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# Berenberg Eurozone Focus Fund M A

Actively managed equity fund

### **Investment Strategy**

The investment objective of the Berenberg Eurozone Focus Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth that outperforms the benchmark MSCI EMU Index over a medium to long-term period. The main driver for this is the underlying above-average and sustainable profit growth of the selected companies. These companies have their headquarters in the Eurozone, but often operate globally.

The fund management invests in companies that achieve sustainable growth over long periods with high profitability. The decisive criteria for these business models are high entry barriers, end markets with structural growth and excellent management teams.

- Growth-oriented fund
- Concentrated portfolio of about 50 stocks
- All cap approach, i.e. exploiting investment opportunities across all market segments
- Long-term investment horizon and therefore low portfolio turnover
- Active approach, i.e. index weights do not have influence on individual stock selection

# Indexed Performance since inception (gross, in %)





<ul><li>Fund (gross)</li></ul>	<ul><li>Fund (net)</li></ul>

Fund (gross)

Accumulated P	eriormance	(gross, in %)
since inception	(02.10.2017 - 28.03.2024)	39.31
since inception p	o.a.	5.24
YTD	(01.01.2024 - 28.03.2024)	3.73
1 Month	(28.02.2024 - 28.03.2024)	-0.27
1 Year	(28.03.2023 - 28.03.2024)	0.40
3 Years	(28.03.2021 - 28.03.2024)	-10.46
5 Years	(28.03.2019 - 28.03.2024)	40.15

# **Risk Figures since inception**

Max. Drawdown since inception	-40.36 %
Max. Drawdown Period (Days)	860
Volatility 3 Years	20.02 %
Information Ratio 3 Years	-1.22
Tracking Error 3 Years	9.48 %

The charts and tables on historical performance shown are based on our own calculations in accordance with the BVI method developed by German Investment Fund Association (for explanation see "Notes"). Information on past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Sources: Berenberg, Capital Management Company

**♦** MSCI EMU NET EUR

# Fund management comment

The stock markets have continued to soar in recent weeks. This was due to the latest dovish statements from the Fed and the BoE. The Berenberg Eurozone Focus Fund performed negatively compared to the benchmark in March. A very cautious outlook for 2024 disappointed investors in Hugo Boss. BE Semiconductor's new hybrid bonding machines, rumours about the scaling of the latest storage media have put pressure on the shares. SAP recorded a solid share price performance. The topic of AI continued to support the software sector. ASML benefited from the positive news surrounding AI and the additional demand for storage media. In March, we decided to buy Schneider Electric. The company is one of the market leaders in the areas of electrical power distribution and industrial automation. In March, we sold Infineon. China is Infineon's most important growth driver. However, China is building up local semiconductor production with new local suppliers. This has dimmed the growth prospects.

#### Fund data

#### Security Codes

ISIN LU1637618585 WKN A2DVQH

## Inception date

02.10.2017

#### Fund manager

Matthias Born

## NAV per Share (28.03.2024)

EUR 139.31

### Fund size

EUR 65.42 million

## Share class volume

EUR 6.63 million

## Fund currency

### Appropriation of income

accumulation

# End of financial year

31 December

# Management Company

Universal-Investment-Luxembourg

## Custodian

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch

## Asset Manager

Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG

# Registration and Distribution

AT, CH, CL, DE, ES, FR, GB, IT, LI,

## Cut-off/Settlement

daily/T+2

## Cut-off time

(Luxembourg time)

## Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>

3 Years: ★

5 Years: ★★★

Overall: ★★

(As of: 28.03.2024)

## Sustainability

# Article 8 Funds

SFDR Classification (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)

## ESG Elements

**Exclusion Criteria** 

Controversies Screen

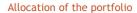
Active Ownership Impact focused

Signatory of:









(in % of fund assets)



## Top 10 positions

(in % of fund assets)

SAP SE	9.36
ASML HOLDING NV	8.90
LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUITT	6.81
MONCLER	6.20
SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS	5.47
DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG	4.57
ALLFUNDS GROUP LTD. REGISTERED	4.18
BECHTLE AG	3.98
SARTORIUS STEDIM BIOTECH S.A.	3.40
DAVIDE CAMPARI-MILANO S.P.A.	3.25

# 0.77 % p.a.

none

Custodian fee 0.10 % p.a.

