

# Global Long/Short Equity Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation whilst preserving capital in down markets.
- Employs a strategy of gaining long and short exposure in equity securities of issuers in developed markets (countries in the MSCI World Index).
- Uses a quantitative investment process to evaluate multiple fundamental, statistical and technical characteristics covering valuation, growth, return history, risk liquidity and economic sensitivity.
- The fund may invest:
  - in no fewer than three countries
  - at least two-thirds of its total assets in equity securities of companies located worldwide
  - long equity exposure of up to 100% of fund net assets
  - short equity exposure of up to 50% of fund net assets
  - by using futures/derivatives for hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes

## KEY RISKS

**Market risk:** securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally, and equity securities generally have greater price volatility than debt securities.

**Smaller company securities risk:** securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies.

**Global investment risk:** securities of certain jurisdictions may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value and may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which an investment may be made.

**Derivatives risk:** the use of derivatives presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives.

## Overall Morningstar rating - ★ ★ ★ ★

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## Calendar-year performance (%)

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class IP (USD) (31 Jul 2017)*	4.36	-4.52	17.72	1.85	7.89	-9.06
Class IP (EUR) (31 Jul 2017)*	1.41	1.55	26.32	-6.48	10.21	-4.80
Class IP Hedged (EUR) (31 Jan 2018)*	2.12	-6.95	16.48	-0.06	4.69	—
Class IP (GBP) (31 Aug 2017)*	-1.02	6.92	18.93	-1.33	4.17	-3.62
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	14.50	-7.91	10.63	8.91	14.56	-3.12

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class IP (USD) (31 Jul 2017)*	4.13	8.69	8.69	15.75	6.73	5.58	—	4.58
Class IP (EUR) (31 Jul 2017)*	4.32	11.23	11.23	16.61	9.82	6.46	—	6.10
Class IP Hedged (EUR) (31 Jan 2018)*	4.00	8.29	8.29	13.57	4.64	3.42	—	1.06
Class IP (GBP) (31 Aug 2017)*	4.13	9.77	9.77	13.13	9.92	6.25	—	4.85
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	1.81	5.05	5.05	15.10	6.14	7.50	—	6.74

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on a NAV-to-NAV basis (with income re-invested). Performance shown is for class and currency indicated and returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. \*Share class inception date.

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

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## FUND INFORMATION

**Fund managers:** Harindra de Silva, Ph.D., CFA; David Krider, CFA

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**Fund inception date:** 31 July 2017

**Asset class:** Alternative

**Financial year-end:** 31 March

**Fund size:** \$130.33m (USD)

**Base currency:** USD

**Benchmark:** 50% MSCI World (Net) (USD)/50% 3M T-Bill(USD)<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):**

Class IP: \$1,000,000 (USD)

**Management approach:** Actively managed

**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:** Article 6<sup>2</sup>

**Performance fee %\***

Class IP (USD): 20%

Class IP (EUR): 20%

Class IP (GBP): 20%

Class AP (USD): 20%

\*The Performance Fee is equal to 20% of the appreciation of the Net Asset Value per Share (prior to the deduction of the Performance Fee) at the end of each fiscal year when the Net Asset Value per Share exceeds the high watermark after deduction of the hurdle rate. The high watermark is the highest end of fiscal year Net Asset Value per Share for the relevant Class since inception of the Fund when a performance fee was paid. The hurdle rate applied is 50% MSCI World (Net) (USD) / 50% 3M T-Bill (USD). Please refer to the prospectus for further details.

