## World Stars Global Equity Fund (GBP) 28 february 2025

### **Investment Objective**

The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

We select companies based on our own fundamental research, taking a long-term horizon. We do not follow benchmarks and always seek to invest in quality and value.

Quality means companies that are global leaders, have strong competitive positions and pricing power in structurally attractive and growing markets, have management teams with strong records of value creation and have robust balance sheets.

Value means buying those companies at prices that allow for the prospect of significant capital growth over 5-10 years or more.

### **AUM**

Firm: US\$2.1bn WSGE Strategy: US\$1.8bn Fund: US\$382m

### World Stars Global Equity (WSGE) Performance, GBP



### Net Performance, % Total Return, GBP

# Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,877.22	0.90%	1.12%	1,000,000	LU1952142120
A1 Acc EUR	2,078.02	0.90%	1.12%	1,000,000	LU1979603963
A1 Acc GBP	1,777.65	0.90%	1.12%	1,000,000	LU1979604003
A1H Acc GBP	1,258.31	0.90%	1.12%	1,000,000	LU2549545601
A1 AccHF	1,246.96	0.90%	1.12%	1,000,000	LU1979604185
A5 Acc USD	1,905.98	0.65%	0.87%	1,000,000	LU1963577264
B1 Acc USD	1,753.99	1.20%	1.46%	5,000	LU1952142476
B1 Acc EUR	1,580.37	1.20%	1.46%	5,000	LU1979605828
B1 Acc GBP	1,809.28	1.20%	1.46%	5,000	LU1979606040
L1 AœUSD	1,096.01	0.75%	0.97%	25,000,000	LU2782975945
L1 Acc EUR	1,125.07	0.75%	0.97%	25,000,000	LU2782976083
L1 Acc GBP	1,084.15	0.75%	0.97%	25,000,000	LU2782975861

\*OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For more details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus.

### Portfolio Comment

Global markets were impacted by increased geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty in February. Our World Stars Global Equity fund gave up ground after a strong January despite a robust Q4 results season for most of our companies.

The macroeconomic picture was mixed with concerns over the inflationary impact of US tariffs and a significant decline in US consumer confidence. The yield on 10-year Treasury bonds fell to 4.2% in February with the market now anticipating two cuts by the US Fed in 2025.

Nestle (+12%) was the top performer. The message from the new management team of increased urgency, significant cost savings to invest in innovation, higher marketing and stronger incentives should allow the company to return to its long-term growth algorithm.

Continued announcements of significant new investments in AI by global companies highlighted the opportunities for many of the stocks we hold, with digital and industrial companies providing the equipment and eco-systems, and others using AI to drive customer engagement and high margin revenues.

02/25 The resilience of our fund's performance provides evidence of the benefit of the greater diversification and lower valuations of our stocks. It also validates our decision at the end of last year to reduce some of the more highly-valued positions in technology companies.

				Cumulative					Annualised				
	Feb-25	3 M	2025 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	n 3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	
Portfolio	-3.2	+1.5	+1.9	+7.5	+37.7	+80.6	+232.8	+355.0	+11.3	+12.5	+12.8	+13.0	
MSCI World NTR	-1.8	+1.2	+2.2	+15.9	+42.4	+94.4	+213.0	+363.7	+12.5	+14.2	+12.1	+13.1	
Top 5 Holdings				Key Fa	cts								
Stock	Sector		%	No. of S	No. of Stocks 30 M				Median Market Cap <sup>1</sup>			US\$184bn	
Nvidia	Information	Technology	7.4	Gross D	Gross Dividend Yield 1.2%			Cash % of NAV			1.8%		
Meta	Communicat	ion Services	5.4	Active Sl	Active Share <sup>^</sup> 84.5% 5			5 Year Standard Deviation			13.2%		
Amazon	Consumer D	iscretionary	4.9	Best Mo	Best Month 10.8% Jun' 16 5			5 Year Sharpe Ratio			1.00		
Mastercard	Financials		4.7	Worst M	onth		-7.6%	Oct' 18	Ave. 5 Year Ar	nual Turnove	r <sup>2</sup>	10.8%	
Eaton	Industrials		4.2	Average	Month			1.1%	5 Year Max. D	rawdown		-20.6%	
				% Positi	ve Months			63.1%	5 Year Beta			0.91	
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Performance since launch on 8th November 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 GBP Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars GBP Strategy, a model or hypothetical portfolio, unhedged, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears, inception 1st October 2012. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The MSCI World Net Total Return Index reflects large and mid-cap issuers across 23 developed markets countries and is the benchmark for the Fund. The total return index includes price performance and income after tax from regular cash distributions. Source: Factset, Wize, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co. As at 28th February 2025.

