

## 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	228
AuM (M USD)	67.0

## Legal information

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

## Available share classes

	Super Instit. (SI)	Instit. (I)	Private (P)
Min. Invest.	\$ 5m	\$ 0.2m	\$ 1,000
Entry Charge (max.)	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Exit Charge	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Mgmt. Fees	0.62%	0.84%	1.60%
Operat. Exp.	0.22%**	0.22%**	0.22%**
Subscript. Tax	0.01%	0.01%	0.05%
<b>Ongo. Chgs.</b>	<b>0.85%</b>	<b>1.07%</b>	<b>1.87%</b>
Perf. Fees	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
NAV	2123.40	2105.77	1981.30

## Share classes identifiers

	SI	I	P
ISIN	LU1369532657	LU1369533036	LU1369533465
BGG	VSEWSUU LX	VSEWINU LX	VSEWPRU LX

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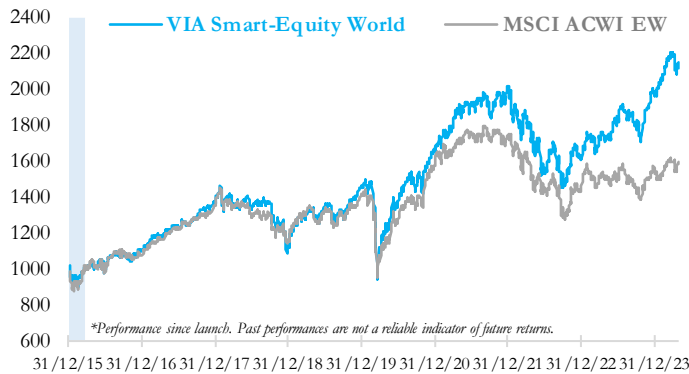
# VIA Smart-Equity World (USD)

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 (SI USD share class)\*



### SI-USD Bench.

Ann. Return	9.2%	5.8%
Volatility	16.3%	13.5%
Sharpe Ratio	0.57	0.43
Max. Drawd.	-36.6%	-34.5%
Beta	1.02	
Track. Err.	8.7%	
Info. Ratio	0.40	

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Fund</b>	8.20%	23.78%	-15.70%	26.44%	15.21%	20.35%	-19.51%	23.19%	6.03%
<b>Bench.</b>	8.80%	25.87%	-13.91%	20.64%	12.74%	9.73%	-17.27%	8.88%	0.53%

## Market performance

	SI-USD	I-USD	P-USD	Bench.
1 Mth	-4.1%	-4.2%	-4.2%	-1.2%
YTD	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%	0.5%
1 Y	21.8%	21.9%	21.2%	4.2%
3 Y	13.2%	13.0%	10.6%	-7.3%
5 Y	58.8%	58.4%	52.6%	18.5%
Launch	112.3%	110.6%	98.1%	58.3%
31/12/2015	108.1%	106.3%	93.8%	59.3%

## Economic value created VIA leap®

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

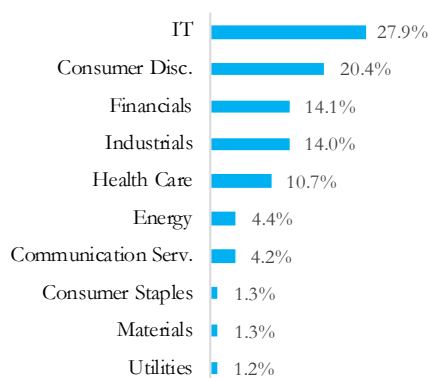
	Initial NAV	SI-USD	Bench. USD
1 Mth	\$ 2 215	+\$ 31 (+1.4%)	-\$ 2 (-0.1%)
YTD	\$ 2 003	+\$ 5 (+0.2%)	+\$ 30 (+1.5%)
1 Y	\$ 1 736	-\$ 13 (-0.8%)	+\$ 97 (+5.6%)
3 Y	\$ 1 875	+\$ 205 (+11%)	+\$ 160 (+9%)
5 Y	\$ 1 337	+\$ 359 (+27%)	+\$ 286 (+21%)
Launch	\$ 1 000	+\$ 514 (+51%)	+\$ 469 (+47%)
31/12/2015	\$ 1 020	+\$ 517 (+51%)	+\$ 491 (+48%)

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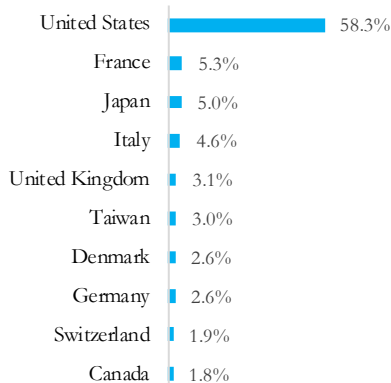
Sources: VIA AM, Bloomberg. Data range from December 31st 2015 to April 30th 2024. Performances between December 31st 2015 and March 24th 2016 are based on the VIA Smart Equity World strategy as calculated and published on Bloomberg by an independent calculation agent since December 31st 2015, net of all fees. Performance since March 24th 2016 is based on the live track of the VIA Smart Equity World fund. Past performances are not a reliable indicator of future returns. 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. \*\*Capped to a maximum of 0.25% per year of the net asset value according to the Prospectus.

