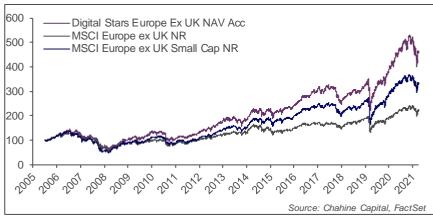
## **Monthly update**

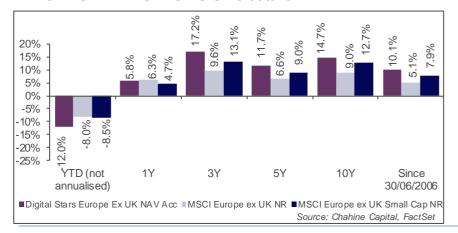
Equity indices rose in March (MSCI Europe NR +0.8%, MSCI USA NR +3.5%), above their pre-Ukraine invasion levels. The YTD drop in equities has been contained (MSCI Europe NR -5.3%, MSCI USA NR -5.3%) and this may seem surprising in a context where inflation is reaching high levels (+5.9% in the Eurozone, +7.9% in the US), and where a violent military conflict is taking place at the doorstep of Europe. However, a fundamental reading of the context justifies the robustness of the equity indices, which have proved to be much more resilient than the bond indices YTD. Global GDP growth should be around +3% according to economists' forecasts, vs. +4% at the beginning of the year. At the same time, 2022 earnings expectations have been steadily revised upwards. In the US, the S&P 500 2022 EPS has been raised by +1.6% YTD, including +1.0% in March. In Europe, the expected 2022 EPS for the STOXX Europe 600 has risen by +7.0% YTD and +1.8% in March. This is due to the excessive conservative stance of analysts at the beginning of the year, but also to the significant increase in expectations in some sectors such as energy, mining and industrials. Earnings growth for 2022 stands at +9.5% on both sides of the Atlantic, and the equity risk premium remains attractive, despite the rate hike observed in March (+6.6% in Europe, vs. 5% historical average).

Although the war in Ukraine led to a violent correction in the equity markets in the first week of March, they then rebounded strongly on hopes of progress in the negotiations and a diplomatic way out. After two negative months, the Digital Stars funds ended the month up and outperformed their benchmarks, driven by the basic materials and energy sectors, which are more present in the portfolio. Growth stocks in technology (especially semiconductors), healthcare and industrials also rebounded, recovering some of the excesses of the market downturn, even as bond yields rose. Digital Stars Europe Ex-UK Acc ended March at +2.7% compared to +0.8% for the MSCI Europe ex UK NR.

## **COMPARISON WITH MAJOR INDICES (IN EUR)**



#### ANNUALISED RETURNS AS OF 31/03/2022





#### **PROFILE**

A diversified portfolio, within the all-cap universe with a purely quantitative management style. The investment universe embraces approximately 1300 stocks originating in the European Union (United Kingdom excluded), Switzerland and Norway. The minimum capitalisation of the stock selected is €100m.

The rebalancing carried out in March were again influenced by the conflict in Ukraine. The model has therefore mainly included basic materials and energy stocks and to a lesser extent defensive stocks (food and telecoms). We are selling healthcare stocks, as COVID is no longer a major concern for investors, as well as some financials exposed to the Ukrainian crisis. Digital Stars Europe Ex-UK remains overweight in Basic Materials, industrials Technology and Energy. The overweight in Basic Materials increases to 8.4%. The fund is underweight in Food, Healthcare and Utilities. Germany is the largest country weight at 17.3%, followed by Sweden at 14.3%.

### **OBJECTIVE**

Achieve long-term appreciation of its capital and outperform the broad European markets (ex UK), through the experienced usage of a sophisticated and proprietary quantitative model to identify the "Stars" performers.

### **FUND FACTS**

Launch: 30.06.2006
Profile: All-Cap
Currency: EUR

Benchmark: MSCI Europe ex UK NR

AuM: € 582.1 m Eligible to the French PEA SFDR: Article 8

### Share Classes:

Acc:	LU0259626645	DFXUKAC LX
Acc1:	LU1731919871	DFXUA1E LX
Acc2:	LU1731919954	DFSEI1E LX
GBP:	LU0259626991	DFXUKGB LX
R:	LU0323041847	DISEEDF LX
D:	LU2133218540	DISEEDE LX
DI:	LU2376120270	DISEEAA LX
1:	LU0997310957	DFXUKIA LX
12:	LU2356426036	DISEEIE LX
I USD H:	LU2354266509	DISEEDA LX
P:	LU2005655092	DGSEXUP LX