Issue Surcharge

Management fee

Total Expense Ratio (TER) 1.13%

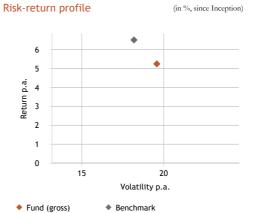
Additional fund information

Performance fee

Minimum investment EUR 500,000



100.00 Euro



## Shares

Country allocation	(in % of share capital)
34.60	Germany
22.46	Netherlands
14.92	France
13.47	Italy
4.74	Austria
4.33	United Kingdom
2.87	Finland
2.61	Spain

## Sector allocation

(in % of share capital)

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Information Technology	38.95
Consumer Discretionary	18.47
Health Care	15.82
Financials	11.37
Industrials	9.31
Consumer Staples	3.37
Energy	1.59
Communication Services	1.13

Sources: Berenberg, Capital Management Company As of: 28.03.2024



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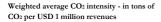
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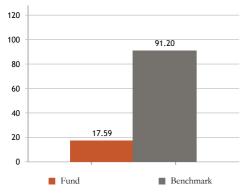
#### Consideration of ESG Elements

Identifying companies and business models that will be successful in the long term is the basis for good investment decisions. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors are key factors in decision making and are therefore integral components of the investment process.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity

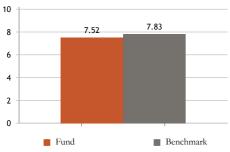
The fund does not actively manage its carbon footprint, however, emissions data such as CO2 intensity are relevant parameters which can be used to assess the efficient management of a company and the extent of transition risks.





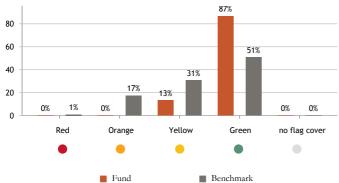
#### **ESG Score**

The data provider MSCI ESG uses an ESG score of 0 to 10 to assess the management of material ESG risks of portfolio holdings compared to competitors.



## **ESG Controversies Screen**

Investments in the fund are monitored for ESG controversies and, with the help of MSCI ESG data, flagged according their severity. Thereby, potential ESG risks of investments are identified. In the case of an orange flag (severe controversy), we enter into an active exchange with the company. In the case of a red flag (very severe controversy), the company is excluded.



## Benchmark for ESG metrics: MSCI EMU

Portfolio as of 31 March 2024. Source: MSCI ESG, own calculations and presentation. Certain information © 2023 MSCI ESG Research LLc. Reproduced by permission. Data coverage for fund and benchmark: graph "CO2-Intensity" (95.87%/100.00%), graph "ESG Score" (100.00%/100.00%). Liquidity and securities which are not covered by MSCI ESG are excluded from the calculation of the ESG metrics for the fund as well as the benchmark. The weights of the remaining fund and benchmark components are normalised to 100%.

## Glossary & Methodology

## Active Ownership

The term "Active Ownership" encompasses all our activities where we, as an investor, attempt to positively influence a company's management of ESG aspects. This includes Engagement, i.e. direct dialogue with companies to discuss specific ESG objectives as well as proxy voting, i.e. our voting recommendations to our fund administrator, which then exercises the voting rights at general meetings.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity

The CO2 Intensity (Scope 1 & 2 emissions) per company is multiplied by is portfolio weight (current value of the investment by current portfolio value) and summed up. This weighted average CO2 Intensity provides an indication of the portfolio's exposure to CO2-emission intensive companies.

#### ESG Score

Using a score between 0 (lowest) and 10 (highest), MSCI ESG assesses the ability of portfolio holdings to identify and manage environmental, social and governance-related risks compared to peers. The ESG scores are assigned at the holding level and are aggregated at the portfolio level as the weighted average ESG Score.

# ESG Controversies Screen

MSCI ESG analyses controversial business practices from the five areas environment, human rights, labour rights & supply management, customers and governance. The controversies are rated according to their reputational risk as well as the operational handling by a flagging system. Green indicates no or weak controversies, yellow indicates moderate controversies, orange indicates severe controversies and red indicates very severe controversies.



## **Opportunities**

- · High return potential of stocks over the long term
- · Development of growth stocks occasionally above average
- Development of mid cap stocks above average in certain phases
- · Possible additional earnings through individual value analysis and active management

#### Risks

- · High susceptibility of shares to fluctuation, price losses possible
- Share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share
- · Below-average development of growth stocks possible at times
- · Below-average development of second-line stocks possible at times
- No guarantee of success for individual value analysis and active management
- · Concentration risk through focusing on investments in eurozone countries

Further details on the opportunities and risks of this fund can be found in the sales prospectus.

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