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#### Fund Aim

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

		Р	ERFORMANCE	
TOP 10 HOLDIN	NGS		Class B EUR	STOXX 600 e:
Novo Nordisk	6.0%	3 months	-9.0%	-7.0
Bigben Interactive	5.1%	6 months	0.2%	-0.1
Total	4.0%	12 months	0.1%	5.8
A.P. Moller	3.9%	Since launch (11 Sept. 2015)	16.4%	22.0%
BAWAG Group	3.9%		Class B EUR	STOXX
Sanofi	3.6%			600 ez
Focus Home Int	3.1%	2020 YTD	-13.2%	-8.3
Anheuser-Busch	3.0%	2019	24.9%	27.3
	0.7%	2018	-16.4%	-10.9
BNP Paribas	2.7%	2017	13.9%	11.6
Equinor	2.5%	2016	8.6%	2.4
		2015 (from 11 Sept.)	4.0%	2.6

#### Commentary

In February the Comeragh European Growth Fund fell 8.4%, underperforming the benchmark STOXX Europe 600 ex UK Index decline of 7.5%.

In the last week of the month markets began to take fright as the global extent of the coronavirus spread, with its disruptive economic impacts, became clear. Whether or not these effects ultimately prove short lived, our longer-term negative outlook remains the same. Stretched valuations, a decade of corporate credit binge and "end-cycle" dynamics – especially in the US – set the stage for a stock market hangover that is likely to last well beyond the effects of the coronavirus. As such, we urge extreme investor caution. Whilst our portfolio will not be immune to the trends we expect to play out over the coming months, we continue to invest in businesses which we believe have undervalued profit cycles and where we expect performance from an operational perspective to hold up.

Our best performing stock this month was the Swiss construction company Implenia, where Q4 results and the first effects of strategic changes initiated by management were received very favourably. Demand in end markets remain robust. The worst performing stock was Focus Home Interactive, the French video game publisher, which fell on the news that one of their partner development studios, Saber Interactive, was being acquired by a

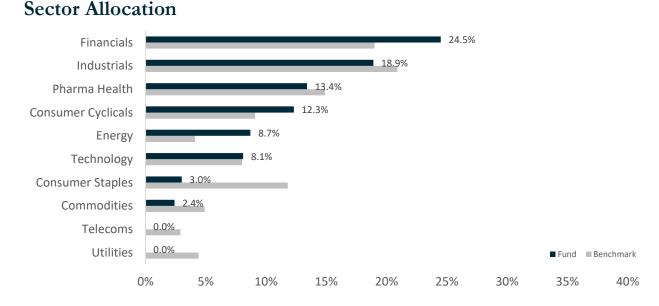


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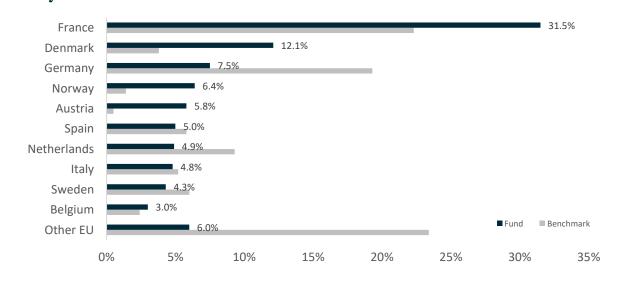
competitor. This is undoubtedly a blow for future collaborations with Saber but it should be remembered that Focus has a secure pipeline over the next few years and partners with multiple studios, whilst new projects will undoubtedly be announced. Focus now trades on a forward P/E of about 6x with 10% of its market cap in cash – and all in a business that should certainly be "corona-proof"!

Bayer was a notable sale in February, with the shares having enjoyed a strong bounce following hopes that progress was being made towards a resolution in the ongoing glyphosate litigation.

Please see overleaf the Fund characteristics. Our businesses are trading at a significant earnings discount to the market (12.3x vs. 18.2x P/E) with a similar earnings profile, whilst employing less than half the leverage. We would expect these attributes to be rewarded over time.



# Country Allocation





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### **Risk Overview**

	FUND	INDEX
P/E	12.3	18.2
EV/EBITDA	6.1	10.6
Div Yield	4.2%	3.6%
ROE	16.6%	16.9%
3m EPS Revs	1.0%	1.2%
Net Debt / EBITDA	0.46	1.10
Sharpe Ratio	-0.37	
Beta (3m)	1.00	

#### **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	€45.3m
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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#### **Risk Warning**

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not receive back the original amount invested. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. Exchange rates may cause the value of the underlying overseas investments to go down as well as up. Investment in smaller companies may involve a higher degree of risk as markets are usually more sensitive to price movements.

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