

Comment September 2024

The ALPORA Innovation Europe Fund ended September on a negative note. It was unable to keep pace with the MSCI Europe ETF during the rebound, primarily due to overweight positions in the luxury goods and technology sectors.

Maire Tecnimont is well-known for its significant role in the energy transition, combining sustainable innovations with traditional EPC (Engineering, Procurement, Construction) services. In 2024, Tecnimont secured the largest contract in its history – a \$8.7 billion deal for the Hail and Ghasha gas project in Abu Dhabi. This project aims for net-zero emissions through CO₂ capture technologies and high energy efficiency, highlighting the company's traditional strengths in plant construction for the petrochemical and gas sectors. Additionally, its subsidiary NextChem plays a crucial role in developing green ammonia and hydrogen technology, contributing to the decarbonization of the energy and chemical industries. These innovations and strong positioning in the circular economy make Maire Tecnimont an exciting innovator.

Innovation assessment by the Serafin Innovation Hub

The investment process in the ALPORA Innovation Europe Fund to identify high-quality innovators consists of a four-step procedure. In the first step, we calculate an "Efficient Frontier of Innovation" by considering defined input and output metrics of the innovation process, using a mathematical optimization procedure. The optimization model allows multiple quantitative parameters on both the input and output sides to be dynamically calculated based on the investment universe. This provides an objective performance comparison of the companies. Each company is assigned an innovation score, measured within the context of the investment universe (Western Europe). In addition to our Innovation Factor model, the quality of the companies is measured using the long-established ARTICO model. Based on the Innovation Factor and the Quality Factors model, a combined Quality Innovation Score (including innovation, growth, profitability, balance sheet strength, valuation, and ESG) is calculated in the second step, with the Innovation Factor being the primary factor. In the third step, the investment team conducts a qualitative analysis of the innovators regarding their future viability and coverage of relevant market and technology trends. In the fourth and final step, portfolio construction takes place. Here, the Quality Innovation Scores of the companies are maximized using an optimization approach, while undesired risks are mitigated through relative weight constraints. The target portfolio size is 45 stocks. Valuation metrics are secondary in this selection, allowing companies in early growth stages to be included in the portfolio composition.

Key figures as of 30 September 2024

Net Asset Value Tranche EUR A	EUR 2'757.15
Number of shares	15'659
Total Net Asset Value	EUR 101.5m

Performance Tranche EUR A

Duration	Fund	MSCI Europe ETF
1 month	-2.1%	-0.5%
3 months	-2.8%	2.2%
12 months	3.4%	18.9%
3 years p.a.	-4.3%	8.2%
5 years p.a.	8.3%	8.6%
since inception (01.10.2014) p.a.	10.8%	7.1%
Year		
2024	-0.2%	11.7%
2023	8.6%	15.7%
2022	-23.3%	-9.1%
2021	31.4%	24.9%
2020	20.0%	-3.2%
since inception (01.10.2014)	179.7%	99.3%

