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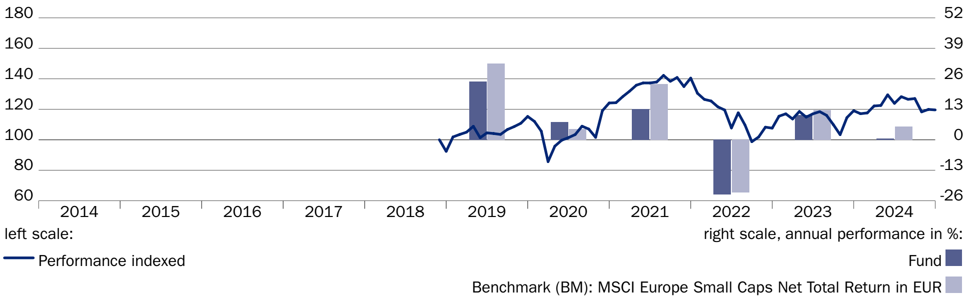
JSS Sust. Equity - European Smaller Companies P EUR acc

Fund Portrait

The JSS Sustainable Equity - European Smaller Companies aims to deliver asset growth. To achieve this, the sub-fund invests primarily in the equity of smaller companies connected to Europe and that contribute to a sustainable economy. It will also systematically integrate financially-material ESG aspects throughout the entire investment process, in order to avoid controversial exposures, mitigate ESG risks and harness opportunities, while aiming to achieve an above-average ESG profile. “Smaller companies” are defined as all the companies which are in the bottom 35% of the equity universe in terms of market capitalization at the time of the investment. A small part of the sub-fund can be invested in companies with a very small market capitalisation (micro caps). “Micro caps” are defined as companies with a market capitalisation of less than EUR 300 million at the time of the investment. The Sub-Fund is actively managed without replicating any benchmark. However, the Sub-Fund is managed with reference to MSCI Europe Small Caps NR Index (the “Benchmark”).

Net Performance (in EUR) as of 31.12.2024



	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	10 years p.a.
Fund	-0.27%	-5.86%	0.44%	0.44%	-5.22%	0.73%	n.a.
BM	-0.27%	-3.62%	5.65%	5.65%	-2.63%	3.63%	n.a.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	Since Inception
Fund	10.64%	-23.38%	13.15%	7.67%	24.78%	15.02%
BM	12.74%	-22.50%	23.82%	4.58%	32.59%	42.04%

Past performance does not guarantee future returns. The performance shown does not take account of any commissions and costs charged when subscribing and redeeming units.

Country Allocation

United Kingdom	30.26%
Germany	15.25%
The Netherlands	12.84%
Spain	8.54%
Switzerland	7.58%
Sweden	6.26%
Bermudas	5.18%
Denmark	3.90%
France	3.34%
Other	6.86%

Sector Allocation

Financials	23.97%
Industrials	18.46%
Consumer Discretionary	13.30%
Inform.Technology	9.42%
Health Care	8.08%
Communication Services	7.32%
Consumer Staples	7.16%
Real Estate	6.50%
Energy	2.13%
Other	3.65%

Risk and reward profile

lower risk — higher risk

typically lower rewards — typically higher rewards

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The risk and reward category shown is based on historical data and can not be used as a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund. The classification of the fund may change over time and is not a guarantee.

Fund Overview

Net asset value per share	115.02
Fund size in millions	31.89
Investment company	J. Safra Sarasin Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A.
Depositary	CACEIS Investor Service Bank S.A., Luxembourg
Portfolio management	AM Equities, Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd
Portfolio manager	Marcel Voogd, Patrick Widmer
Domicile of fund	Luxembourg
ISIN code	LU1859216464
Swiss Sec.-No.	42 877 308
Bloomberg	JSESPEA LX
Launch date Share class	13 November 2018
Launch date Sub-Fund	13 November 2018
End of fiscal year	April
Ongoing charges*	2.03%
Management fee	1.60%
Reference currency	EUR
Dividend payment	none (reinvesting)
Sales fee	max. 3.00%
Exit charge	0.0%
Legal structure	SICAV
Benchmark (BM)	MSCI Europe Small Caps Net Total Return in EUR
SFDR classification	Article 8

*The costs of managing the sub-fund are calculated quarterly in arrears and may vary. Detailed information on these costs and any additional costs can be found in the Sales Prospectus / KID.

Settlement Details

Subscriptions/Redemptions	daily
Notice Period subs/reds	n.a.
Settlement subs / reds	T+2 / T+2
Order cut-off (CET)	12:00
Swing Pricing	yes
Min. Initial Investment	n.a.

Statistical Ratios	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	17.35%	18.10%
Beta	0.92	n.a.
Sharpe Ratio	-0.43	-0.27
Information Ratio	-0.52	n.a.
Tracking Error	4.98%	n.a.

The statistical ratios are calculated on the basis of the previous months (36 months, basis EUR). Risk-free interest rate: 2.23%

Review

After the strongest monthly performance of the year in November, US equities moderately performed below European and Swiss markets in December, reflecting concerns that they might have run ahead of themselves. In contrast, as a small relief, European inflation fell close to the European Central Bank's (ECB) 2% target, while the Swiss National Bank (SNB) had already cut interest rates, with some lagged benefits for both stock markets. In December, the JSS Sustainable Equity - European Smaller Companies slightly outperformed its reference index, mainly driven by positive stock selection. Best contributors in December were FlatexDegiro, Hugo Boss and AAK, while JD Wetherspoon, Stroeer and Patrizia contributed negatively. Flatexdegiro showed continued account growth, combined with an increased appetite for trading. Given the company's operating leverage, this should fuel confidence in their forward earnings. AAK had a capital markets day that included strong targets, which was well received by investors. On the other hand, JD Wetherspoon suffered from a lack of confidence in its ability to absorb higher taxes.

Outlook

While we expect the US economy to remain strong at the beginning of 2025, we see the risk of deteriorating sentiment as markets might shift focus to tariff disputes. For European and Swiss exporters, US tariffs represent a clear threat. Altogether, the environment for equities remains challenging, stressing the need for careful stock selection. We steadily continue our search for companies that generate a high return on capital employed, with a reasonable path for growth and management teams that understand capital allocation. We try to obtain these stakes at prices that reflect upside to our assessment of long-term intrinsic value. We aim to be long-term owners of the businesses we buy, so they can compound their earnings and thereby contribute to our returns. In December, we added a position in Kainos to our portfolio. As a trusted developer and implementation partner of software to corporations and the government, the company is well positioned to benefit from increased digitalisation efforts. With the old CEO, who has a great track record, back in charge, execution risk is limited.