

## Managers



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The management team can be modified without notice

## Summary Risk Indicator (SRI)



## Key facts

Strategy	Equities
Geography	World
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Equal Weighted Index (MIWDEWGT)
Reference Ccy.	USD
Launch Date	24/03/2016
No of holdings	208
AuM (M USD)	90.0

## Legal information

Inv. Manager	Veritas Investment Associates (VIA AM)
Man. Company	Opportunity Fund Management
Domicile	Luxembourg
Registration	LU, IT (EUR Instit. Only), FR, CH, AT, DE
Legal Form	SICAV / UCITS
Fund Admin.	SS&C
Custodian	Caceis Bank, Luxembourg Branch
Auditor	Caceis Bank, Luxembourg Branch
Sub./Red. Freq.	Daily
Cut-off	T - 1 12:00 CET
Settlement Date	T + 2

## Available share classes

	<b>Instit. (I)</b>	<b>Private (P)</b>
Launch Date**	16/06/2016	14/09/2017
Min. Invest.	CHF 0.2m	CHF 1,000
Entry Charge (max.)	0.50%	0.50%
Exit Charge	0.00%	0.00%
Mgmt. Fees	0.84%	1.60%
Operat. Exp.	0.22%***	0.22%***
Subscript. Tax	0.01%	0.05%
<b>Ongo. Chgs.</b>	<b>1.07%</b>	<b>1.87%</b>
Perf. Fees	10.00%	10.00%
NAV	1247.84	1434.42

## Share classes identifiers

	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>
ISIN	LU1369533200	LU1369533622
BBG	VASEWIC LX	VIASEPC LX

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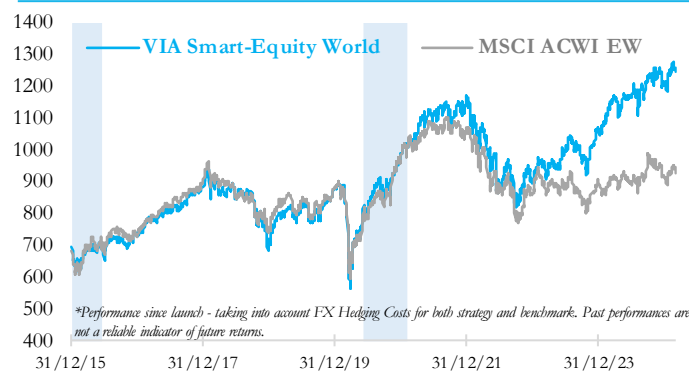
# VIA Smart-Equity World (CHF / FX-hedged)

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) : Article 8

## Investment objectives & strategy

VIA Smart-Equity World is a UCITS fund invested in Global Equities through a systematic approach. Its strategy consists in selecting liquid global developed and emerging markets companies with the best value creation profile from a shareholder's point of view that have at the same time high profitability, good perspectives and have relatively inexpensive valuations. In order to better account for the economic reality of the stocks, their accounting data are normalized prior to assess their fundamentals. The portfolio is reviewed monthly to ensure proper reactivity, but it is rebalanced only by fraction to limit timing dependency and slippage. The strategy is implemented mostly through the purchase of stocks, but derivatives may also be used to reduce risk and enhance performance.

## Historical performance & statistics (I CHF share class)\*



	<b>I-CHF</b>	<b>Bench.</b>
Ann. Return	6.6%	3.4%
Volatility	15.9%	13.2%
Sharpe Ratio	0.41	0.26
Max. Drawd.	-39.9%	-38.6%
Beta	1.01	
Track. Err.	8.7%	
Info. Ratio	0.37	

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Fund</b>	4.77%	20.70%	-18.52%	22.24%	12.58%	18.28%	-22.57%	18.36%	12.41%	3.65%
<b>Bench.</b>	7.17%	23.37%	-16.51%	16.96%	11.17%	8.75%	-19.28%	4.81%	1.02%	1.72%

