# OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING $^{\mathrm{\tiny M}}$

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# Out of 602 funds as of 30/09/2024

KIEGER

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# **Investment Objective**

**MORNINGSTAR SUSTAINABILITY RATING™** 

Out of 602 Healthcare Sector Equity funds as of 3/09/2024. Based on 100% of eligible corporate AUM and 0% of eligible sovereign AUM. Data is based on long positions only.

The investment objective of the Kieger UCITS Fund - Kieger Sustainable Healthcare Fund is to achieve long term capital growth by principally investing in equities of healthcare and healthcare-related issuers worldwide (including Emerging Markets). The fund is actively managed by the Investment Manager who employs a proprietary environmental, social and governance ("ESG") analysis framework to assess companies, and takes this into consideration when making investment decisions.

# SFDR classification:

The fund has sustainable investment as its objective.

Article 9

# **Key Information**

General Information	
ISIN	LU2631213845
Bloomberg	KIKSHLE LX
Fund Inception <sup>1</sup>	21/01/2014
Share Class Inception	07/06/2023
Total Assets	USD 237.2m
Fund Currency	USD
Domicile	Luxembourg
Regulatory Status	UCITS
Legal Structure	SICAV
Dealing Frequency	Daily (CET 12pm)
Settlement	T+2
Distribution Policy	Accumulating
Reference Index	Benchmark in EUR
Management	FundRock Management
Company	Co. SA
Investment Manager	Kieger AG
Custodian Bank/	Northern Trust Global
Administrator	Services SE
Auditor	Ernst & Young SA

### Fund Management

Maria Specogna (Lead Mgr)	
Raphael Oesch (Co-Mgr)	

### **Portfolio Statistics** (3-Year Annualised)

	Fund	Benchmark in EUR
Volatility	14.48%	12.99%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.34	-0.32
Tracking Error	4.20%	
Information Ratio	-0.19	
Beta	1.07	

### Largest Holdings (%)

Eli Lilly & Co	5.9%
UnitedHealth Group Inc	5.4%
Abbott Laboratories	5.0%
Novartis AG	4.7%
AstraZeneca PLC	4.6%
Intuitive Surgical Inc	4.6%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	4.5%
Roche Holding AG	4.3%
Novo Nordisk A/S	3.9%
Boston Scientific Corp	3.7%
Total Top 10 - out of 38	46.6%

## Performance <sup>2</sup> (%) Performance data are net of management fees, but do not reflect sales charges or the effect of taxes.

4.5% 4.5% 1.4% 2023 EUR A (H) Class Accumulating Benchmark in EUR

#### Past performance is no indication of current or future performance.

					Annualized	
	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
EUR A (H) Class Accumulating	-6.56%	-10.87%	-1.24%	-1.24%	-	-
Benchmark in EUR	-4.29%	-4.62%	8.08%	8.08%	-	-

1 Kieger UCITS Fund - Kieger Sustainable Healthcare Fund was launched 01.09.2020 through a merger with Kieger Fund I – Kieger Healthcare Selection Fund which was incepted on 21.01.2014.

2 In July 2017 a new investment process was implemented. Past performance is no indication of current or future performance.

3 Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in EUR, original Benchmark performance is USD.

# **Manager Commentary**

Market review: In December, the stream of unfavorable news continued, with MCOs and large biopharma particularly struggling to catch a break amid an ongoing cycle of negative headlines. Health insurance stocks faced significant pressure following the fatal shooting of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson. The incident, coupled with rising public frustration toward the industry and sustained media scrutiny, has intensified negative sentiment. Additionally, media reports indicate that Senators Warren and Hawley are preparing to introduce legislation requiring companies that own health insurers or pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to divest their pharmacy businesses within three years. Later, PBMs took another hit when Trump reiterated his commitment to targeting healthcare "middlemen" to lower costs.

In large biopharma, news from Novo Nordisk and Vertex disappointed. Novo Nordisk reported long-awaited topline results from the Phase III REDEFINE 1 trial evaluating CagriSema in adults with obesity or overweight. The treatment achieved 22.7% weight loss, falling short of market expectations (~25% target). Full data will be presented at ADA 2025, with results from the REDEFINE 2 trial in type 2 diabetes expected in H1 2025. Novo also plans to launch an additional Phase III obesity trial in 2025 with an updated titration protocol and remains on track to file for regulatory approval by the end of 2025. For Vertex, topline results from its Phase 2 trial of suzetrigine, a non-opioid pain medication, for lumbosacral radiculopathy (LSR; also known as sciatica), were announced. The study results were impacted by an unexpectedly high placebo response. Despite this, Vertex plans to proceed with a pivotal Phase 3 trial for LSR after consulting with the FDA on study design and regulatory requirements. Insights from Phase 2 post-hoc analyses will guide the Phase 3 trial structure.