Mgt. Fees: 1.5%, (P: 2.2%, Acc1: 1.25%

R: 2%, I,DI: max 1% Acc2,I2, I USD H: 1%)

Perf. Fees: 15% (P,R: 20%) of the

surperformance vs index

Valorisation: Daily

Cut-off: 3pm, Luxembourg time



# TOP HOLDINGS AND BEST CONTRIBUTORS (31/03/2022)

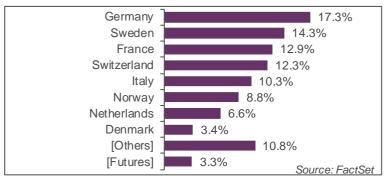
Top positions	Weights			
Eramet SA	2.91%			
Hapag-Lloyd AG	2.33%			
ASM International N.V.	2.19%			
Aker Solutions ASA	2.03%			
MPC Container Ships ASA	1.83%			

Top contributors	1 Month perf	1 month contribution			
Eramet SA	26.8%	0.70%			
Hapag-Lloyd AG	17.6%	0.43%			
ASM International N.V.	15.2%	0.32%			
K+S AG	19.7%	0.23%			
Aker Solutions ASA	11.3%	0.23%			
	Source: FactSet				

# PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (EXCL. FEES) - MARCH 2022

From 28/02/2022 to 31/03/2022	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution To Return
Total	100.0%	2.9%	2.9%
Materials	12.9%	8.8%	1.17%
Industrials	22.7%	2.7%	0.60%
Energy	5.2%	10.1%	0.49%
Information Technology	14.8%	3.3%	0.45%
Health Care	9.7%	2.6%	0.18%
Consumer Staples	1.3%	9.8%	0.14%
Financials	18.1%	0.9%	0.08%
Real Estate	2.6%	2.0%	0.07%
[Futures]	2.8%	-0.4%	0.04%
Utilities	1.3%	-1.0%	-0.02%
Communication Services	1.7%	-4.6%	-0.07%
Consumer Discretionary	7.0%	-2.0%	-0.21%
			Source: FactSet

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (31/03/2022)



### STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Fund Managers: Julien Bernier

Aymar de Léotoing

Location: Luxembourg

Man. Company: J. Chahine Capital, a Luxembourgbased CSSF-regulated Asset Management Company

**Legal form:** Sub-Fund of DIGITAL FUNDS, a Luxembourg-based SICAV under Part I of the Luxembourg Law of December 20, 2002.

Custodian: UBS Europe SE (Lux. branch)
Transfer Agent: Northern Trust Global Services
Administration: Northern Trust Global Services

Auditor: PwC Luxembourg

**Registration:** Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

## **KEY FIGURES (31/03/2022)**

VNI (Acc):	€ 457.70
VNI (Acc1):	€ 151.83
VNI (Acc2):	€ 154.70
VNI (GBP):	£ 557.09
VNI (R):	€ 96.50
VNI (D):	€ 175.79
VNI (DI):	€ 89.69
VNI (I):	€ 285.53
VNI (I2):	€ 96.93
VNI (I USD H):	\$ 97.99
VNI (P):	€ 145.65

Risk statistics	1Y	3Y		
Beta vs. Benchmark	1.26	1.02		
Volatility	21.9%	21.5%		
Sharpe Ratio	0.26	0.80		

Source: FactSet

SRRI (Acc Share):

 Median Market Capitalisation:
 € 4,097 M

 Median % of Market Volume:
 30.6%

 % Small Caps ( < EUR2Bio):</td>
 21.1%

 % Mid Caps ( EUR [2Bio; 5Bio]):
 28.2%

 % Large Caps ( >EUR 5Bio):
 50.7%

## **CALENDAR RETURNS**

31/03/2022	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	Since Inception
Digital Stars Europe Ex UK NAV Acc	-12.0%	+33.9%	+20.2%	+30.1%	-17.2%	+25.0%	+5.0%	+24.7%	+3.6%	+37.1%	+22.4%	+357.7%
MSCI Europe ex UK NR	-8.0%	+24.4%	+1.7%	+27.1%	-10.9%	+11.4%	+2.4%	+10.7%	+6.4%	+22.1%	+19.4%	+120.2%
MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap NR	-8.5%	+24.6%	+11.7%	+28.5%	-15.8%	+20.3%	+5.5%	+25.0%	+5.9%	+33.5%	+22.8%	+230.1%
Inception date: 30/06/2006 Source: Chahine Capital, FactSe										ital. FactSet		

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