

EUROPEAN GROWTH FUND

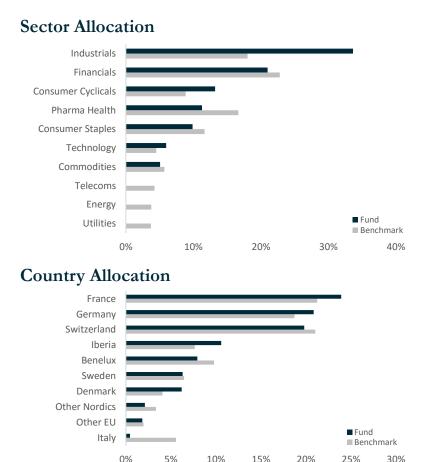
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Fund Aim

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





Commentary

When we wrote that we expected 2016 to be a year of volatility as markets adjust to an impending US slowdown and structural shifts in the Chinese economy, we did not expect a 10% fall in the first two weeks! January has been a scary time for equity investors. We closed the month down 8.15%, an underperformance of 1.66% vs. the index, which fell 6.49%. Whilst this underperformance is frustrating, we take comfort from the fact that our defensive large cap "anchor" portion of the portfolio did its job and offered some downside protection. Our active money – the two thirds of the portfolio made up largely of mid/small cap stocks – is always likely to struggle in sharply falling markets. However, this portion of the fund now trades on a P/E of 11.9x (benchmark at 16x), a return on equity of 19% (benchmark at 17.2%) and flattish EPS revisions (vs. negative for the market) – i.e. it is cheaper, achieves higher profitability and enjoys better earnings momentum than the market. We think this is a very exciting investment proposition.

The banking sector has been a poor performer in January as macro concerns over China and commodities have dominated the headlines. Valuation is now at a historic low vs. the market, and towards the end of the month we took the opportunity to add to our banking exposure, topping up on Nordea and initiating a new position in ING. Banks may not exhibit some of the attributes we ideally look for in an investment proposition, but we feel that the de-rating of the



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sector has gone too far at a time when the core issue of insufficient capital has been largely addressed (apart from a few notable exceptions which we are keeping well away from).

Good quality banks are trading at implied dividend yields of 7%, and the likes of Soc Gen and BNP are trading at crisis valuations (0.5x and 0.6x Price to Book respectively). We now have 16% of the fund in banks, a 2.7% overweight vs. the index.

We remain very comfortable with the positioning of the portfolio moving forwards. The oil price has moved lower than we would have predicted, but contrary to the way the market has been reacting we believe this to be very positive for our companies. Europe is a significant net importer of oil, and the boost to growth and disposable incomes from lower oil prices will continue throughout 2016. There are clear areas of the market to avoid — oil and oil services, "industrial China—facing" companies — we are unlikely to be touching the likes of Total, Sulzer and Sandvik for some time. The companies in our portfolio are either domestically focused or have export markets that look fundamentally sound. We see no reason why the profit cycle for such companies should not remain intact, and the market sell off has left them trading at extremely compelling levels.

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	IA Europe ex UK			
Benchmark Index	Stoxx Europe 600 ex UK			
Fund Size	€55.89m			
Fund Launch Date	10 th September 2015			
Share Classes	A Euro	A Sterling	B2 Euro	B Sterling
Unit Type	Income	Income	Accumulation	Accumulation
Initial Investment	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000
AMC	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
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Prices	€95.49	£94.82	€95.49	£95.00
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Risk Warning

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