Portfolio changes: We did not initiate a new position, and we exited BioNTech.

**Performance review:** The largest attributors vs. the index were CVS (+18 bps / Not invested), Edwards (+17 bps / Positive investor day, reiterating 2024 sales guidance, adding 2025 guidance (in-line with consensus), and striking a positive tone about 2026+ (high cadence of new products to drive momentum). Further, Edwards committed to an annual 50-100bps margin expansion) and UnitedHealth (+14 bps / Overall weakness of health insurance stocks (see above). In December, the stock experienced a 17% decline, and we maintain an underweight position relative to the index). The largest detractors vs the index were Cigna (-19 bps / Overall weakness of health insurance and PBM stocks (see above)), Vertex (-15 bps / Announced topline results from its Phase 2 trial of suzetrigine (see above). In our view, the sell-off seems overdone, as Vertex's pain portfolio represents a relatively minor growth contributor, with limited expectations for suzetrigine's commercial potential in acute pain) and Pfizer (-14 bps / Not invested).

ESG: Firms in the portfolio did not report any material ESG issues in December.

# Monthly Factshee

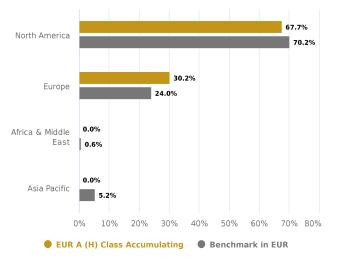
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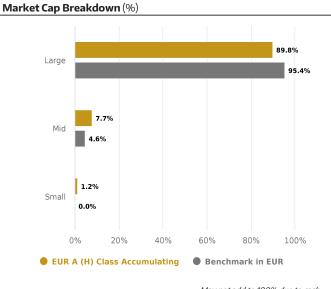
# Kieger Sustainable Healthcare Fund EUR A (H) Class Accumulating

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# **Share Class Information**

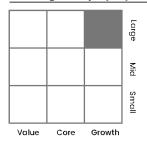
Share Class	ISIN	Bloomberg	Investment Management Fee	TER - as of Dec 2023	Minimum Investment	NAV
USD A Class Accumulating	LU0996778642	MGHKRAU LX	0.85%	0.99%	1,000,000	207.49
GBP A Class Accumulating	LU2697580079	KISHAGA LX	0.85%	0.99%	1,000,000	106.78
EUR A (H) Class Accumulating	LU2631213845	KIKSHLE LX	0.85%	1.04%	1,000,000	103.19
CHF A (H) Class Accumulating	LU2492015610	KIKSUAC LX	0.85%	1.05%	1,000,000	96.88
USD B Class Accumulating	LU2488092995	KIKSHUA LX	0.85%	0.99%	5,000	105.62
EUR B Class Accumulating	LU2488092649	KIKSHEU LX	0.85%	0.99%	5,000	110.83
CHF B Class Accumulating	LU2488092722	KIKSHCA LX	0.85%	0.99%	5,000	108.48
USD R Class Accumulating	LU2380622337	KIKSHRU LX	1.70%	1.84%	2,000	104.27
CHF R Class Accumulating	LU2761366157	KIESHER LX	1.70%	1.84%	2,000	99.17

Health Care 35.6% Equipment & Supplies 13.7% 30.8% Pharmaceuticals 40.3% Health Care Providers 14.9% & Services 29.1% Life Sciences Tools & 8.8% Services 6.5% 5.9% Biotechnology 10.4% Health Care 1.9% Technology 0.2% 0% 10% 30% 40% 20%

EUR A (H) Class Accumulating 
Benchmark in EUR

May not add to 100% due to cash

# Morningstar Equity Style Box<sup>™</sup> - as of 30/11/2023



Sector Exposure (%)

Kieger Sustainable Healthcare Fund appeared as a large-cap growth fund on the Morningstar Style Box(tm).



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