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#### Fund Aim

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

		PERFORMANCE			
TOP 10 HOLDINGS			Class B EUR	STOXX Europ	
1. Raiffeisen Bank	4.2%			600 ex UK	
2. Novartis	3.2%	3 months	-0.2%	-0.0%	
3. Bayer	3.2%	6 months	5.8%	5.4%	
4. Novo Nordisk	3.1%	12 months	15.6%	14.5%	
5. ING Groep	3.0%	Since launch (11 Sept. 2015)	32.1%	20.3%	
6. Enel	2.9%				
7. SpareBank 1 SMN	2.8%		Class B EUR	STOXX Europ 600 ex UK	
8. Generali	2.7%	2018 YTD	2.7%	2.6%	
9. TOM TAILOR	2.7%	2017	13.9%	11.6%	
10. UCB	2.6%	2016	8.6%	2.4%	
		2015 (from 11 Sept.)	4.0%	2.6%	

#### Commentary

In January the Comeragh European Growth Fund rose 2.7%, outperforming the benchmark STOXX Europe 600 ex UK index.

We are especially pleased to kick off 2018 by outperforming a strong market rally, given our defensive positioning and high cash weighting (currently 6.9%). We have been rotating out of industrial and commodity stocks over the past few months in anticipation of a climax in economic momentum, a turning point that may have already occurred. Following a Eurozone Manufacturing PMI of 60.6 in December, January's reading of 59.6 is still in boom territory but crucially for forward-looking markets, the rate of change is now negative. Global stock indices have risen for 15 consecutive months, an unprecedented winning streak. We find it unlikely that such performance can continue in light of peaking cyclical momentum and rising bond yields.

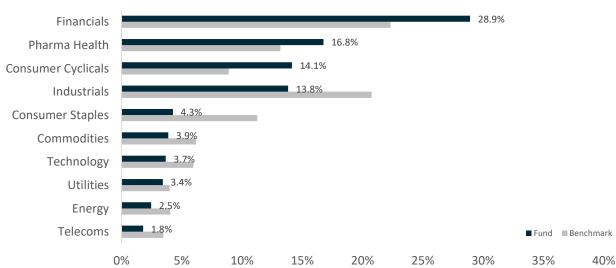
The biggest positive contribution this month came from our largest holding: Raiffeisen Bank. An earnings upgrade cycle driven mostly by falling loan losses but also by top line growth and cost cutting is still playing out, with consensus estimates lagging behind. Forecasts for 2017 net income of €1.08bn appear pretty



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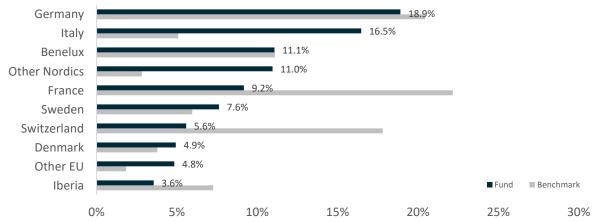
conservative considering that profits over the first nine months have already totalled €910m. Looking at it from an asset perspective, a P/Book valuation of 1.06x compares favourably to an annualised return on equity of 13.3%. The shares have enjoyed an excellent run but still offer good valuation and profit cycle momentum.

We would like to note that our two largest sector underweights are Industrials and Consumer Staples. Growth expectations for the former are elevated following a period of strong cyclical expansion, whilst Consumer Staples stocks exhibit the "bond-like" characteristics so prized of the QE era and look vulnerable in the face of rising long bond yields. Valuation multiples are stretched in both sectors. Against this backdrop we are delighted that the portfolio trades on a P/E of only 12.5x (vs. the market on 17.1x) whilst exhibiting lower indebtedness and better earnings momentum. We expect this to provide a good platform for outperformance going forwards.



### Sector Allocation

### **Country Allocation**





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### **Risk Overview**

FUND	INDEX
12.5	17.1
5.7	9.5
2.9%	3.3%
15.7%	16.7%
3.1%	2.0%
0.73	0.91
1.49	
0.94	
	12.5   5.7   2.9%   15.7%   3.1%   0.73   1.49

### **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	€79.0m
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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