

# DNCA INVEST ARCHER MID-CAP EUROPE

EUROPEAN MID-CAP EQUITIES



## Investment objective

The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve superior long term risk adjusted returns (i.e. returns adjusted for volatility) by investing primarily in equities and equity related securities of medium sized and smaller European companies over the recommended investment term (five years). Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that the management style is discretionary and integrates environmental, social / societal and governance (ESG) criteria. The portfolio composition will not attempt to replicate the composition of a benchmark index from a geographical or sectorial perspective. Even so, MSCI EUROPE MID CAP Net Return Euro Index may be used as an ex-post benchmark indicator.

To achieve its investment objective, the investment strategy is based on active discretionary management.

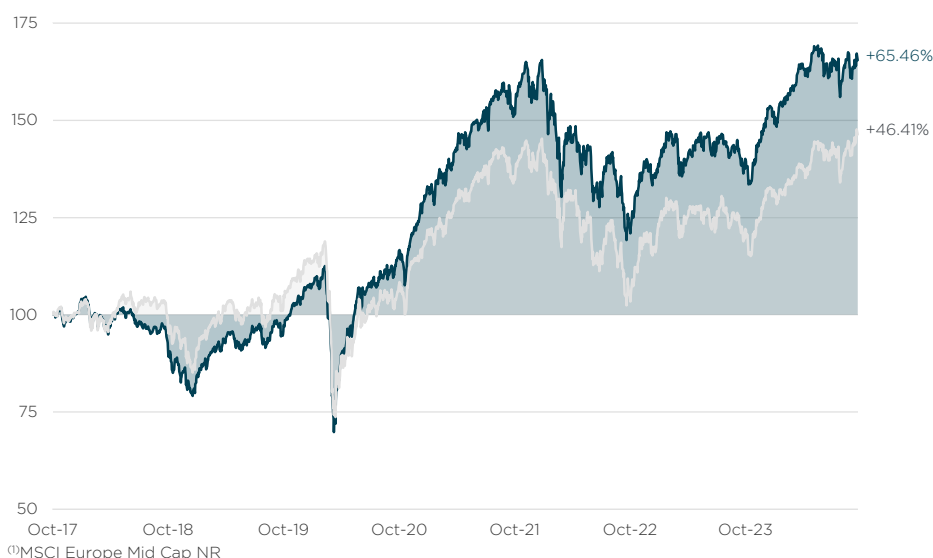
## Financial characteristics

NAV (€)	165.46
Net assets (€M)	842
Number of equities holdings	79
Average market cap. (€Bn)	6
Price to Earning Ratio 2024 <sup>e</sup>	13.2x
Price to Book 2023	1.8x
EV/EBITDA 2024 <sup>e</sup>	8.4x
ND/EBITDA 2023	1.9x
Free Cash Flow yield 2024 <sup>e</sup>	4.32%
Dividend yield 2023 <sup>e</sup>	2.71%

## Performance (from 10/10/2017 to 30/09/2024)

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance

↗ DNCA INVEST ARCHER MID-CAP EUROPE (N Share) Cumulative performance ↗ Reference Index<sup>(1)</sup>



## Annualised performances and volatilities (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
N Share	+18.10	+2.47	+11.05	+7.48
Reference Index	+19.35	+2.60	+6.90	+5.62
N Share - volatility	11.34	15.55	17.61	16.14
Reference Index - volatility	11.59	16.10	18.72	17.23

## Cumulative performances (%)

	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years
N Share	-1.21	+2.87	+7.76	+18.10	+7.60	+68.99
Reference Index	+1.17	+4.83	+10.44	+19.35	+8.03	+39.64

## Calendar year performances (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
N Share	+13.57	-17.76	+26.50	+21.44	+32.13	-19.64
Reference Index	+14.19	-19.27	+21.60	+4.23	+29.97	-13.16

The performances are calculated net of any fees by DNCA FINANCE.

## Risk indicator



Lower risk

Higher risk

Synthetic risk indicator according to PRIIPS. 1 corresponds to the lowest level and 7 to the highest level.