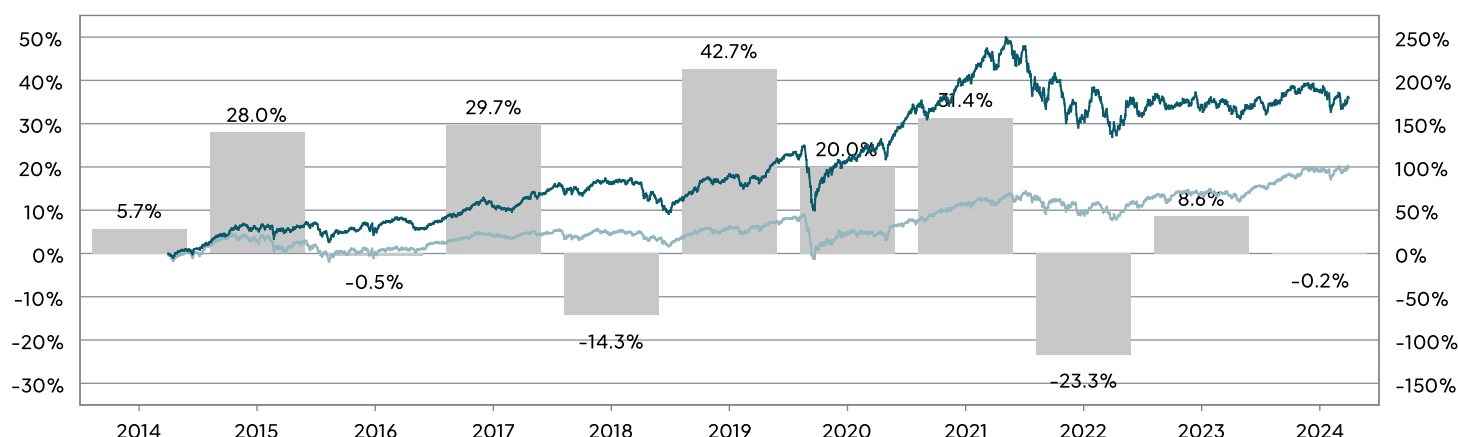
Risk ratios (rolling over the last 3 years)

Volatility (p.a.)	20.5%
Sharpe ratio (1.96% Risk free rate)	n/a
Beta (vs. MSCI Europe ETF)	1.21

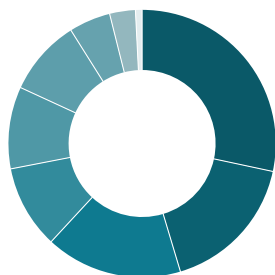
Top 5 positions

LVMH	4.7%
AstraZeneca	4.6%
Novartis	4.4%
Shell	4.3%
Novo Nordisk	4.3%

Performance since launch Tranche EUR A



Breakdown by sectors



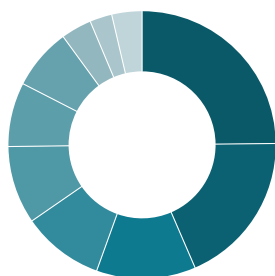
Industrials	28.4%	Communication Serv.	5.0%
Health Care	17.0%	Consumer Staples	3.1%
IT	16.5%	Financials	0.0%
Energy	10.1%	Real Estate	0.0%
Consumer Discr.	9.9%	Utilities	0.0%
Materials	9.2%	Cash	0.8%

Breakdown by currencies



EUR	53.7%	GBP	9.8%
CHF	16.4%	NOK	8.2%
DKK	11.9%		

Breakdown by countries



Switzerland	24.6%	Sweden	7.7%
United Kingdom	18.5%	Netherlands	7.4%
France	11.9%	Norway	3.7%
Denmark	9.8%	Finland	2.7%
Germany	9.3%	Others	3.6%

Sustainability

Applied ESG characteristics

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclusion Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration	<input type="checkbox"/> Benchmark

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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	01.10.2014
Recommended investment horizon	5 years
Reference currency	EUR
ISIN / Bloomberg-Ticker (respective share class)	EUR A: CH0248877885 / ALPIEUR SW EUR B: CH0436491234 / ALPIEUB SW CHF-hedged: CH0302271066 / ALPICHF SW
Distributions	accumulating
Subscription and redemption	daily (cut-off 09.00 CET)
Tax transparency	CH, AT
Tax status Germany	Equity fund pursuant to InvStG with partial exemption
UK Tax Reporting Status	Tranche EUR A
Registered for public distribution	CH, DE; SGP (acccr. investors only)
Fee structure	
Subscription and redemption fee	none
Management fee p.a.	Tranche EUR A: 1.00% Tranche EUR B: 1.50% Tranche CHF-hedged: 1.00%
MiFID fee for third party research p.a.	0.04%
Total expense ratio p.a. (per 31.12.2023; TER)	Tranche EUR A: 1.26% Tranche EUR B: 1.75% Tranche CHF-hedged: 1.26%

Portfolio management



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