

#### **OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS**

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity securities of US companies of any market capitalisation
- Identifies companies believed to be under-priced yet have attractive growth prospects, using analysis to determine a company's private market value (price an investor is willing to pay for the entire company)
- Targets companies with strong ESG performance tied to the durability of their business model or companies with ESG improvement catalysts in place
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks
- May invest:
- In equity securities of approximately 30 to 40 US companies of any market cap
- Up to one-third of total assets in equity securities through ADRs, CDRs, EDRs, GDRs, IDRs and similar depositary receipts or US\$-denominated equities issued by non-US issuers
- By using futures/derivatives for hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes

### **Key Risks**

Geographic concentration risk Smaller-company securities risk ESG risk Equity Securities Risk Global investment risk Leverage Risk

# Calendar-year-performance (%)

## Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Class I (USD)*	13.05	18.10	-17.11	25.82	16.92	20.87	-9.99	13.08	17.97	_
Russell 2000® Index <sup>1</sup>	11.54	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52	-11.01	14.65	21.31	

## Performance (%)

		Annualized								
	1 Month 3 Mo	nth Y	TD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y In	ception		
Class I (USD)	-6.47 -8	.70 -8.	70	-3.08	1.24	19.49	6.29	6.84		
Russell 2000® Index <sup>1</sup>	-6.81 -9	.48 -9.	48	-4.01	0.52	13.27	6.30	6.98		

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 Class I (USD)30 January 2015.

## **Fund information**

**Fund managers:** Jonathan Fox, CFA; Christopher G. Miller,

CFA

Fund inception date: 30 January 2015

Asset class: US Equity
Financial year-end: 31 March
Fund size: \$5.85m (USD)

Base currency: USD

Benchmark: Russell 2000 TR USD1

Minimum investment (or equivalent value): \$1,000,000

(USD)

Management approach: Actively managed

SFDR: Article 8<sup>†</sup>

†Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.

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



#### **Key statistics** Fund 0.66 Alpha Beta 0.87 -0.15 Sharpe Ratio Standard Deviation 20.91% 0.92 R-Squared Information Ratio 0.11 Upside capture 83.29% Downside capture 91.81% Tracking Error 6.69% Correlation coefficient 0.96 Treynor Ratio -0.04

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

# Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
EQT Corporation	3.22
HEICO Corporation Class A	3.19
International Paper Company	3.16
CyberArk Software Ltd.	3.11
Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son Limited (The)	3.09
Hess Corporation	3.02
Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc.	2.98
AutoNation, Inc.	2.96
Haemonetics Corporation	2.94
YETI Holdings, Inc.	2.93

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# Holdings market capitalization (%)

	Fund
Large cap (\$25B-\$100B)	17.07
Mid cap (\$5B-\$25B)	58.46
Small cap (\$500M-\$5B)	21.59
Micro cap (under \$500M)	2.88

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

# Portfolio characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
EPS growth forecast	13.70%	13.42%
Forward P/E ratio	16.64x	21.08x
Number of equity holdings	37	1953
P/B ratio	2.26x	1.96x
P/S ratio	2.00x	1.87x
Weighted average market cap	US\$14.26bn	US\$3.45bn
Weighted median market cap	US\$7.79bn	US\$3.04bn

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

# Sector weights (%)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Industrials	31.19	17.65
Information technology	16.07	12.32
Consumer discretionary	13.35	9.12
Health care	12.91	16.74
Financials	11.04	19.79
Energy	6.25	5.11
Materials	5.82	3.88
Communication services	2.73	2.61

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: Allspring Global Investments.

## Share class information

							Ongoing charges /
	Inception Date	Distribution Type	ISIN Code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual mgmt fee	TER (%)**
Class I (USD)	30 Jan 2015	Accumulating	LU1169590202	WFUSEIU LX	195.87	0.85	1.05

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.



## **ESG** metrics

#### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund	l	Benchma	ark <sup>1</sup>
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	6.6	97%	5.4	96%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0-10 (0 -worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

## PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.29
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.17
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.77
Tobacco	0.00	0.11
UN Global Compact non-compliant	0.00	0.00

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### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	21	97%
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	26	96%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0-100 (0-no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

### **CARBON CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund		Benchr	nark <sup>1</sup>	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	% above / below benchmark
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$MM invested)*	33	97%	53	94%	-37%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/ \$1MM revenues)*	69	97%	117	94%	-41%

\*Carbon emissions includes scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions. Data sourced from MSCI ESG Research

## **Key Risks**

Geographic concentration risk: investments concentrated in specific geographic regions and markets may be subject to greater volatility due to economic downturns and other factors affecting the specific geographic regions. Smaller-company securities risk: securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. ESG risk: applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers. ESG screens are dependent on third-party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security. Equity Securities Risk: These securities fluctuate in value and price in response to factors impacting the issuer of the security as well as general market, economic and political conditions. 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. Leverage Risk: the use of certain types of financial derivative instruments may create leverage which may increase share price volatility.

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