

30 April 2021

EUR I CLASS

## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Global Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	10 December 2014
Share Class Inception	29 October 2015
Share Class	Euro I Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap. Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCGLEIE
ISIN	IE00BZ036616
WKN	A140FA
Number of Holdings	20-25
Liquidity	Daily at NAV
Annual Management Fee	0.80%
Minimum Investment	\$500,000
Benchmark	MSCI World Index (Net) €
Number of Stocks	25
Net Exposure	98.5%
Fund Size	\$2,996.2 million
Strategy Size	\$10,820.7 million*
Active Share	92.5%

\*As at 30 April 2021. Based on estimates and is not official

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital with lower than market volatility by investing primarily in equity and similar securities issued by high quality companies listed on Recognised Markets in countries which are members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD").

## Investment Process

- Investment philosophy: Growth drives returns; quality protects against downside; valuation matters
- Focused "total immersion" bottom-up analysis of selected "high confidence pool" of stocks
- Concentrated global equity long-only strategy with 20-25 high quality growth companies
- Benchmark agnostic, unconstrained portfolio construction; high active share

## Performance Analysis

	Fund %	Benchmark %	Relative Return %
1 Month	2.21	2.24	-0.03
3 Months	11.70	11.88	-0.18
YTD	8.39	11.61	-3.22
1 Year	21.79	32.16	-10.37
Annualised 3 Year	16.49	14.32	2.17
Annualised 5 Year	16.28	12.89	3.39
Annualised Since Inception*	13.80	10.66	3.14

\*Inception date 29/10/15. Past performance results are no indication of future results.

## Calendar Year Performance

	Fund %	Benchmark %
2016	9.85	10.63
2017	16.00	7.42
2018	5.97	-3.97
2019	31.44	30.02
2020	8.29	6.33

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## Risk Analysis

Since Inception*	Fund	Benchmark
Tracking Error	5.05	
Standard Deviation	12.97	14.65
Information Ratio	0.92	---
Sharpe Ratio**	1.14	0.69
Upside Market Capture	100.00	100.00
Downside Market Capture	75.49	100.00
Batting Average	0.64	

\*USD I Class

\*\*Sharpe ratio calculated using Bloomberg US Generic Govt. 3 Month Yield

## Fund Ratings\*

Morningstar Analyst Rating™

Overall Morningstar Rating™

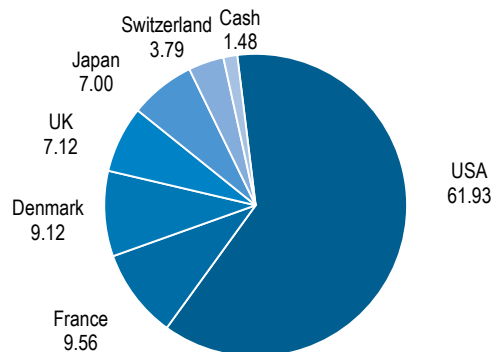
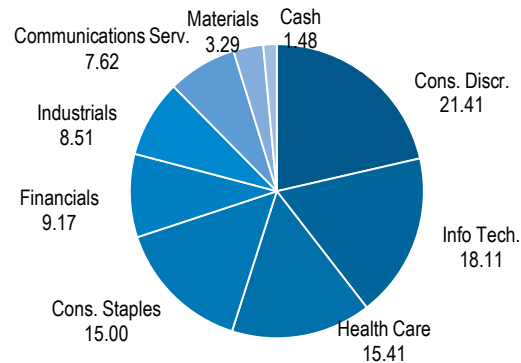
Morningstar Sustainability Rating™

Morningstar Low Carbon Designation™

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Silver



**Geographic Allocation (%)**

**Sector Allocation (%)**

**Top 5 Holdings**

	Portfolio Weight
Alphabet	7.62%
CME Group	6.88%
Booking Holdings	6.58%
Mastercard	6.29%
EssilorLuxottica	6.20%

**Monthly Contributors / Detractors**

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ Alphabet	0.80%
+ Mastercard	0.30%
+ Booking Holdings	0.22%
- CME Group	-0.25%
- FANUC	-0.17%
- MarketAxess	-0.10%

**Investment Team**

Michael Boyd  
 Giles Warren  
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 Orlaith O'Connor

**YTD Contributors / Detractors**

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ Alphabet	2.59%
+ CME Group	0.96%
+ UnitedHealth	0.77%
- Keyence	-0.64%
- MarketAxess	-0.33%
- Nike	-0.19%

**Manager Commentary**

The top contributors to performance year to date were **Alphabet, CME** and **UnitedHealth**.

**Alphabet** reported exceptionally strong Q1 top line and bottom line numbers. Organic revenue increased 32% and the operating margin expanded over 1000 basis points to 29.7%. Highlights included a reacceleration of retail momentum in search, a rebound in brand advertising, success of Direct Response advertising at YouTube and the prospect of an AI/ML inflection at Google Cloud. **CME Group** is the world's leading derivatives market place. The company benefits from the network effect where traders are attracted to the market with most liquidity. The end of the pandemic should bring a reduction in Central Bank intervention, higher interest rates and more normal levels of risk management activity using derivatives. **UnitedHealth Group** engages in the provision of health coverage, software, data and consultancy services. Its health insurance business utilizes technology and data capabilities to help coordinate patient care, improve affordability, analyse cost trends, manage pharmacy benefits, and create a simpler consumer experience. Q1 results exceeded company expectations and resulted in management raising full year guidance.

The top detractors year to date were **Keyence, MarketAxess** and **Nike**

**Keyence** is a Japanese business that develops, manufactures and sells a broad range of solutions for automation and inspection. While sensors are the core product, other products include programmable logic controllers, machine vision systems and barcode readers. Recent results exhibited a clear year on year recovery in Japanese and overseas sales growth and good control resulting in an improved operating margin of 55.1%. As a pioneer of bond market electrification, **MarketAxess** is uniquely positioned to benefit from increasing penetration of electronic bond trading. After a very strong share price performance in 2020, the stock has suffered from a rotation to other sectors of the market. The company reported 16% Q1 revenue growth and continued share gain across core credit products. **Nike** is one of the world's most valuable brand names. Its competitive lead is driven by an unrivalled scale of innovation and digital expertise. Secular growth is driven by active lifestyles, heightened health awareness and an increased participation and interest in sport, fitness and wellness. Recent results were negatively impacted by short-term factors including new lockdowns in some markets and delays in container shipments in North America.

\*Returns expressed in U.S. Dollars

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