## Market performance

	<b>I-CHF</b>	<b>P-CHF</b>	<b>Bench.</b>
1 Mth	0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%
YTD	3.6%	3.5%	1.7%
1 Y	9.9%	9.0%	3.3%
3 Y	18.2%	16.2%	-8.2%
5 Y	58.1%	55.1%	16.7%
Launch**	83.4%	77.5%	35.3%
31/12/2015	79.1%	73.0%	35.7%

## Economic value created VIA leap®

Economic Net Asset Value variation per unit (SI-USD)

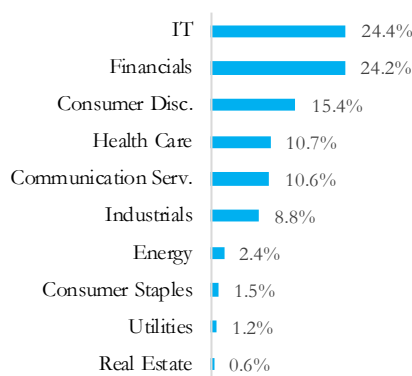
	<b>Initial NAV</b>	<b>SI-USD</b>	<b>Bench. USD</b>
1 Mth	\$ 2 433	-\$ 17 (-0.7%)	+\$ 8 (+0.3%)
YTD	\$ 2 340	+\$ 23 (+1.0%)	+\$ 2 (+0.1%)
1 Y	\$ 2 136	+\$ 212 (+9.9%)	+\$ 111 (+5.2%)
3 Y	\$ 1 830	+\$ 367 (+20%)	+\$ 216 (+12%)
5 Y	\$ 1 316	+\$ 547 (+42%)	+\$ 314 (+24%)
Launch	\$ 1 000	+\$ 700 (+70%)	+\$ 558 (+56%)
31/12/2015	\$ 1 020	+\$ 704 (+69%)	+\$ 580 (+57%)

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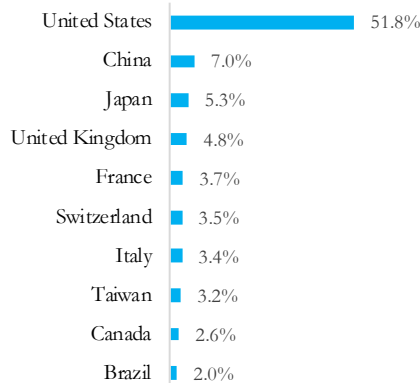
Sources: VIA AM. Data range from December 31st 2015 to February 28th 2025. Performances between December 31st 2015 and June 16th 2016 are based on the VIA Smart Equity US strategy as calculated and published on Bloomberg by an independent calculation agent, net of all fees. Since June 16th 2016, performances are based on the live track. The I share class was disinvested from June 2nd 2020 to January 28th 2021, therefore, performances have been reconstituted from the P share class. \*\*The launch dates for the two share classes are different. \*\*\*Capped to a maximum of 0.25% per year of the net asset value according to the Prospectus. Past performances are not a reliable indicator of future performances. leap performances are computed using normalized data when available. When not available, accounting data are used instead for the strategy and the benchmark. The benchmark used for the economic performance computation is weighted by market capitalization.

## Portfolio analysis

### Sector breakdown



### Country breakdown



### Morningstar Stylebox™ (in %)

	Value	Core	Growth	
	15	18	35	Large
	9	9	7	Mid
	3	3	2	Small

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Sources: VIA AM - asset breakdown and top holdings as of February 28th 2025

### Portfolio fundamentals

	Profitability <sup>3</sup>		Valuation <sup>4</sup>		Earnings Growth*
	Accounting	Normalized <sup>1</sup>	Accounting	Normalized <sup>1</sup>	
Fund	21.6%	25.3%	15.7	14.6	17.9%/12.3%
Synthetic benchmark <sup>2</sup>	22.8%	21.1%	18.1	18.6	17.2%/12.8%

Computation methodology change for calculating average portfolio valuation: P/E < 1x are excluded to avoid outliers

\*The 1<sup>st</sup> number corresponds to the expected 12-months earnings growth, the 2<sup>nd</sup> corresponds to the expected 12-months earnings growth in 12 months.

