

January 31 2018

Euro I CLASS

## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Global Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	December 10, 2014
Share Class Inception	October 29, 2015
Share Class	Euro I Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap. Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCGLEIE
ISIN	IE00BZ036616
WPK	A140FA
Number of Sectors	GICS 5-10
Number of Holdings	20-25
Liquidity	Daily at NAV
Annual Management Fee	0.80%
Minimum Investment	\$500,000
Benchmark	MSCI World Index (Net) €

## Fund Statistics

Number of Stocks	24
Net Exposure	95.4%
Fund Size	\$300.0 million
Active Share	95.6%

## Top 10 Holdings

	Portfolio Weight
Alphabet Inc.	8.0%
Mastercard Inc.	7.6%
UnitedHealth Group	6.1%
Priceline Group	5.5%
Cognizant Tech	5.4%
Intertek Group	4.9%
Moody's Corp.	4.6%
CME Group Inc.	4.5%
Essilor	4.2%
Stryker Corp.	4.1%

As of January 31 2018

## 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 investments
- Benchmark agnostic, unconstrained portfolio construction; high active share

## Performance Analysis

	Fund %	Benchmark %	Relative Return %
1 Month	2.72	1.81	0.91
3 Months	1.84	2.03	-0.19
YTD	2.72	1.81	0.91
1 Year	18.89	9.21	9.68
Annualised 2 Year	16.47	13.30	3.17
Annualised Since Inception*	11.56	8.14	3.42

\*EUR I Class Inception date 29/10/15

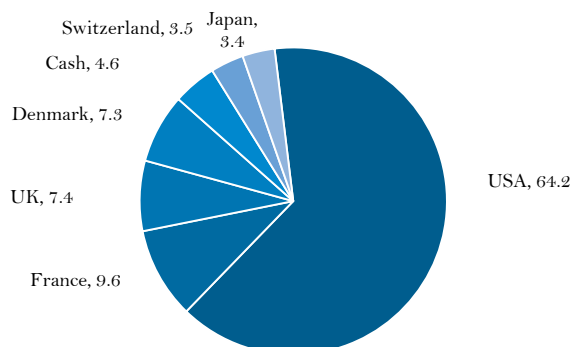
## January Contributors

Alphabet Inc.	+0.62%
Mastercard Inc.	+0.57%
Yum China Holdings	+0.35%

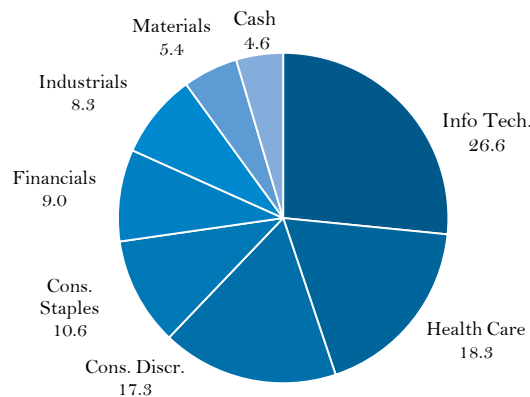
## January Detractors

Novozymes	-0.23%
Nestlé	-0.11%
Ulta Beauty Inc.	-0.11%

## Geographic Allocation (%)



## Sector Allocation (%)



## Manager Commentary

The fund appreciated 2.72% in January, outperforming the MSCI World by 91 basis points.

The main contributors in January were Alphabet, Mastercard and Yum China. Alphabet benefitted from the strong performance of the information and technology sector. The company has an unparalleled technology platform and its access to data and network effects creates a formidable competitive moat. One in five queries on Google have never been asked before out of 3.5 billion a day. Mastercard's strong 2017 share price performance continued into 2018. The company produced double-digit volume and transaction growth in most markets throughout the year; still low penetration of electronic payments, e-commerce, mobile payments, big data opportunities and the move into the Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic network with the acquisition of Vocalink supports a continuation of this trend. Yum China is Yum! Brands sole master franchisee in China with exclusive rights to build Yum's brands. Following a period of KFC underperformance, the brand has shown strong results driven by digital, delivery, in-store experience and food quality.

The main detractors in January were Novozymes, Nestle and Ulta Beauty. Novozymes, the world leader in bio-innovation with 48% of the global industrial enzymes market, gave up some ground following a strong contribution in December. Nestle fell as consumer staples underperformed. The sector is managing through a number of headwinds including retailers demanding better terms and the internet lowering the barriers to entry. The Ulta stock price remained under pressure on investor concern over tough comparisons, a promotional environment and the Amazon threat. The leading US specialist beauty retailer consistently grew same-store-sales at a double-digit pace throughout 2017.

We continue to expect strong organic revenue growth from this portfolio of high quality growth companies to drive double-digit earnings growth per annum over the next five years.

## Portfolio Managers



### Michael Boyd | Investment Manager

Michael has been managing fundamental equity funds for over 25 years. He joined GuardCap in June 2014. From 1994 to 2013, Michael was at the London-based institutional fund management company, Seilern Investment Management Ltd., as global equity fund manager, Managing Director and shareholder. From 1988 to 1994 he was a fund manager at Murray Johnstone Limited in Glasgow. He received an honours degree in economics from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh and qualified as an Associate of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland.



### Giles Warren | Investment Manager

Giles joined GuardCap in August 2014. Prior to this he has worked with Michael Boyd on the Seilern Stryx World Growth Fund since joining Seilern Investment Management Limited in 1997, becoming joint fund manager of that fund in 2010. He graduated from Edinburgh University with an honours degree in politics and economic history. He is an Associate of the Society of Investment Professionals.

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