	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Sharpe Ratio	1.59	0.16	0.63	0.46
Tracking error	4.18%	5.30%	6.21%	5.79%
Correlation coefficient	0.93	0.94	0.94	0.94
Information Ratio	-0.30	-0.03	0.67	0.32
Beta	0.91	0.91	0.89	0.88

**Main risks:** risk relating to discretionary management, equity risk, counterparty risk, credit risk, risk of capital loss, interest-rate risk, risk related to exchange rate, liquidity risk, risk of investing in derivative instruments as well as instruments embedding derivatives, risk related to investments in emerging markets, ESG risk, sustainability risk

### Main positions\*

	Weight
FUGRO NV (3.5)	3.51%
GAZTRANSPORT ET TECHNIGA SA (6.2)	2.54%
FLUTTER ENTERTAINMENT PLC-DI (4.3)	2.51%
D'IETEREN GROUP (4.9)	2.47%
DCC PLC (5.5)	2.22%
AMBEA AB (5.8)	2.17%
ONTEX GROUP NV (4.9)	2.10%
IG GROUP HOLDINGS PLC (3.2)	2.09%
GLENVEAGH PROPERTIES PLC (5.2)	2.07%
TRYG A/S (6.1)	2.03%
	<b>23.72%</b>

### Monthly performance contributions

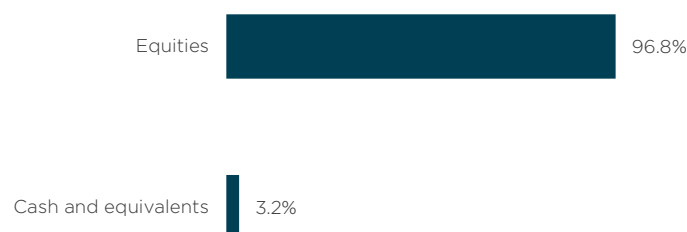
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Best	Weight	Contribution
FLUTTER ENTERTAINMENT PLC	2.51%	+0.24%
JUMBO SA	1.88%	+0.20%
SUSS MICROTEC SE	1.01%	+0.16%
ALM. BRAND A/S	1.60%	+0.15%
GLENVEAGH PROPERTIES PLC	2.07%	+0.14%

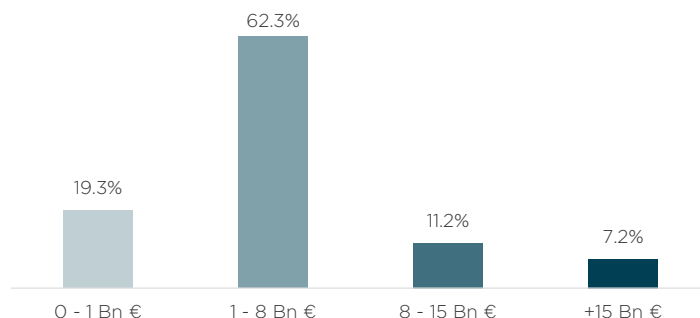
  

Worst	Weight	Contribution
NEXT 15 GROUP PLC	0.53%	-0.48%
D'IETEREN GROUP	2.47%	-0.40%
FUGRO NV	3.51%	-0.38%
GERRESHEIMER AG	0.63%	-0.19%
OCI NV	1.33%	-0.17%

### Asset class breakdown



### Market Cap breakdown



### Sector breakdown (ICB)

	Fund	Index
Industrial Goods and Services	15.0%	21.3%
Technology	10.3%	3.5%
Health Care	8.5%	8.4%
Consumer Products and Services	7.7%	4.3%
Financial Services	6.5%	4.9%
Media	6.5%	3.8%
Real Estate	5.2%	4.2%
Construction and Materials	4.8%	5.0%
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	4.5%	3.2%
Energy	4.4%	3.7%
Travel and Leisure	4.3%	2.9%
Insurance	4.0%	7.0%
Retail	3.4%	2.1%
Chemicals	3.1%	5.4%
Personal Care, Drug and Grocery	2.5%	1.4%
Automobiles and Parts	2.5%	1.5%
Banks	1.6%	6.3%
Utilities	1.2%	3.3%
Basic Resources	0.9%	4.2%
Cash and equivalents	3.2%	N/A

### Country breakdown

	Fund	Index
United Kingdom	15.8%	21.3%
France	15.7%	11.4%
Ireland	12.2%	2.7%
Netherlands	10.7%	7.3%
Sweden	8.7%	8.8%
Germany	7.4%	13.8%
Denmark	4.9%	3.0%
Belgium	4.6%	2.0%
Switzerland	4.5%	11.6%
Italy	4.3%	6.5%
Spain	3.8%	2.7%
Greece	1.9%	-
Finland	1.7%	4.1%
Norway	0.5%	2.8%
Cyprus	0.2%	-
Cash and equivalents	3.2%	N/A

### Changes to portfolio holdings\*

In: SWEDISH LOGISTIC PROPERTY-B

Out: BARCO N.V. (5.4)

\*The figure between brackets represents the issuer's 'responsibility' score. Please refer to the Internal Extra-financial analysis page for the analysis methodology.

## Portfolio managers comments

The fund invests in the attractive European mid-cap segment.

