# AQR Systematic Total Return UCITS Fund

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# **Key Information**

**Share Class:** 

RAUFT (USD)

**Fund Inception Date:** 

1 February 2017

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31 January 2020

**Fund Size:** 

\$310mm (as of 29 Feb. 2024)

Domicile:

Luxembourg

LU1662495974

Index:

ICE BofAML US 3-M T-Bill Index

**Share Price:** 

156.01 (as of 29 Feb. 2024)

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

2122

Morningstar© Category:

EAA Fund Alt - Multistrategy

**Minimum Subscription:** 

Investment Management Fee:2

Administrative & Operating Fee:3

0.85%

Performance Fee:

Local Lux Tax:4

0.05%

#### **Fund Overview**

#### **Fund Aspects:**

Global, total return portfolio with exposures to traditional asset classes, alternative risk premia and differentiated alpha sources, delivered in a transparent, liquid vehicle.

The Fund takes long and short positions and seeks to deliver low long-term correlation to traditional asset classes.

The Fund is actively managed to maintain a moderate risk level and to preserve balanced risk allocations across three underlying competencies: Risk-Balanced Market Exposures, Multi-Asset Trend and Market-Neutral Security Selection, deployed across multiple asset classes and regions.

#### **Fund Objective:**

The Fund seeks to achieve an annual total return of cash + 6% while targeting a volatility level between 6%-10% in most environments and low long-term correlation to traditional asset

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

## **Umbrella Fund:**

The Fund is a sub-fund of AQR UCITS Funds, a Luxembourg based UCITS of which the management company is FundRock Management Company S.A.

#### **Risk Management:**

Risk control is built into the portfolio construction process with a focus on volatility, liquidity, and funding risk management.

Portfolio managers, the Investment Committee and firm-wide Risk Management Department actively assess the risk of the Fund.

# 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.

Potentially Lower Rewards 1 2 3 4 5







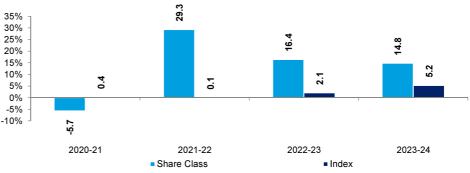




**Higher Risk** Potentially Higher Rewards

#### Share Class Performance (Net) as of 29 Feb. 2024<sup>5, 6</sup>

	Share Class	Index <sup>7</sup>
1 Month	2.5%	0.4%
3 Months	5.2%	1.3%
YTD	6.5%	0.8%
1 Year	14.8%	5.2%
3 Year	20.0%	2.4%
Since Inception	11.5%	1.9%



Past performance results in complete 12-month periods (1 March – 29 February)

- <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.
- <sup>3</sup> Additional costs/expenses (including transaction costs) may be incurred by the Fund. Further information in this respect is available from AQR Capital Management LLC on request.
- Local Lux Tax per annum of Fund's NAV, payable quarterly.
   This assumes reinvestment of income, before taxes, and after fees.

Holdings subject to change without notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Source: AQR, Bloomberg. Past performance does not predict future returns. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. All fund performance data are on a NAV to NAV basis, net income reinvested. Performance data is unavailable for the time periods with no percentage growth shown. Where a share class is created after the fund's launch date, and has been active for less than a year, a simulated past performance is used, based upon the performance of the fund by converting the gross USD returns into the relevant share class currency and then taking into account the difference in the ongoing charges and

including the impact of any performance fees. Returns over one year are annualised. For fees, refer to the Key Information section.

The Fund is actively managed. The Index is not being used in reference to the management and/or implementation of the investment policy of the Fund, the referenced Index is used for the calculation of performance fees and/or as a point of comparison only.

#### **Fund Characteristics**

#### **Target Risk Allocation:**



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# **Fund Risks**

The Fund may use derivatives in an attempt to reduce risk (hedging) or for investment purposes. It may be that the use of derivatives may not always be successful and cause unit prices to fluctuate which may in turn result in loss to the Fund.

The Fund is exposed to the currency markets which may be highly volatile. Large price swings can occur in such markets within very short periods and may result in your investment suffering a loss.

The Fund may enter into one or more derivatives with a counterparty. There is a risk that this party may fail to make its payments or become insolvent which may result in the fund and your investment suffering a loss.

The Fund may have leveraged exposure to particular investments. A fall in value of such investments can result in a proportionately greater loss to the Fund

The Fund may invest in less economically developed (known as emerging) markets which can involve greater risks than well developed economies. Amongst other issues, the level of government supervision and market regulation may be less than in more developed economies and could affect the value of your investment. Investment in emerging markets also increases the risk of settlement default.

