

# U.S. Select Equity Fund

## 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

**Market risk:** securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally, and equity securities generally have greater price volatility than debt securities.

**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.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Class I (USD) (30 Jan 2015)*	18.10	-17.11	25.82	16.92	20.87	-9.99	13.08	17.97
Russell 2000® Index <sup>1</sup>	16.93	-20.44	14.82	19.96	25.52	-11.01	14.65	21.31

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class I (USD) (30 Jan 2015)*	2.40	6.49	6.49	20.21	4.52	9.86	—	7.98
Russell 2000® Index <sup>1</sup>	3.58	5.18	5.18	19.71	-0.10	8.11	—	8.25

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.

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

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## FUND INFORMATION

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

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**Fund inception date:** 30 January 2015

**Asset class:** US equity

**Financial year-end:** 31 March

**Fund size:** \$6.29m (USD)

**Base currency:** USD

**Benchmark:** Russell 2000® Index<sup>1</sup>

**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):**

Class I: \$1,000,000 (USD)

**Management approach:** Actively managed

**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:** Article 8<sup>2</sup>

## KEY STATISTICS

	Fund
Alpha	4.48
Beta	0.88
Sharpe ratio	0.09
Standard deviation	19.54%
R-squared	0.90
Information ratio	0.69
Upside capture	98.72%
Downside capture	89.53%
Tracking error	6.66%
Correlation coefficient	0.95
Treynor ratio	0.02

Based on the net returns calculated over a 36-month period for the share class shown in the performance table.

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (%)

		Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>	
North America	94.32		-4.99
Asia/Pacific ex-Japan	2.72		+2.71
Europe	2.70		+2.44
Africa/Middle East	0.00		-0.10
Latin America	0.00		-0.32
Cash & equivalents	0.27		+0.27

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

## Sector weights (%)

	Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>	
Industrials	31.77	+14.14
Information technology	17.43	+2.47
Health care	14.65	-0.69
Financials	8.41	-7.49
Consumer discretionary	7.77	-3.07
Materials	6.38	+1.85
Communication Services	5.35	+3.22
Energy	5.27	-1.98
Consumer staples	2.70	-0.62
Cash & equivalents	0.27	+0.27

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

## Portfolio characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Weighted average market cap	US\$13.73bn	US\$4.70bn
Weighted median market cap	US\$7.07bn	US\$3.10bn
Dividend yield	0.59%	1.33%
EPS growth (3- to 5-year forecast)	2.79%	13.15%
P/E ratio (trailing 12-month)	33.06x	32.90x
P/B ratio	2.50x	2.21x
P/S ratio	2.32x	1.95x
Number of equity holdings	37	1,942

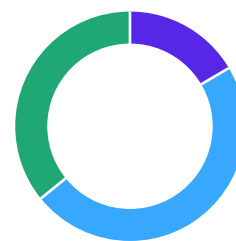
Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Carlisle Companies Incorporated	3.32
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	3.25
Regal Rexnord Corporation	3.11
Haemonetics Corporation	3.07
TransUnion	3.00
Olin Corporation	2.99
BioLife Solutions, Inc.	2.96
Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc.	2.96
Integer Holdings Corporation	2.85
News Corporation Class A	2.83

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security.

## Holding market capitalisation (%)



- 16.53 - Large cap (US\$25bn–US\$100bn)
- 47.63 - Medium cap (US\$5bn–US\$25bn)
- 35.84 - Small cap (US\$500m–US\$5bn)

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<sup>2</sup> Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.



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## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Distribution type	ISIN code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class I (USD)	30 Jan 2015	Accumulating	LU1169590202	WFUSEIU LX	202.09	0.85	1.050

\*\*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

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### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	6.2	91%	5.3	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.

### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	23	97%
Benchmark	25	98%

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).

### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.25
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00
Small Arms	0.00	0.25
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.86
Tobacco	0.00	0.15
UNGC violators	0.00	0.00

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### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark		% above/below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	53	100%	98	95%	-46%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	108	100%	171	95%	-37%

\*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.



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