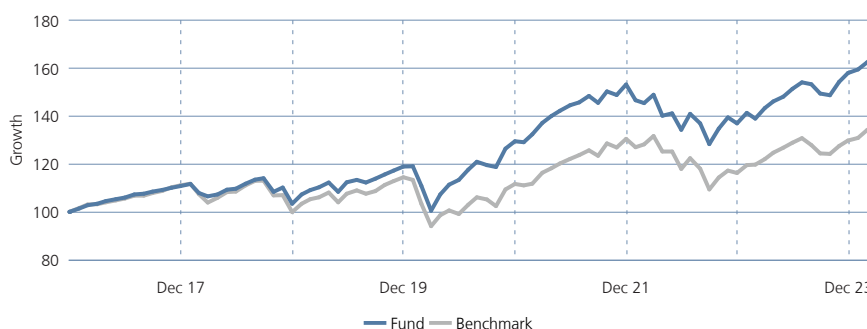
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## FUND FACTS

Inception Date (Fund)	30 December 2016
Inception Date (Share Class)	30 December 2016
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Currency (Share Class)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	833.62
NAV	16.55
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
Management Fee	0.60%
Ongoing Charge (incl. management fee)*	0.72%
Bloomberg	NBPWUJA ID
ISIN	IE00BDDWG831
Morningstar Category™	Options Trading
Benchmark	A blended benchmark comprising of 50% CBOE S&P 500 PutWrite Index 50% CBOE S&P 500 OneWeek PutWrite Index

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.



This chart shows how an investment of USD 100 in the fund on its inception date would have performed and compares it against how a hypothetical investment of USD 100 in the Benchmark(s) would have performed.

PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m <sup>2</sup>	3m <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y <sup>2</sup>	3y <sup>3</sup>	5y <sup>3</sup>	10y <sup>3</sup>	SI <sup>4</sup>
Fund	1.78	4.61	4.61	15.33	6.42	8.45	-	7.19
Benchmark	1.88	5.30	5.30	12.02	5.53	5.21	-	4.42

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Mar14 Mar15	Mar15 Mar16	Mar16 Mar17	Mar17 Mar18	Mar18 Mar19	Mar19 Mar20	Mar20 Mar21	Mar21 Mar22	Mar22 Mar23	Mar23 Mar24
Fund	-	-	-	3.00	3.57	-8.88	36.62	8.59	-3.76	15.33
Benchmark	-	-	-	0.70	2.10	-11.45	23.84	13.30	-7.39	12.02

CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016 <sup>5</sup>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>6</sup>
Fund	-	-	10.80	-6.68	15.09	8.91	18.36	-10.63	15.39	4.61
Benchmark	-	-	11.10	-10.11	14.68	-2.44	16.87	-10.94	11.69	5.30

The fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of the investment manager. The fund is not constrained by its benchmark, which is used for comparison purposes only.

<sup>1</sup>Performance to latest month end. m - month, YTD - Year to Date, y - year, SI - Since Inception.

<sup>2</sup>Returns for these periods are cumulative.

<sup>3</sup>Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

<sup>4</sup>Returns from 30 December 2016 to latest month end.

<sup>5</sup>Data shown since the share class inception date.

<sup>6</sup>Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD I Accumulating Class and has been calculated to account for the deduction of fees. Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund should note that returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. **Fund performance does not take account of any commission or costs incurred by investors when subscribing for or redeeming shares.**

PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>1</sup>	1m <sup>2</sup>	3m <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y <sup>2</sup>	3y <sup>3</sup>	5y <sup>3</sup>	10y <sup>3</sup>	SI <sup>4</sup>
Reference Index	3.18	10.44	10.44	29.27	10.97	14.47	-	13.90

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Reference Index	-	-	-	13.32	8.84	-7.53	55.56	15.16	-8.20	29.27

CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016 <sup>5</sup>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>6</sup>
Reference Index	-	-	21.10	-4.94	30.70	17.75	28.16	-18.51	25.67	10.44

The fund writes puts on the S&P 500 Index (Total Return, Net of tax, USD) and we have provided the index level return details to illustrate how this index performed during similar time periods.

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\*The ongoing charges figure is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Portfolio Assets (USD million)	833.62
% of Portfolio exposed to S&P 500 Index	100.00

## RISK MEASURES

	3 years
Alpha	0.92
Tracking Error (%)	2.96
Sharpe Ratio	0.41
Information Ratio	0.30
Standard Deviation	10.08

## OPTION STATISTICS

Notional Percentage of Collateral (%)	99.88
Weighted Average Percentage of Moneyness (%)	99.23
Weighted Average Breakeven (%)	98.01
Weighted Average Days to Expiration	17.63
Weighted Average Delta	0.32
Number of Holdings	23

## COLLATERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Duration (years)	1.34
Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%)	4.88
Number of Holdings	9
<b>Collateral Investments</b>	
Cash (%)	7.15
U.S. Treasury Bonds (%)	92.85
<i>Less than 1 year (%)</i>	23.59
<i>1 year to 3 years (%)</i>	69.26
<i>Greater Than 3 years (%)</i>	0.00

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## I SHARE CLASS DATA

Share Class	Currency	Inception Date (Share Class)	ISIN	Bloomberg	Fund Price	Last Distribution	Annual Yield
EUR I Accumulating Class <sup>#</sup>	EUR	13-02-2017	IE00BYX7LW42	NBPWIEA ID	13.75	-	-
GBP I Accumulating Class Unhedged	GBP	02-03-2017	IE00BYWPKN37	NBPWIAU ID	15.61	-	-
USD I Accumulating Class	USD	30-12-2016	IE00BDDWG831	NBPWUIA ID	16.55	-	-
USD I (Monthly) Distributing Class	USD	18-05-2017	IE00BD461232	NBPWIMD ID	11.97	0.070975	7.00%

Some share classes listed are subject to restrictions, please refer to the fund's prospectus for further details.

