

#### **Comment December 2024**

December marked a mixed close to the year for European markets, as central bank policy shifts provided some relief while regional challenges weighed on sentiment. Rate cuts by the ECB, Fed, and SNB offered support to the broader market, and the continued strength of the technology sector remained a bright spot globally. However, concerns about economic growth and political uncertainty in Europe have hurt investor confidence.

In France, President Macron's government collapsed after losing a no-confidence vote, throwing the country's budget plans into uncertainty. Similarly, in Germany, Chancellor Scholz's coalition government fell, leading to early elections scheduled for February 2025. At the same time, commodities markets, particularly oil, have experienced growing volatility amid escalating geopolitical tensions in Syria and the broader Middle East.

In such uncertain environments, quantitative signals tend to perform less favorably, and the fund underperformed its benchmark by 0.9% in December. Style factors had mixed effects on performance, with Growth and Valuation factors contributing positively, Profitability and Financial Health factors negatively. Overall, industry weighting had a neutral effect on active return, with positive contributions from overweight in Information Technology and underweight in Energy. However, stock selection in Information Technology and Health Care had a significant negative contribution, most notably due to overweight in Novo Nordisk which reported disappointing clinical trial results for its new experimental obesity drug, CagriSema.

Despite these challenges, we maintain a cautiously optimistic outlook for our long-term strategy. While political instability in Europe and global economic uncertainties may result in short-term volatility, our focus remains on investing in high-quality companies with strong fundamentals, robust ESG practices, and attractive valuations. This disciplined approach strengthens our confidence in navigating the evolving market landscape and delivering sustainable returns for our investors.

#### **Top 10 positions**

Novo Nordisk	4.6%
Novartis	4.0%
Schneider Electric	3.0%
RELX	3.0%
Iberdrola	2.9%
SAP SE	2.9%
Swiss Re	2.7%
Intesa Sanpaolo	2.7%
Wolters Kluwer	2.4%
Deutsche Boerse	2.4%

#### Key figures as of 31 December 2024

Net Asset Value Tranche A	EUR 157.82
Number of shares	106'451
Total Net Asset Value	EUR 20.9m

#### **Performance Tranche A**

Duration	Fund	MSCI Europe ETF
1 month	-1.7%	-1.1%
3 months	-3.1%	-3.2%
12 months	8.3%	8.1%
3 years p.a.	-1.3%	4.4%
5 years p.a.	3.3%	6.6%
since inception (01.04.2007) p.a.	3.2%	4.5%
Year		
2024	8.3%	8.1%
2023	6.5%	15.7%
2022	-16.8%	-9.1%
2021	22.1%	24.9%
2020	0.4%	-3.2%
since inception (01.04.2007)	73.8%	118.3%

#### Risk ratios (rolling over the last 3 years)

Volatility (p.a.)	14.8%
Sharpe ratio (2.27% Risk free rate)	n/a
Beta (vs. MSCI Europe ETF)	0.93

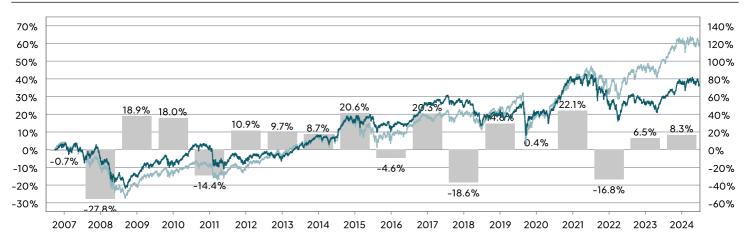
#### **Exposure**

Equities	98.6%
Cash	1.4%

#### Top-3 / Poor-3 performers in December 2024

Company	Perf.
Moncler SpA	10.0%
Card Factory	9.8%
Medcap	9.1%
Novo Nordisk	-17.6%
SThree	-17.3%
TeamViewer	-16.9%

#### Performance since launch Tranche A



## **AMG Europe**

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#### **Breakdown by sectors**



Financials	23.6%
Industrials	16.9%
Health Care	14.7%
IT	10.9%
Consumer Staples	9.4%
Consumer Discr.	6.8%

Communication Serv.	6.6%
Utilities	5.9%
Materials	3.7%
Energy	0.0%
Cash	1.4%

#### Breakdown by currencies



EUR	52.3%
CHF	21.4%
GBP	16.0%

DKK	8.7%
USD	1.7%

### Sustainability

Applied ESG characteristics

□ Exclusion Criteria	☑ Reporting
☐ Integration	Benchmark

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#### **Distributions to investors**

(Amounts per unit)

	Gross dividend (before SWT deduction)	Net dividend (after SWT deduction)
Date	Tran. A in EUR	Tran. A in EUR
12.03.2013	2.00*	1.30
18.03.2015	1.40*	0.91
18.03.2020	1.00*	0.65
25.04.2023	3.50*	2.27
18.03.2024	1.30*	0.84

<sup>\*</sup> With affidavit: no SWT deduction. Investors domiciled outside Switzerland receive the gross dividend.

#### **Fund facts**

Domicile of fund	Switzerland
Legal form	Contractual investment fund
Investment universe	Europe
Investment manager	Serafin Asset Management Ltd, Zug
Management company	LLB Swiss Investment Ltd, Zurich
Custodian bank	Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd, Basel
Launch date	01.04.2007
Recommended investment horiz	on 5 years
Reference currency	EUR
ISIN / Bloomberg-Ticker (respective share class) C (CHF	A (EUR): CH0027940730 / AMGEUIN SW B (EUR): CH0048476664 / AMGEUIB SW -hedged): CH0297417534 / AMGEUCH SW
Distributions	distributing (Dividend & Capital Gain )
Subscription and redemption	daily (cut-off 09.00 CET)
Tax transparency	CH, AT
Tax status Germany	Equity fund pursuant to InvStG with partial exemption
Registered for public distribution	n CH, DE

Fee structure	
Subscription and redemption fee	none
Management fee p.a.	Tranche A: 1.00% Tranche B: 1.50%
	Tranche C (CHF-hedged): 1.00%
Total expense ratio p.a. (per 30.06.2024; TER)	Tranche A: 1.41% Tranche B: 1.91% Tranche C (CHF-hedged): 1.38%
	Tranche C (Chr-nedged): 1.36%

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