The Fund may invest in bonds, the value of which depends on the issuer being able to make its payments. There is always a risk that the issuer will fail to do so and this may result in your investment suffering a loss. This risk increases where the Fund invests in bonds which may not be recognised or which are rated below investment grade by major rating agencies or which are backed by more risky assets such as mortgages.

Your investment in the Fund is not guaranteed and is at risk. You may lose some or all of your investment.

The Fund relies upon the performance of the investment manager of the Fund. If the investment manager performs poorly the value of your investment is likely to be adversely affected.

More information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

# **Investment Approach**

To implement the strategy, a single multi-strategy portfolio holds positions determined by three underlying sub-strategies. Each is representative of AQR's core capabilities.

Over the long-term, we expect each of these sub-strategies to exhibit low correlation to one another, while generating attractive returns and diversifying an investor's overall portfolio. Due to the complementary nature of the sub-strategies, the portfolio aims to maintain a balanced exposure to each.

#### The core sub-strategies are:

Risk Balanced Market Exposure: Seeks to provide risk-diversified longonly exposure across equities, fixed income, and commodities. The substrategy accesses multiple sources of market risk premia while seeking to maintain diversification and manage risk through time as markets evolve

Multi-Asset Trend8: Tactically allocates between and within equity, fixed income, commodity and currency markets predominantly based on price and fundamental trend-following signals across multiple horizons. The sub-strategy takes both long and short positions through time across a diversified set of liquid futures, forwards and swaps in these markets, and expects a low correlation to traditional asset classes on average.

Market-Neutral Security Selection: Takes long and short positions based on fundamentally-orientated and economically intuitive drivers of stock returns. The sub-strategy employs multiple styles of investing such as value, momentum, and defensive, but also seeks to generate alpha beyond these styles.<sup>10</sup> The sub-strategy invests across a global equity universe in a fully market-neutral approach, seeking minimal correlation to equity indices and more generally to traditional asset classes.

#### Philosophy - Systematic Total Return

By combining multiple return sources in a structurally diversified approach, we believe that Systematic Total Return offers investors an investment solution that is diversifying across macroeconomic environments and to traditional asset classes and portfolios. Core to our approach is building a portfolio founded on the criteria below:

Economic Intuition9: Sound financial theory motivates the risk premia and market inefficiencies we seek to exploit.

Empirical Evidence: Ample historical data supports the existence and persistence of return sources.

Diversification: Our portfolio construction is built in a thoughtful manner that attempts to avoid concentration risk in any single strategy, asset class, region, or factor.

Risk Management: Risk management begins in the portfolio design, at the position level, asset group level, and fund level; we seek to actively manage risk across and within our sub-strategies such that we maintain consistent exposure to a broad set of diversified return sources.

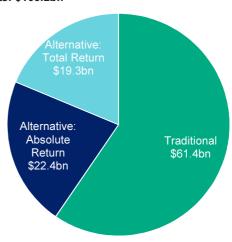
# **Company Profile**

#### At a Glance:

AQR is a global investment management firm dedicated to delivering results for our clients. At the nexus of economics, behavioral finance, data and technology, AQR's evolution over two decades has been a continuous exploration of what drives markets and how it can be applied to client portfolios. The firm is headquartered in Greenwich. Connecticut. with offices in Bangalore, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Munich and Sydney.

## Assets Under Management<sup>11</sup>

Total Assets: \$103.2bn



#### **Portfolio Managers**



Andrea Frazzini, Ph.D. Principal, AQR Ph.D., Yale University M.S., London School of **Economics** B.S., University of Rome III



John Huss Principal, AQR S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Yao Hua Ooi Principal, AQR B.S., B.S., University of Pennsylvania



Jordan Brooks, Ph.D. Principal, AQR B.A., Boston College Ph.D., M.A., New York University

<sup>8</sup> The above mentioned sub-strategy is referred to in the prospectus as the Multi-Asset Trend Timing Strategy.
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o'A style, or factor, is a systematic investment strategy that has long-term evidence of positive returns in all applicable asset classes and regions. Please refer to the journal article, "Investing with Style," for further information – https://www.aqr.com/Insights/Research/Journal-Article/Investing-With-Style.

<sup>11</sup> Approximate as of 29 Feb. 2024. Includes assets managed by AQR and its advisory affiliates. Our traditional strategies track an industry benchmark, with an expectation of appreciation, absolute return strategies target zero exposure to traditional markets, either at all times, or on average; and total return strategies, maintain some exposure to traditional markets.

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