Investors who subscribe in a currency different from their local currency should note that the costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

<sup>#</sup> Hedged Share Class. Hedged share classes which are designated in a currency other than the base currency of the fund, are hedged into the base currency. For details please refer to the prospectus.

Fund price is as of the date of the factsheet. Please note that the last distribution quoted is the dividend payout per share on the relevant share class's last distribution date which varies (monthly, weekly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually) and may be different from the date of the factsheet.

The annual yield figure quoted is the distribution yield, calculated by multiplying the dividend by pay periods, dividing by the net asset value (NAV) of the last distribution date and then multiplying by 100%. It is for reference only and is not indicative of the return of the Fund's future dividend to be received by investors.

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Risk:** The risk of a change in the value of a position as a result of underlying market factors, including among other things, the overall performance of companies and the market perception of the global economy.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that the fund may be unable to sell an investment readily at its fair market value. In extreme market conditions this can affect the fund's ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.

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**Counterparty Risk:** The risk that a counterparty will not fulfil its payment obligation for a trade, contract or other transaction, on the due date.

**Operational Risk:** The risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems including those relating to the safekeeping of assets or from external events.

**Currency Risk:** Investors who subscribe in a currency other than the base currency of the fund are exposed to currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the return on investment. Where past performance is shown it is based on the share class to which this factsheet relates. **If the currency of this share class is different from your local currency, then you should be aware that due to exchange rate fluctuations the performance shown may increase or decrease if converted into your local currency.**

## ESG DISCLOSURES

The sub-investment manager does not apply the ESG Policy and deems sustainability risks not to be relevant for the portfolio, as the strategy of the portfolio does not support the integration of sustainability risks.

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Source: Neuberger Berman, Bloomberg and Morningstar.

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## **CBOE Russell 2000 PutWrite Index (PUTR)**

Is designed to represent a proposed hypothetical short put strategy that sells a monthly at-the money (ATM) Russell 2000 Index put option. The written Russell 2000 put option is collateralised by a money market account invested in one-month Treasury bills.

## **CBOE S&P 500 PutWrite Index (PUT)**

Is designed to represent a proposed hypothetical short put strategy. PUT is an award-winning benchmark index that measures the performance of a hypothetical portfolio that sells S&P 500 Index put options against collateralised cash reserves held in a money market account. The PUT strategy is designed to sell a sequence of one-month, at the-money, S&P 500 Index puts and invest cash at one and three-month Treasury Bill rates.

## **Notional Percentage of Collateral (%)**

The notional value of options (strike price x contracts x multiplier) divided by total collateral Investments.

## **Russell 2000® Index**

Is an unmanaged index consisting of the securities of approximately 2,000 issuers having the smallest capitalisation in the Russell 3000® Index, representing approximately 10% of Russell 3000 total market capitalisation. The smallest company's market capitalisation is roughly \$78 million. The Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000® companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

## **S&P 500 Index**

Is a capitalisation weighted index comprised of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. The S&P 500 Index is constructed to represent a broad range of industry segments in the U.S. economy. The S&P 500 focuses on the large-cap segment of the market with over 80% coverage of US equities. Criteria for inclusion include financial stability (minimise turnover in the index), screening of common shares to eliminate closely held companies, and trading activity indicative of ample liquidity and efficient share pricing. Companies in merger, acquisition, leveraged-buy-outs, bankruptcy (Chapter 11 filing or any shareholder approval of recapitalisation which changes a company's debt-to-equity ratio), restructuring, or lack of representation in their representative industry groups are eliminated from the index.

## **Weighted Average Breakeven (%)**

The average percentage decline/increase required for the underlying price level to fall/rise below the breakeven price level (strike less/plus the premium collected).

## **Weighted Average Days to Expiration**

The average number of days to expiration (weighted by notional exposures).

## **Weighted Average Delta**

The approximate percentage change in the Fund's price for a corresponding one percent change in price in the underlying index(s).

## **Weighted Average Percentage of Moneyness (%)**

The average strike price of options as a percentage of the current underlying index/ETF price.

## **Weighted Duration (years)**

The weighted average amount of time until a portfolio of debt securities reaches maturity. It is also used to measure the percent change in price for a 100 bps shift in interest rates.

## **Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (%)**

The market value weighted average yield for individual securities in the portfolio. The yield to maturity for a security is the discount rate that makes the present value of future cash flows equal its current market price plus accrued interest, assuming the security is held till maturity. The calculation of YTM takes into account the current market price, par value, coupon rate and time to maturity. It is assumed that all coupons are reinvested at the YTM rate.