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (%)

	Long	Short	Index <sup>2</sup>
United States	60.51	-12.96	49.55
Japan	11.37	-3.88	4.29
United Kingdom	6.28	-3.30	2.65
Denmark	3.14	-0.12	0.66
Canada	3.05	-2.38	2.14
Italy	2.72	-0.10	0.51
Australia	2.68	-1.06	1.32
China & Hong Kong	2.58	—	0.33
Germany	2.41	-0.13	1.59
Singapore	1.75	—	0.24

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## DEALER CUTOFF

Luxembourg: 10pm

United States: 4pm ET

## Sector weights (%)

	Long	Short	Index <sup>2</sup>
Communication Services	7.73	-2.67	5.21
Consumer discretionary	10.42	-5.36	7.51
Consumer staples	11.47	-0.08	4.56
Energy	2.23	-1.31	3.12
Financials	12.92	-3.66	10.75
Health care	11.07	-6.05	8.40
Industrials	16.04	-3.32	7.86
Information technology	14.12	-2.20	16.57
Materials	4.96	-3.66	2.73
Real estate	0.32	-0.90	1.59
Utilities	8.44	-0.20	1.70
Cash & equivalents	29.67	0.0	30.00

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Top 10 long equity holdings (%)<sup>4</sup>

	Long	Beta <sup>3</sup>
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	3.30	0.72
Costco Wholesale Corporation	3.27	0.77
NVIDIA Corporation	3.19	2.53
First Citizens BancShares, Inc. Class A	2.99	0.98
Alphabet Inc. Class A	2.98	1.24
Alphabet Inc. Class C	2.94	1.24
Otis Worldwide Corporation	2.92	1.01
Heidelberg Materials AG	2.88	0.83
Chubu Electric Power Company, Incorporated	2.61	0.16
Molina Healthcare, Inc.	2.58	0.34

## Distribution information

	12 Month Distribution yield	Last payment amount	Last paid date	Frequency
Class IP (EUR) Distributing	1.72%	1.98	12 Apr 2023	Annually

The distribution yield is based on the actual distributions paid by the fund. The distribution yield is calculated by summing the fund's distributions over the preceding 12 months and dividing that figure by the applicable share price at the end of the period.

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2. A custom 70% MSCI World / 30% ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill benchmark is used for country/sector comparisons to reflect the fund's target net market exposure.

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4. Based on ending weights as of month-end. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security.

<sup>5</sup>While the Sub-Funds listed above have access to both internal and external ESG research and integrate financially material sustainability risks into their investment decision-making processes, ESG-related factors are considered but not determinative, permitting the relevant Sub-Investment Managers to invest in issuers that do not embrace ESG; as such, sustainability risks may have a more material impact on the value of the Sub-Fund's investments in the medium to long term. The investments underlying these Sub-Funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.



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## Portfolio characteristics

	Long	Short	MSCI World Index (Net) <sup>3</sup>
Beta	0.93	1.43	1
Median market cap	25.64bn	11.79bn	125.84bn
P/B ratio	2.18x	3.08x	3.44x
Forward P/E ratio	12.35x	120.00x	18.81x
Dividend yield	2.34%	1.14%	1.81%
EPS growth forecast	11.05%	8.94%	12.75%
Number of stocks	157		1,465

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

## Key statistics

	Fund
Alpha	1.17
Sharpe ratio	0.36
Standard deviation	11.14%
R-squared	0.54
Information ratio	0.10
Upside capture	112.49%
Downside capture	106.98%
Tracking error	7.65%
Correlation coefficient	0.74
Treynor ratio	0.04

Based on the net returns calculated over a 36-month period for the share class shown in the performance table. Relative measures are compared with the benchmark<sup>1</sup>.

## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Type	ISIN	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class IP (USD)	31 Jul 2017	Accumulating	LU1571399168	WFGLSIU LX	134.79	0.75	1.000
Class IP (EUR)	31 Jul 2017	Distributing	LU1633787442	WFGLSIE LX	115.01	0.75	1.000
Class IP Hedged (EUR)	31 Jan 2018	Accum. hedged	LU1755418701	WFGLIPE LX	106.72	0.75	1.000
Class IP (GBP)	31 Aug 2017	Accumulating	LU1665121825	WFGLSIG LX	105.62	0.75	1.000

\*\*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

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