Our aim is to find the best value for money: in other words, to own companies with excellent fundamentals and solid prospects, while remaining rigorous in terms of valuation.

Since its inception, the fund has outperformed its benchmark 65.46% versus 46.41%.

September was marked by persistent volatility on the financial markets, reflecting an uncertain economic environment. However, the start of a new cycle of rate cuts and stimulus in China provided grounds for optimism.

Flutter Entertainment was the fund's biggest contributor this month. The Irish company, which specialises in online sports betting, held an investor day at which it presented its ambitious growth targets for 2030. Jumbo, a Greek discounter, published better-than-expected half-year results and should take full advantage of the winter season, which accounts for a substantial proportion of its sales. In addition, Süss MicroTec, a supplier to the semiconductor industry, notably in the field of advanced packaging, offers attractive exposure to the artificial intelligence value chain, with solid order books providing good medium-term visibility.

Danish insurer Alm Brand has completed the sale of its energy insurance business and is continuing a significant rerating process, supported by a stable dividend policy and a solid net cash position. Finally, Glenveagh Properties, an Irish property company, is benefiting from significant government support, with property prices well above construction costs, while the development of partnerships with local authorities offers strong potential for profitability.

The company that made the biggest negative contribution to performance was Next 15, a UK company specialising in IT communications, digital marketing and innovation consultancy services. It recently announced the non-renewal of a contract with its Mach 49 subsidiary, and reduced its estimates for the coming financial years. For its part, D'leteren Group, a Belgian holding company active in car distribution and glazing repairs, has published solid half-yearly results. At the same time, the group unveiled its plan to reorganise its family shareholding, which will now be concentrated in a single entity. This restructuring is accompanied by the payment of an exceptional dividend of €4 billion, which could result in a substantial tax loss.

In addition, Germany's Gerresheimer, a world leader in the manufacture of packaging products for the pharmaceutical industry, revised its sales and margin forecasts downwards for 2024 and 2025, due to a weaker and later than expected recovery in demand. Finally, the Dutch companies OCI, a producer of chemicals and fertilisers for industry, and Fugro, a major player in geotechnical engineering for the energy sector, were both affected by profit-taking, although their outlook remains very positive.

Adjustments have been made to the portfolio to further optimise it, with the aim of achieving the best possible combination of quality, improved prospects and value.

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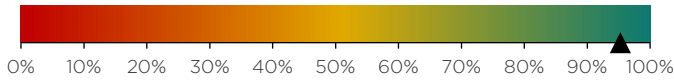
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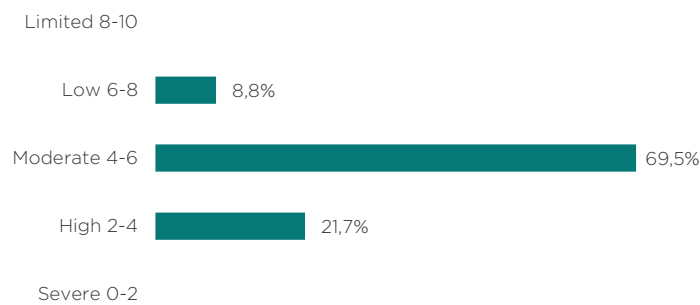
**Internal extra-financial analysis**

**ABA coverage rate<sup>+</sup> (95.2%)**



**Average Responsibility Score: 4.7/10**

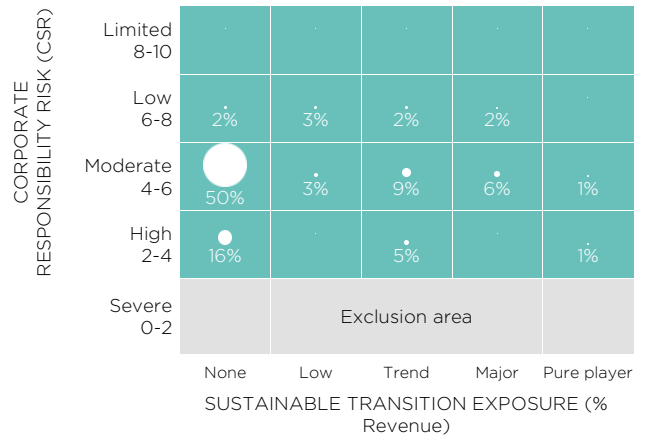
**Responsibility risk breakdown<sup>(1)</sup>**



