# WORLD STARS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND 31 MARCH 2024

Investing in Quality for the Song-Term

#### **Investment Objective**

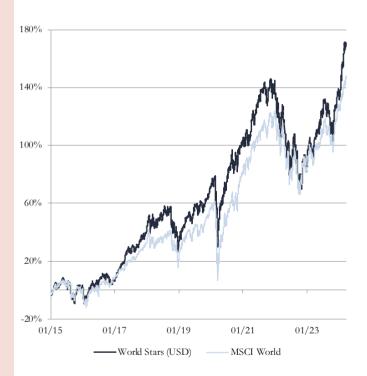
The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

We select companies based on our own fundamental research, taking a long-term horizon. We do not follow benchmarks and always seek to invest in quality and value.

Quality means companies that are global leaders, have strong competitive positions and pricing power in structurally attractive and growing markets, have management teams with strong records of value creation and have robust balance sheets.

Value means buying those companies at prices that allow for the prospect of significant capital growth over 5-10 years or more.

## World Stars Global Equity (WSGE) Performance, USD



## Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

## **Share Class Summary**

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,789.69	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	1,905.20	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,689.63	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1H Acc GBP	1,211.67	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2549545601
A1 Acc CHF	1,187.40	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,812.53	0.65%	0.95%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,676.97	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,453.06	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,724.46	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU1979606040

\*OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For more details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus.

#### **AUM**

Firm: US\$1.8bn WSGE Strategy: US\$1.5bn Fund: US\$247m

#### Portfolio Comment

Our World Stars Global Equity fund continued its strong performance and has delivered its second-best quarter since inception in 2012. Significant new growth opportunities in AI have boosted our digital stocks, but also benefit our industrials led by *Eaton* (+9%) and *Amphenol* (+6%). Performance has broadened further in March with the top 10 comprised of four industrials, three consumer, two digital and one healthcare.

The macro-economic background continued to improve as we have expected. Both the US Fed and the ECB raised their GDP forecasts for 2024. Core CPI in the Eurozone fell to 2.9% in March, the lowest for two years, and US PCE inflation in Q1 is the lowest for three years. The ISM manufacturing PMI in the US increased to 50.3 in March, the first expansion since October 2022.

Nvidia (+14%) unveiled its new GB200 'superchip' which is twice as powerful as the existing H100 GPUs for training and five times as powerful for inference, the critical element of generative AI focused on problem-solving and decision-making.

Alphabet (+9%) is reported to be in discussions with Apple over supplying its Gemini AI model to new iPhones. This would significantly extend the partnership between the two businesses.

Givaudan (+10%), the global No 1 in flavours and fragrances, is benefiting from robust consumer confidence, led by the US, and rising travel volumes which are encouraging many large consumer goods companies to re-build inventories.

	Mar-24	3 M	2024 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inc	eption	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	
Portfolio	+2.2	+13.2	+13.2	+31.2	+30.4	+80.8	+166.6	+237	.2	+9.3	+12.6	+10.3	+11.1	
MSCI World	+3.3	+9.0	+9.0	+25.7	+29.9	+81.1	+158.3	+242	.2	+9.1	+12.6	+9.9	+11.3	
Top 5 Holdings				Key Fac	ets									
Stock	Sector		0/0	No. of S	tocks			29	Media	ın Market	Cap <sup>1</sup>		US\$197bn	
Nvidia	Information T	Technology	8.3	Gross D	Gross Dividend Yield			1.0%	1.0% Cash		7		3.8%	
Eaton	Industrials		5.9	Active S	Active Share^			87.9%	7.9% 5 Year Standard Deviation			17.7%		
Amazon	Consumer Di	scretionary	5.2	Best Mo	Best Month		10.8%	Apr' 20	5 Year Sharpe Ratio			0.81		
Meta Platforms	Communicati	on Services	4.8	Worst N	Worst Month		-9.6%	Sep' 22	Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover <sup>2</sup>			ver²	9.2%	
Alphabet	Communicati	on Services	4.4	Average	Average Month			1.0% 5 Yea		5 Year Max. Drawdown			-31.2%	
				% Positi	ve Months			65.9%	5 Year	r Beta			0.93	

Performance since launch on 8th April 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars USD Strategy, unhedged, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears, inception 1st October 2012. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Source: SIX, Wize, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co.

