

### **EUROPEAN GROWTH FUND**

30 NOVEMBER 2017

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#### Fund Aim

The fund aims to provide long-term capital growth through investment primarily in Continental European equities.

				PERFORMANCE			
 1.	TOP 10 HOLDIN Raiffeisen Bank	3.6%			Class B EUR	STOXX Europe 600 ex UK	
2.	Novartis	3.1%	3 months		2.5%	4.5%	
3.	Bayer	2.9%	6 months		-0.1%	0.8%	
4.	ING Groep	2.8%	12 months		20.3%	19.3%	
5.	Generali	2.6%	Since launch (11 Sept. 2015	)	27.3%	17.9%	
6.	SpareBank 1 SMN	2.5%					
7.	Societe Generale	2.4%			Class B EUR	STOXX Europe 600 ex UK	
8.	Covestro	2.3%	2017 YTD		12.8%	12.2%	
9.	FMC	2.2%					
10.	Lufthansa	2.2%	2016		8.6%	2.4%	
			2015 (from 11	Sept.)	4.0%	2.6%	

#### Commentary

In November the Comeragh European Growth fund fell 3.9%, a 1.9% underperformance of the STOXX Europe 600 ex UK return of -2.0%.

It is disappointing to register a poor month and give up some of this year's outperformance. Tactically the fund continues to be positioned defensively: we are rotating out of globally facing industrial/cyclicals, avoiding the more economically sensitive areas of the market (such as autos and semiconductors) and retaining an elevated cash position (6.7% as at month end). As such, we feel the fund is well positioned for the choppier markets we expect to face as economic and sentiment indicators pull back from historically high levels. However, a combination of stock specific issues and a weak month for our "anchor" portfolio have resulted in an underperformance this month.

Our largest negative stock contribution came from Astaldi, the Italian listed construction company. Astaldi builds infrastructure and civil engineering projects around the world, with over half of its revenues coming from outside Europe. Unfortunately, impairments on some of its assets in emerging markets have forced management into a dilutive rights issue in order to de-lever the balance sheet and satisfy creditors. It was our belief that the high financial leverage was compensated for by cheap valuation multiples and that a

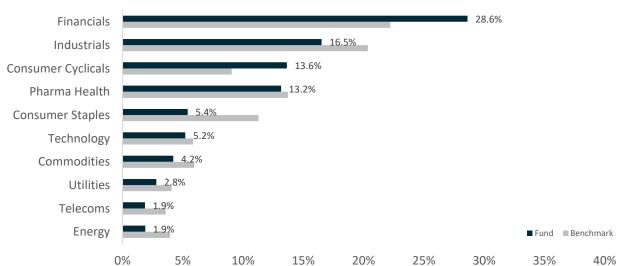
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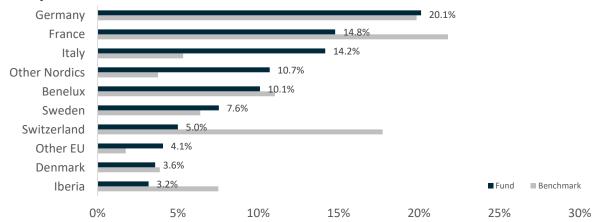
combination of improving profitability and asset sales (as the company moves towards a less capital intensive business model) would result in strong share price performance as balance sheet risk receded. Our thesis did not play out on this occasion and the market has punished the stock accordingly.

We would like to highlight that balance sheet risk of this nature is not prevalent across the Fund. Our portfolio has an average Net Debt to EBITDA of 0.76x, below the market average of 0.94x. If we were to exclude our anchor stocks, which given their defensive profile and high quality of profits tend to operate with greater debt levels, this figure would be lower still. We are happy with the direction our portfolio is tilted in as we head towards the New Year and, as detailed above and in recent newsletters, continue to be cautiously positioned in light of the market risks we perceive at this juncture. We would expect to see excellent buying opportunities thrown up in the event of a market pullback, especially given the still mid-cycle nature of the economic recovery in the Eurozone.



### Sector Allocation

### **Country Allocation**





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### **Risk Overview**

	FUND	INDEX
P/E	12.4	17.0
EV/EBITDA	5.7	9.5
Div Yield	3.3%	3.3%
ROE	15.0%	16.7%
3m EPS Revs	3.6%	1.0%
Net Debt / EBITDA	0.76	0.94
Sharpe Ratio	1.86	
Beta (3m)	1.08	

### **Fund Facts**

Fund Status	Sub-fund of a Dublin-domiciled UCITS ICAV, authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Recognised in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority
Sector	Europe ex UK
Benchmark Index	STOXX Europe 600 ex UK
Fund Size	€80.6m
Fund Launch Date	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2015

Class	ISIN	SEDOL	Distribution Type	Annual Management Fee	Initial Minimum Subscription
Class A EUR	IE00BYN38431	BYN3843	Income	0.60%	€100,000
Class A GBP Hedged	IE00BYN38985	BYN3898	Income	0.60%	£100,000
Class B EUR	IE00BYN38M12	BYN38M1	Accumulation	0.60%	€100,000
Class B GBP Hedged	IE00BYN38Q59	BYN38Q5	Accumulation	0.60%	£100,000
Class C EUR	IE00BYN38Y34	BYN38Y3	Income	0.75%	€500
Class C GBP Hedged	IE00BYN39629	BYN3962	Income	0.75%	£500
Class D EUR	IE00BYN39B71	BYN39B7	Accumulation	0.75%	€500
Class D GBP Hedged	IE00BYN39C88	BYN39C8	Accumulation	0.75%	£500



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