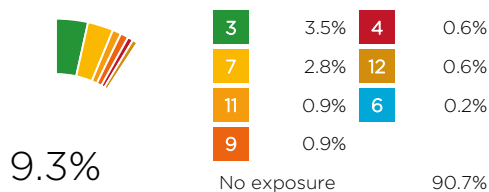
**Selectivity universe exclusion rate**



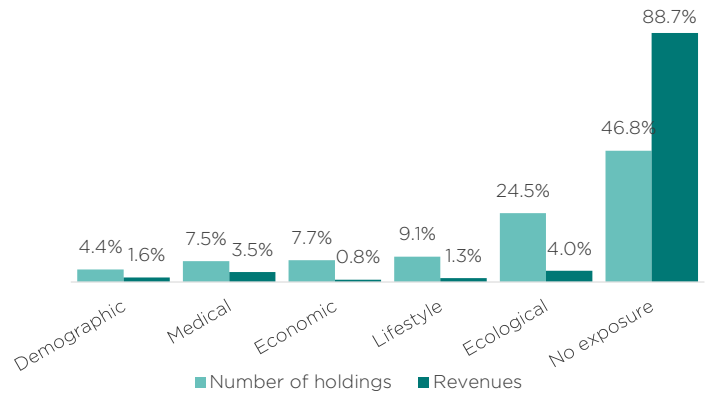
**Transition/CSR exposure<sup>(2)</sup>**



**SDG's exposure<sup>(3)</sup> (% of revenues)**



**Sustainable transitions exposure<sup>(4)</sup>**



**Analysis methodology**

We develop proprietary models based on our expertise and conviction to add tangible value in the selection of portfolio securities. DNCA's ESG analysis model, Above & Beyond Analysis (ABA), respects this principle and offers a rating that we control the entire construction. Information from companies is the main input to our rating. The methodologies for calculating ESG indicators and our responsible investor and engagement policy are available on our website [by clicking here](#).

<sup>(1)</sup> The rating out of 10 integrates 4 risks of responsibility: shareholder, environmental, social and societal. Whatever their sector of activity, 24 indicators are evaluated, such as social climate, accounting risks, suppliers, business ethics, energy policy, quality of management.

<sup>(2)</sup> The ABA Matrix combines the Responsibility Risk and the Sustainable Transition exposure of the portfolio. It allows us to map companies to be mapped using a risk/opportunity approach.

<sup>(3)</sup> 1 No poverty. 2 Zero hunger. 3 Good health and well-being. 4 Quality education. 5 Gender equality. 6 Clean water and sanitation. 7 Clean and affordable energy. 8 Decent work and economic growth. 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure. 10 Reduced inequalities. 11 Sustainable cities and communities. 12 Sustainable consumption and production. 13 Tackling climate change. 14 Aquatic life. 15 Terrestrial life. 16 Peace, justice and effective institutions. 17 Partnerships to achieve the goals.

<sup>(4)</sup> 5 transitions based on a long-term perspective of the financing of the economy allow the identification of activities with a positive contribution to sustainable development and to measure the exposure of companies in terms of turnover as well as exposure to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

\*The coverage rate measures the proportion of issuers (equities and corporate bonds) taken into account in the calculation of the extra-financial indicators. This measure is calculated as a % of the net assets adjusted for cash, money market instruments, derivatives and any vehicle outside the scope of "listed equities and corporate bonds".

### Principal Adverse Impacts

PAI	Unit	Fund		Ref. Index	
		Coverage	Value	Coverage	Value
PAI Corpo 1_1 - Tier 1 GHG emissions	T CO <sub>2</sub>	89%	20,772	100%	5,034
PAI Corpo 1_2 - Tier 2 GHG emissions	T CO <sub>2</sub>	89%	7,403	100%	1,392
PAI Corpo 1_3 - Tier 3 GHG emissions	T CO <sub>2</sub>	90%	322,117	100%	63,940
PAI Corpo 1T - Total GHG emissions	T CO <sub>2</sub>	89%	353,740	100%	71,225
PAI Corpo 2 - Carbon footprint	T CO <sub>2</sub> /EUR million invested	89%	420	100%	726
PAI Corpo 3 - GHG intensity	T CO <sub>2</sub> /EUR million sales	89%	626	100%	808
PAI Corpo 4 - Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector		90%	7%	100%	4%
PAI Corpo 5 - Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production		88%	78%	99%	64%
PAI Corpo 6_TOTAL - Energy consumption intensity by sector with high climate impact NACE	GWh/EUR million sales	88%	0.3	99%	0.3
PAI Corpo 7 - Activities with a negative impact on biodiversity-sensitive areas		90%	4%	98%	11%
PAI Corpo 8 - Water discharges	T Water Emissions	0%	0	4%	739
PAI Corpo 9 - Hazardous or radioactive waste ratio	T Hazardous Waste	90%	311,868	99%	1,321,358
PAI Corpo 10 - Violations of UNGC and OECD principles		90%	0%	100%	0%
PAI Corpo 11 - Lack of UNGC and OECD compliance processes and mechanisms		90%	3%	100%	1%
PAI Corpo 12 - Unadjusted gender pay gap		69%	15%	83%	15%
PAI Corpo 13 - Gender diversity in governance bodies		85%	39%	100%	40%
PAI Corpo 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons		91%	0%	100%	0%
PAI Corpo OPT_1 - Water use	m <sup>3</sup> /EUR mln sales	1%	0	3%	0
PAI Corpo OPT_2 - Water recycling		0%	0%	3%	0%
PAI Corpo OPT_3 - Number of days lost due to injury, accident, death or illness		19%	79	26%	28