#### **GICS Sector Allocation**

- Information Technology 24%
- Health Care 16%
- Industrials 16%
- Communication Services 13%
- Consumer Staples 10%
- Consumer Discretionary 10%
- Materials 5%
- Financials 4%
- Real Estate 2%



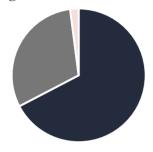
## J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 41%
- Consumer 23%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 20%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 16%



## Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 66%
- Europe ex-UK 30%
- UK 2%



## Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 42%
- Asia 24%
- Europe 19%
- Rest of World 15%



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## Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return,

														MSCI	Excess
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	World	return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.8	+4.2	+0.4	+2.8	+2.0	+0.8
2013	+3.3	+5.4	+0.8	+1.4	-1.1	-2.8	+3.3	-2.9	+6.2	+4.2	+1.7	+1.9	+23.1	+27.3	-4.2
2014	-5.7	+6.5	-0.5	+1.8	+1.9	+1.9	-4.6	+2.6	-3.1	-0.8	+2.2	-2.8	-1.3	+5.5	-6.8
2015	-0.4	+5.3	-2.8	+2.8	+1.6	-4.2	+2.7	-7.8	-4.3	+10.0	+0.9	-1.3	+1.4	-0.3	+1.7
2016	-5.7	+0.4	+7.1	+1.2	+0.7	+1.8	+2.5	-0.4	+2.4	-3.7	-2.1	+1.5	+5.0	+8.1	-3.1
2017	+4.7	+3.1	+3.5	+3.4	+4.4	-1.6	+2.5	+0.4	+1.1	+4.4	+0.3	+1.8	+31.8	+23.0	+8.8
2018	+8.1	-3.3	-0.9	+0.3	+2.7	+0.5	+3.0	+0.4	+1.1	-9.3	-0.4	-6.5	-5.2	-8.2	+3.0
2019	+5.8	+1.9	+4.2	+3.2	-4.5	+6.1	+1.1	+0.4	-0.4	+2.5	+2.3	+3.1	+28.5	+28.4	+0.1
2020	+0.4	-6.9	-8.5	+10.8	+4.4	+1.9	+6.5	+5.6	-3.6	-2.5	+8.4	+3.4	+19.4	+16.5	+2.9
2021	-2.0	+0.9	+2.7	+7.0	+1.4	+2.3	+3.2	+2.0	-5.3	+4.8	-2.1	+3.9	+19.7	+22.3	-2.6
2022	-6.6	-3.8	+2.2	-8.6	-2.0	-7.3	+8.7	-6.8	-9.6	+4.4	+8.1	-4.3	-24.6	-17.7	-6.8
2023	+8.3	-3.4	+6.8	+2.4	+0.7	+6.2	+3.2	-1.7	-7.6	-1.6	+9.1	+5.2	+29.5	+24.4	+5.1
2024	+2.6	+8.0	+2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+13.2	+9.0	+4.2

See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager	Christopher Rossbach
Deputy Portfolio Manager	Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA
Launch Date	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Administrator & Depository	CACEIS Investor Services Bank SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Reference Currency	US Dollar
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day

#### Sustainability & ESG

J. Stern & Co is a signatory to the UN PRI; a Member of the SASB Alliance; and strategically aligned to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its ten Global Compact principles.

The World Stars Global Equity Fund is classified as an 'Article 8 Fund' under the EU's SFDR framework.





SFDR



Minimum Investment*	Im 5K		25m	Im				
Management Fee	0.90%	1.20%	0.75%	0.65%				
OCF	1.20%	1.50%	1.05%	0.95%				
Acc./ Dist.	Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all							
Currencies*	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & USD &							
Alternative fee structure*	ee with additional ailable	nal performance fee						
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business							

Retail

Institutional

day before the Dealing Day

#### Important Information

Eligibility

^ Active Share is as at 1st December 2023 and AUM is latest available at time of going to print. \* Minimum investment is stated in share class currency. Share classes currently available are set out on previous page; other classes can be made available in all currencies displayed and with alternative fee structures on request. <sup>1</sup>Median market cap based on USD market cap of companies in the World Stars Global Equity Fund. <sup>2</sup>Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover is based on the World Stars Global Equity USD which the Fund follows.

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