

30 April 2020

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## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Global Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	10 December 2014
Share Class Inception	31 January 2017
Share Class	Euro S Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCGLESE
ISIN	IE00BYQ67K80
WKN	A2DHB6
Number of Holdings	20-25
Liquidity	Daily at NAV
Annual Management Fee	1.5%
Minimum Investment	€5,000
Benchmark	MSCI World Index (Net) €
Number of Stocks	23
Net Exposure	97.7%
Fund Size	\$1,502.5 million
Strategy Size	\$3,656.1 million
Active Share	94.1%

## 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	11.32	11.27	0.05
3 Months	-5.01	-10.71	5.70
YTD	-3.84	-10.09	6.25
1 Year	5.75	-1.55	7.30
Annualised 2 Year	13.13	6.34	6.79
Annualised 3 Year	11.38	4.87	6.51
Annualised Since Inception*	13.67	5.74	7.93

\*Inception date 31/1/17.

Past performance results are no indication of future results.

## Discrete Yearly Performance

	Fund %	Benchmark %
30/04/2017 to 30/04/2018	7.97	1.65
30/04/2018 to 30/04/2019	21.03	15.42
30/04/2019 to 30/04/2020	5.75	-1.55

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## Risk Analysis

Since Inception*	Fund	Benchmark
Tracking Error	4.56	
Standard Deviation	12.59	14.17
Information Ratio	1.54	---
Sharpe Ratio**	0.91	0.32
Upside Market Capture	106.93	100.00
Downside Market Capture	71.21	100.00
Batting Average	0.69	

\*USD I Class

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

## Fund Ratings

Morningstar Analyst Rating™

Bronze

Overall Morningstar Rating™



Morningstar Sustainability Rating™



Morningstar Carbon Designation™

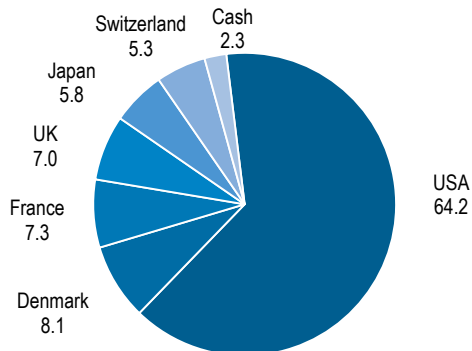
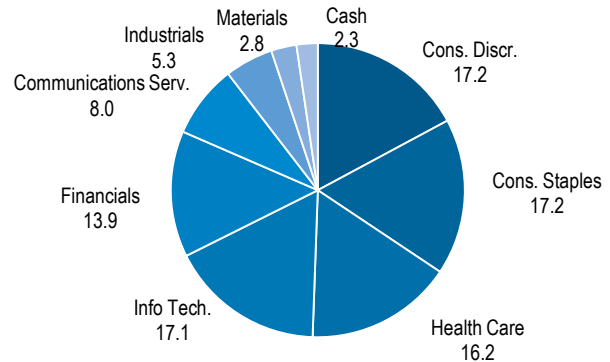


Citywire Rated Fund Managers

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**Geographic Allocation (%)**

**Sector Allocation (%)**

**Top 5 Holdings**

	Portfolio Weight
Mastercard	8.1%
Alphabet	8.0%
CME Group	6.2%
Novo Nordisk	5.4%
Nestlé	5.3%

**Monthly Contributors / Detractors**

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ Alphabet	1.21%
+ Mastercard	1.15%
+ MarketAxess	1.13%
- Accenture	0.09%
- Intertek	0.08%
- Tiffany	-0.02%

**YTD Contributors/Detractors**

	Contribution to Portfolio Return
+ MarketAxess	0.78%
+ Novo Nordisk	0.68%
+ Illumina	0.67%
- Intertek	-0.90%
- Ulta Beauty	-1.17%
- Booking Holdings	-1.62%

**Investment Managers**

Michael Boyd  
Giles Warren

**Manager Commentary**

The top contributors year to date were **MarketAxess**, **Illumina** and **Novo Nordisk**.

As a beneficiary of increased volatility, **MarketAxess**, the leading electronic bond trading platform, reported record quarterly trading volume (+29% yoy). The company's market share increased despite very strong new issuance, suggesting a potential inflection in electronic trading. **Illumina** is the leading producer of gene sequencing equipment. COVID-19 should act as a catalyst to speedier adoption of population gene sequencing by governments around the world and amplifies the long-term growth potential of this company. **Novo Nordisk** is the market leader in diabetes drugs. With the approval of the first oral GLP-1 drug last year, the company dominates this fast growing approach to controlling blood sugar levels. A strong pipeline, including disruptive insulins and glucose sensitive insulins, will raise the innovation bar higher extending its competitive advantage.

The top detractors year to date were **Booking Holdings**, **Ulta Beauty** and **Intertek**.

As an online travel agency, **Booking Holdings** has been severely impacted by the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The company's financial strength and variable cost structure should enable it to withstand the near-term volatility and emerge stronger. **Ulta Beauty** is the leading US specialty beauty retailer with 1,266 stores across the country. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, management was forced to close all its stores on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Online accounts for 13.5% of sales. **Intertek** provides assurance, testing, inspection and certification services that ensure that customers' products meet quality, health, environmental, safety, and social accountability standards. The company's performance will be impeded by COVID-19's impact on supply chains and global demand.

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