Source : MSCI

## Administrative information

**Name:** DNCA INVEST Archer Mid-Cap Europe  
**ISIN code (Share N):** LU1366712609  
**SFDR classification:** Art.8  
**Inception date:** 10/10/2017  
**Investment horizon:** Minimum 5 years  
**Currency:** Euro  
**Country of domicile:** Luxembourg  
**Legal form:** SICAV  
**Reference Index:** MSCI Europe Mid Cap NR  
**Valuation frequency:** Daily  
**Management company:** DNCA Finance

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**Minimum investment:** None  
**Subscription fees:** 2% max  
**Redemption fees:** -  
**Management fees:** 1.30%  
**Ongoing charges as of 31/12/2023:** 1.42%  
**Performance fees:** 20% of the positive performance net of any fees above the index: MSCI Europe Mid Cap NR

**Custodian:** BNP Paribas - Luxembourg Branch  
**Settlement:** T+2  
**Cut off:** 12:00 Luxembourg time

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If the portfolio investment process can incorporate ESG approach, the portfolio's investment objective is not primarily to mitigate this risk. The sustainability risk management policy is available on the website of the Management Company.

The reference benchmark as defined in the Regulation 2019/2088 (article 2(22)) does not intend to be consistent with the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

## Glossary

**Beta.** Measures the average extent to which a fund moves relative to the broader market. The beta of a market is 1. A fund with a beta of more than 1 moves on average to a greater extent than the market. A fund with a beta of less than 1 moves on average to a lesser extent. If beta is a minus number, it is likely that the stock and the market move in opposite directions.

**Correlation coefficient.** The correlation coefficient is a measure of correlation. It is used to determine the relationship between two assets over a given period. A positive coefficient means that the two assets move in the same direction. Conversely, a negative coefficient means that the assets move in the opposite direction. The correlation or decorrelation can be more or less strong and varies between -1 and 1.

**Dividend yield.** Annual dividends per share / Price per share

**EV (Enterprise Value).** Market value of common stock + market value of preferred equity + market value of debt + minority interest - cash and investments.

**ND/EBITDA (Net Debt / EBITDA).** A measurement of leverage, calculated as a company's interest-bearing liabilities minus cash or cash equivalents, divided by its EBITDA. The net debt to EBITDA ratio is a debt ratio that shows how many years it would take for a company to pay back its debt if net debt and EBITDA are held constant.

**P/B.** The Price to Book Ratio is the ratio of the market value of equity (market capitalisation) to its book value. It is used to compare the market valuation of a company with its book value.

**P/CF (Share price/Cash Flow per Share).** The price-to-cash-flow ratio is an indicator of a stock's valuation.

**PER (Price Earnings Ratio).** A company's share price divided by the amount of profits it makes for each share in a 12-month period. PE ratios are normally calculated on the base of all the profit made in the period, whether or not the profit is paid out to shareholders in that period.

**ROE (Return On Equity).** The amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.

**Sharpe Ratio.** A way of measuring the historical risk-adjusted return on an investment. It is the average previous return minus the risk-free return, divided by the standard deviation (a measure of risk that looks at the diversion of actual returns from expected returns).

**Sharpe Ratio.** The Sharpe ratio measures the excess return over the risk-free money rate of an asset portfolio divided by the standard deviation of that return. It is therefore a measure of the marginal return per unit of risk. It is used to measure the performance of managers with different risk policies.

**Tracking error.** Tracking Error is a measure of how closely an investment portfolio follows the index against which it is benchmarked. It is the difference in the return earned by a portfolio and the return earned by the benchmark against which the portfolio is constructed. For example, if a bond portfolio earns a return of 5.15% during a period when the portfolio's benchmark (say, for example, the Lehman Brothers Index) produces a return of 5.06%, the tracking error is .09%, or 9 basis points.

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