1. Normalized Data aim to reflect the economic reality of corporates on a comparable basis.

2. The synthetic benchmark is composed of 3050 companies from developed and emerging markets making up the fund selection universe, weighted by market cap.

3. Accounting profitability is calculated using the RoE/RoE.A, while the normalized version uses the Economic Profitability (when available).

4. Accounting valuation is calculated using the P/E ratio, while the normalized version uses the economic P/E (when available).

### Top holdings

1	Apple Inc	2.98%
2	Microsoft Corp	2.72%
3	NVIDIA Corp	2.53%
4	BNY Mellon Corp/T	2.33%
5	Alphabet Inc	2.26%
6	Fiserv Inc	2.24%
7	HSBC Holdings PLC	1.78%
8	Novartis AG	1.66%
9	Booking Holdings Inc	1.62%
10	Facebook Inc	1.60%

## Managers' update

**Markets:** After a very good year in 2024, global equity markets seem to be marking time. In February, the MSCI ACWI Equal Weight and Market Cap indices stood at +0.1% and -0.6% respectively. These figures should be put into perspective in light of the good performances of the last 2 years (+13% and +42%). Following a strong expansion in valuation multiples, it is not abnormal that performance becomes more difficult. After a strong outperformance in 2024, the VIA Smart Equity World fund continues the trend and posted a +0.4% performance in February (SI-USD), slightly outperforming its benchmark.

**Factors and Stock Selection** (relative to the Market Cap. benchmark): Factor contributions are positive, despite the negative effect of the Size factor (UW), which continues to weigh on performance. On the geographical allocation, the overweighting of Chinese stocks was particularly favorable.

Stock selection faced headwinds this month, with significant negative contributions from Arista and Trip.com, each experiencing declines exceeding 19%. Arista, despite solid earnings, saw investor apprehension regarding its dependence on Meta, while Trip.com's sector affiliation appeared to be a contributing factor to its decline. It's important to note, however, that both companies retain robust economic profitability.

The recent portfolio diversification remains broad, encompassing technology giants like Google, Taiwanese tech companies, and Chinese communication equipment manufacturers such as Geely, which demonstrates a compelling financial profile with over 25% economic profitability and a 7x economic P/E.

**Outlook:** There are very different approaches to successful long-term equity investing. Unlike passive management, which selects and weights stocks based on market capitalization, we prefer a two-step approach, betting that if we can select companies capable of maximizing wealth creation for shareholders, the portfolio's market value will follow suit. Despite the volatility displayed during multiple contraction/expansion phases, this "super factor" explains much of the long-term equity market performance. Moreover, when markets deviate from their economic performance, it generally presents investment or divestment opportunities. With the VIA Smart Equity World fund, we adopt a diversified, Buy & Hold approach with the goal of maximizing value creation over the long run. As such, the fund exhibits relatively satisfactory fundamentals with a 25.3% economic profitability (Economic Profitability) for a 14.6x economic PER (FEV/Economic Assets/Economic Profitability), while ensuring a significant diversification with more than 220 different positions.

Please find the **VIA leap®** monthly report, measure of the fund's real economic performance [here](#). This reporting, unique in the world, intends to offer a measure of the wealth creation of our strategies, compared to the benchmark wealth creation and their respective Mark-to-Market performances.

## Rewards



The VIA Smart Equity World Fund received a 4-star Morningstar Rating™ Overall. The rating is for the SI-USD share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Rating as of February 28th 2025.



The VIA Smart Equity World Fund received a Morningstar 4-Globe Sustainability Award. Out of 8327 International Flex Cap Equity Funds as of February 28th 2025. Based on 99.8% of AuM. Data is based on long positions only.