## Portfolio analysis

### Sector breakdown



### Country breakdown



### Morningstar Stylebox™ (in %)

	Value	Core	Growth	
15.0	18.3	34.6	Large	
8.7	8.9	6.7	Mid	
2.6	3.0	2.1	Small	

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Sources: VIA AM, Bloomberg - asset breakdown and top holdings as of April 30th 2024

### Portfolio fundamentals

Fund	Profitability <sup>3</sup>		Valuation <sup>4</sup>		Earnings Growth*
	Accounting	Normalized <sup>1</sup>	Accounting	Normalized <sup>1</sup>	
Fund	20.6%	25.0%	15.9	15.6	18.1% / 9.6%
Synthetic benchmark <sup>2</sup>	22.4%	19.6%	17.8	19.5	19.2% / 15.8%

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	Microsoft Corp	3.79%
2	Apple Inc	2.27%
3	Alphabet Inc	2.24%
4	Amazon.com Inc	2.09%
5	Novo Nordisk A/S	2.07%
6	Booking Holdings Inc	2.06%
7	Fiserv Inc	1.50%
8	NVIDIA Corp	1.50%
9	Marathon Petroleum Corp	1.46%
10	Motorola Solutions Inc	1.46%

## Managers' update

**Markets:** after a very positive first quarter, global equity markets are taking a break. They show a performance of -3.2% for the MSCI ACWI Market Cap and -1.2% for the Equal Weight version. Over the first four months of the year, we can nevertheless note the marked underperformance of the average capitalization at +0.5%, compared to +4.6% for the Market Cap index. In April, the change in "atmosphere" seemed to be linked to a disappointment in the expectations of central banks to relax. In this context, the VIA Smart Equity World fund underperforms its benchmark, with a monthly decline of 4.4% (SI-USD), but it has maintained a significant lead since the start of the year.

**Factors and Stock Selection** (relative to the Market Cap. benchmark): in April, the factor contributions emerged in positive territory, mainly due to overexposure to the Value factor. But sectoral exposure is less favourable, notably with underexposure to the Materials.

The stock selection showed a negative contribution, notably with the sharp declines of stocks such as Tenaris or Icon at -15% and -11% respectively over the month. The first disappoints on its margin forecasts of less than 25%, the second on expectations of results for the coming quarters. The underweight of the Big Tech, which proved positive, couldn't compensate.

The latest monthly selection is always very diverse, ranging from Microsoft to Taiwanese semiconductor companies, including a Brazilian bank, like Banco do Brasil, with a PER of 4x and a RoE close to 20%.

**Outlook:** There are very different approaches to successful long-term equity investing. In contrast to passive management that selects and weights stocks based on their sizes, we prefer a two-step approach, betting that if we can select companies capable of offering the maximum wealth creation for shareholders, then 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% economic profitability (Economic Profitability) for a 15.6x 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 April 30th 2024.



The VIA Smart Equity World Fund received a Morningstar 4-Globe Sustainability Award. Out of 7993 International Flex Cap Equity Funds as of December 31st 2023. Based on 99.8% of AuM. Data is based on long positions only.

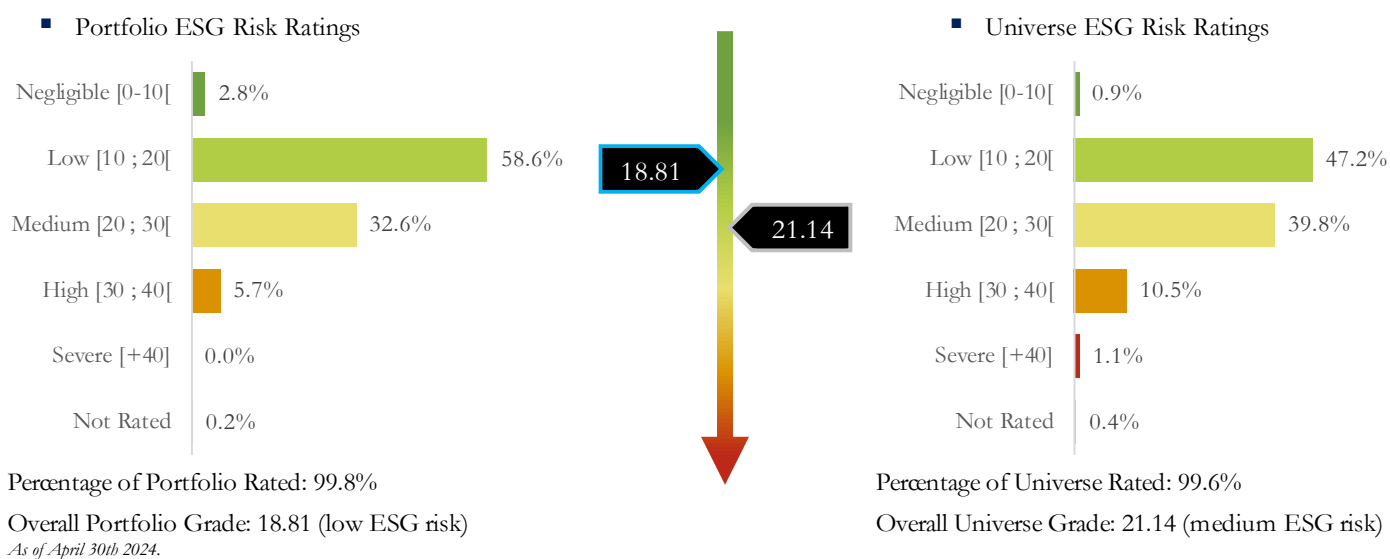


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## Sustainalytics Rating™

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