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## Neuberger Berman US Equity Index PutWrite Fund

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#### **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**

Derek Devens

Senior Portfolio Manager

#### **FUND FACTS**

Inception Date (Fund)	30 December 2016
Base Currency (Fund)	USD
Fund AUM (USD million)	833.62
Domicile	Ireland
Vehicle	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Settlement (Subscription)	T+3
Trading Deadline	15:00 (Dublin Time)
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland
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.



- USD A Accumulating Class - Benchmark (USD) 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	2 Y	۲D <sup>2</sup>	1y²	3y³	5	y <sup>3</sup>	10y³	<b>SI</b> <sup>3,4</sup>
USD A Accumulating Class	1.69	4.47	7 4	.47	14.65	5.76	7.8	30	-	6.43
Benchmark (USD)	1.88	5.30	) 5	.30	12.02	5.53	5.2	21	-	4.27
12 MONTH PERIODS (%)		Mar15 Mar16								
USD A Accumulating Class	-	-	-	2.35	2.97	-9.40	35.83	7.94	-4.41	14.65
Benchmark (USD)	-	-	-	0.70	2.10	-11.45	23.84	13.30	-7.39	12.02
CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016	<b>2017</b> ⁵	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	20246
USD A Accumulating Class	-	-	8.80	-7.26	14.47	8.31	17.51	-11.16	14.70	4.47
Benchmark (USD)	-	-	9.70	-10.11	14.68	-2.44	16.87	-10.94	11.69	5.30

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1Performance to latest month end. YTD - Year to Date, SI - Since Inception.

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

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

4Returns from 23 January 2017 to latest month end.

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

6Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

Fund performance is representative of the USD A 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>	1m²	3m²	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1y²	3y³	5y³	10y³	<b>SI</b> <sup>3,4</sup>
Reference Index	3.18	10.44	10.44	29.27	10.97	14.47	-	13.82

12 MONTH PERIODS (%)				Mar17 Mar18						
Reference Index	-	-	-	13.32	8.84	-7.53	55.56	15.16	-8.20	29.27
CALENDAR (%)	2015	2016	<b>2017</b> ⁵	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	<b>2024</b> <sup>6</sup>
Reference Index	-	-	19.62	-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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### **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.

**Derivatives Risk:** The fund is permitted to use certain types of financial derivative instruments (including certain complex instruments). This may increase the fund's leverage significantly which may cause large variations in the value of your share. Investors should note that the fund may achieve its investment objective by investing principally in Financial Derivative Instruments (FDI). There are certain investment risks that apply in relation to the use of FDI. The fund's use of FDI can involve significant risks of loss.

Interest Rate Risk: The risk of interest rate movements affecting the value of fixed-rate bonds.

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.** For full information on the risks please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents, including the KID or KIID, as applicable.

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

**RISK MEASURES** 

		3 years
833.62		-
100.00	Alpha (%)	0.28
	Tracking Error (%)	2.97
	Sharpe Ratio	0.35
	Information Ratio	0.08
	Standard Deviation	10.11
	833.62	100.00 Alpha (%)   Tracking Error (%)   Sharpe Ratio   Information Ratio

## **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
Collateral Investments	
Cash (%)	7.15
U.S. Treasury Bonds (%)	92.85
Less than 1 year (%)	23.59
1 year to 3 years (%)	69.26
Greater Than 3 years (%)	0.00

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### A SHARE CLASS PERFORMANCE

Past performance does not predict future returns.

PERFORMANCE (%) <sup>7</sup>	Inception Date	1m <sup>8</sup>	1	3m <sup>8</sup>	YTD <sup>8</sup>	1y <sup>8</sup>	Зy	9	5y <sup>9</sup>	10y <sup>9</sup>	SI <sup>9</sup>
SGD A (Monthly) Distributing Class	15-08-2017	1.58		4.01	4.01	12.81	4.90	)	6.59	-	4.87
USD A Accumulating Class	23-01-2017	1.69		4.47	4.47	14.65	5.76	5	7.80	-	6.43
Benchmark (USD)	-	1.88		5.30	5.30	12.02	5.53	3	5.21	-	4.2710
12 MONTH PERIODS (%)	Inception Date	Mar 14 Mar 15	Mar 15 Mar 16	Mar 16 Mar 17	Mar 17 Mar 18	Mar 18 Mar 19	Mar 19 Mar 20	Mar 20 Mar 21	Mar 21 Mar 22	Mar 22 Mar 23	Mar 23 Mar 24
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8Returns for these periods are cumulative.

9Returns are annualised for periods longer than one year.

10Data shown since inception of the USD A Accumulating Class.

11Performance for the current calendar year is the year to date.

12Data shown since the share class inception date.

Where a benchmark is shown, the benchmark shown is provided in the base currency of the fund and therefore may not be a fair representative comparison to the hedged currency share class shown. The difference in the currency exposure and currency fluctuations in an unhedged benchmark may cause an unintended differential in any performance or risk comparison.

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## **A SHARE CLASS DATA**

Share Class	NAV	Initial Sales Charge (Max)	Ongoing Charges	Management Fee	Minimum Investment	
SGD A Monthly Dist	20.83	5.00%	1.31%*	1.20%	1,000	
USD A Acc	15.65	5.00%	1.32%*	1.20%	1,000	
Share Class	Inception Date	Morningstar Category™		ISIN	Bloomberg	VALOR
SGD A Monthly Dist	15-08-2017	Options Trading		IE00BDRKGH20	NBPWSAD ID	35395068
USD A Acc	23-01-2017	Options Trading		IE00BDDWGC76	NBPWUAA ID	34907035

\*The ongoing charge figure (incl. management fee) is based on the annual expenses for the period ending 31 December 2023.

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

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### **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.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Except for performance, the data shown is for the fund and is not specific to the share class, it has not been adjusted to reflect the different fees and expenses of the share class

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Source: Neuberger Berman, Bloomberg and Morningstar.

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## Neuberger Berman Glossary of Terms

### 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 themoney, 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. 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.