

December 31 2017

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## Fund Information

Fund Name	GuardCap Global Equity Fund
Fund Manager	GuardCap Asset Management Limited
Fund Inception	December 10, 2014
Share Class	USD I Class
Style	Growth / Quality Large-Mid Cap. Bottom-Up Fundamental
Legal Status	UCITS
Bloomberg	GCGLEIU
ISIN	IE00BSJCNS13
WPK	A2AELB
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) US\$

## Fund Statistics

Number of Stocks	24
Net Exposure	97.7%
Fund Size	\$275.1 million
Active Share	95.6%

## Top 10 Holdings

	Portfolio Weight
Alphabet Inc.	7.7%
Mastercard Inc.	7.4%
UnitedHealth Group	6.2%
Priceline Group	5.5%
Cognizant Tech	5.4%
Intertek Group	5.3%
CME Group Inc.	4.6%
Moody's Corp.	4.5%
Essilor	4.5%
Stryker Corp.	4.2%

As of December 31 2017

## 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	0.69	1.35	-0.66
3 Months	6.14	5.51	0.63
YTD	32.21	22.40	9.81
1 Year	32.21	22.40	9.81
Annualised 2 Year	18.59	14.71	3.88
Annualised 3 Year	15.29	9.26	6.03
Annualised Since Inception*	15.12	9.35	5.77

\*Inception date 10/12/14

## December Contributors

Essilor	+0.23%
Tiffany & Co.	+0.21%
Novozymes	+0.15%

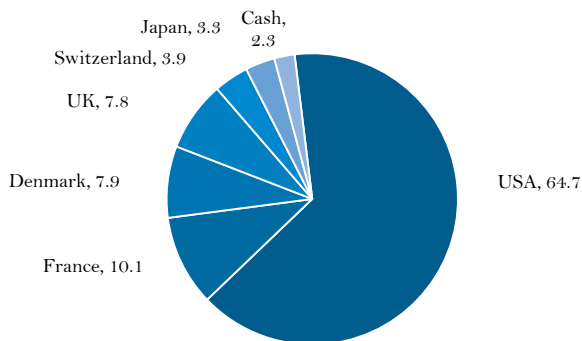
## December Detractors

UnitedHealth Group	-0.29%
Moody's Corp.	-0.19%
Cognizant Technology	-0.17%

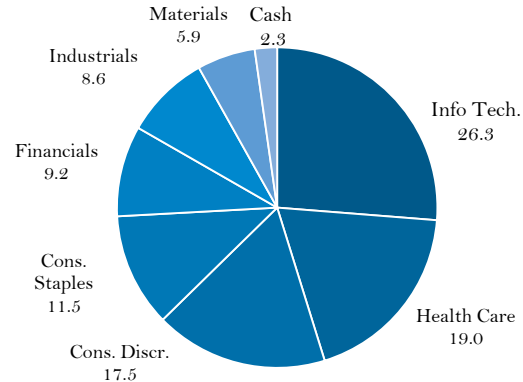
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## Geographic Allocation (%)



## Sector Allocation (%)



## Manager Commentary

The fund is up 32.21% for 2017, outperforming the MSCI World Index by 981 basis points, with 66 bps lost in December.

The main contributors in December were Essilor, Tiffany and Novozymes. Essilor is the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of prescription lenses. In January 2017, the company announced a merger with Luxottica, a leading frames manufacturer and large optical retailer, to become a vertically integrated business. Since the announcement the companies have been seeking anti-trust approval, and clearance by the Canadian Competition Bureau in late November gave investors increased confidence that authorities in the US and Europe would follow suit. Tiffany rallied following better than expected third quarter results reported in late November, showing stabilisation in the US market and strong demand in Asia. Novozymes, a world leader in bio-innovation, producing a wide range of industrial enzymes, microorganisms and biopharmaceutical ingredients, strengthened as enthusiasm grows for its pipeline, particularly the new hygiene platform.

The main detractors in December were United Health, Moody's and Cognizant. United Health, the largest healthcare insurer and healthcare services company in the US, sold off in December following strong share price appreciation throughout most of 2017. A similar explanation can be attributed to Moody's share price weakness. Cognizant's large banking clients remain hesitant to commit to significant spending on digital transformation projects stalling an expected recovery in its revenue growth.

Strong organic revenue growth will help drive low double-digit earnings growth per annum over the next five years from the fund's portfolio of high quality growth companies.

## 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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