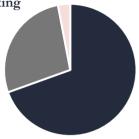
### **GICS Sector Allocation**

- Information Technology 21.0%
- Health Care 16.5%
- Industrials 17.4%
- Communication Services 12.3%
- Consumer Staples 9.5%
- Consumer Discretionary 8.7%
- Financials 4.4%
- Materials 8.1%
- Real Estate 2%



### Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 69.5%





UK 3.0%

### J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 42.3%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 22.3%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 17.9%
- Consumer 17.4%



### Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 41.1%
- Asia 23.0%
- Europe 19.2%
- Rest of World 16.7%



### Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, GBP

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														World	Excess
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	NTR	return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6	+4.8	-1.0	+2.0	+1.3	+0.7
2013	+5.9	+8.2	+2.5	-1.0	+1.5	-2.9	+3.4	-4.8	+1.5	+5.1	-0.2	+0.8	+20.9	+24.2	-3.3
2014	-5.0	+4.5	+0.3	+0.3	+2.6	-0.0	-3.4	+4.3	-0.8	+0.5	+4.3	-2.4	+4.7	+11.6	-6.9
2015	+3.3	+2.4	+1.2	-0.7	+2.3	-7.0	+3.5	-6.4	-2.9	+7.9	+3.5	+0.8	+7.2	+4.8	+2.4
2016	-2.1	+1.9	+4.0	-0.7	+1.4	+10.8	+3.3	+0.9	+3.2	+2.3	-4.3	+2.6	+25.1	+28.3	-3.3
2017	+3.0	+4.2	+3.1	+0.1	+4.6	-2.2	+1.0	+2.7	-2.8	+5.5	-1.6	+1.8	+20.8	+11.7	+9.0
2018	+2.9	-0.2	-2.7	+2.1	+6.3	+1.3	+3.7	+1.4	+0.8	-7.6	-0.3	-6.3	+0.4	-3.1	+3.6
2019	+2.6	+0.8	+6.9	+3.3	-1.4	+5.4	+4.9	+0.9	-1.6	-2.4	+2.2	+0.7	+24.8	+22.7	+2.1
2020	+0.7	-4.1	-5.5	+9.1	+6.5	+1.6	+0.8	+3.5	-0.3	-2.9	+5.3	+0.8	+15.6	+12.6	+3.0
2021	-+2.2	-0.8	+3.8	+6.8	-1.4	+5.0	+2.8	+3.0	-3.4	+3.1	+0.7	+2.1	+21.0	+22.9	-1.9
2022	-6.1	-3.5	+4.3	-+4.5	-2.2	-+4.0	+8.7	-+2.3	-5.9	+1.6	+2.9	-+4.6	-15.5	-8.4	-7.1
2023	+6.2	-1.0	+4.1	0.5	1.7	4.0	+2.1	-0.4	-4.0	-+1.2	+5.0	4.2	+22.8	+17.3	+5.5
2024	+3.2	+8.4	+2.2	-3.3	+3.3	+2.7	-2.4	-0.2	+0.1	-0.4	+4.1	-0.4	+18.1	+21.0	-2.9
2025	+5.2	-3.2											+1.9	+2.2	-0.3

See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

### **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager	Christopher Rossbach
Deputy Portfolio Manager	Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA
Launch Date	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Administrator & Depository	CACEIS Investor Services Bank SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Reference Currency	US Dollar
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day

### Sustainability & ESG

J. Stern & Co is a signatory to the UN PRI; a Member of the SASB Alliance; and strategically aligned to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its ten Global Compact principles

The World Stars Global Equity Fund is classified as an 'Article 8 Fund' under the EU's SEDR framework









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Share Class	A	В	L	A5/A6		
Eligibility	All	Retail	Institutional	Charity		
Minimum Investment*	1m	5k	25m	1m		
Management Fee	0.90%	1.20%	0.75%	0.65%		
OCF	1.20%	1.50%	1.05%	0.95%		
Acc./ Dist.	Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all					
Currencies*	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & USD & GI					
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available					
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day					

### Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 26th November 2024 and AUM is latest available at time of going to print. \* Minimum investment is stated in share class currency. Share classes currently available are set out on previous page; other classes can be made available in all currencies displayed and with alternative fee structures on request. <sup>1</sup>Median market cap based on USD market cap of companies in the World Stars Global Equity Fund. Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover is based on the World Stars Global Equity Strategy in USD which the Fund follows.

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