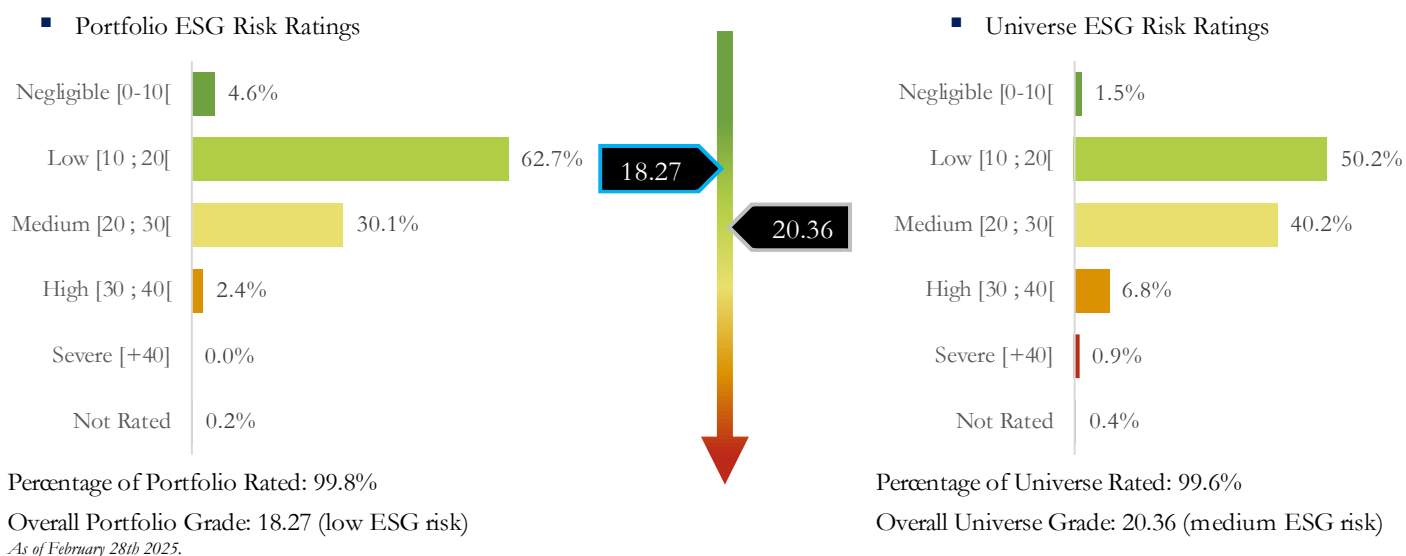
The VIA Smart Equity World Fund received a 5-star Quantalys Rating (84/100). The rating is for the SI-USD share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics. Rating as of February 28th 2025.

The Morningstar® Sustainability Rating™ is intended to measure how well the issuing companies of the securities within a fund's portfolio holdings are managing their financially material environmental, social and governance, or ESG, risks relative to the fund's Morningstar Global Category peers. The Morningstar® Low Carbon Designation™ is intended to allow investors to easily identify low-carbon funds across the global universe. The designation is an indicator that the companies held in a portfolio are in general alignment with the transition to a low-carbon economy.

The Quantalys score is calculated every month using data from the last 3 years. The calculation is performed within each main category and considers 3 dimensions: the alpha fund compared to its benchmark index, the beta fund (broken down into bullish beta and bearish beta) and the alpha fund compared to its statistical re-composition. The rating includes 5 stars distributed equally (in increments of 20%).

## Sustainalytics Rating™

VIA AM incorporates ESG criteria into its investment strategies through three pillars: compliance with an exclusion list of controversial issuers (thermal coal, weapons, tobacco, etc.); consideration of off-balance sheet issues (dismantling of power plants, pension fund deficit, etc.); integration of Sustainalytics Ratings™.



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