# Strategic Europe Quality Fund

An Introduction to the Fund



#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

- The Fund launched in October 2010 by Eric Sturdza Investments and advised by Willem Vinke and the Lofoten Asset Management team since inception.
- The London-based team utilise a fundamental, bottom-up stock picking process, with an absolute orientation and strict valuation-driven investment process.
- High conviction portfolio of 25-35 large cap liquid stocks of European companies with a "quality value" bias - buying high-quality businesses and large cap stocks at a discount to their intrinsic value.

# **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

- Focusing on market leaders: Benefitting from companies with long-term structural growth and high margins, strong barriers to entry and quality management.
- Targeting sectors with low capital intensity: Structural bias towards health care, consumer and IT and general avoidance of high cost of capital sectors such as insurers, utilities and the oil and gas majors.
- Patient investing: Ability to wait and focus on long term performance. Determining long-term fundamental valuation of each company that the Fund invests in.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

- Disciplined and repeatable investment process focusing on cash flow analysis, prefering superior quality business models with a focus on visibility, sustainable margins and high returns on invested capital.
- Strict valuation driven process, utilising a discount to intrinsic value approach and in-house modelling.

# PERFORMANCE SINCE FUND INCEPTION<sup>1</sup>



# CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup> %

	YTD 2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	Annualised Inception
B EUR Class	-8.05	27.57	-5.86	13.73	-6.94	26.25	10.08
MSCI Europe NR EUR	-11.50	26.05	-10.57	10.24	2.58	8.22	5.84

• The B EUR Class of the Fund has returned 157.33% on an absolute basis since October 2010¹, representing a relative outperformance of 82.46% compared to its benchmark, an annual excess return of 4.24%.

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER



Willem Vinke has been involved in the management of equity funds since 1995 and has been in the financial industry since 1992. Willem is the CEO and CIO of Lofoten Asset Management.

He holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

#### **FUND FACTS & TERMS**

Morningstar Rating™	$\star\star\star\star^2$
A Sub-Fund of	E.I. Sturdza Funds plc
Manager	E.I. Sturdza Strategic Management Limited
Adviser	Lofoten Asset Management Limited
Structure	UCITS V Compliant
Domicile	Ireland
Launch Date	29 October 2010
Benchmark	MSCI Europe NR EUR
AUM	EUR 754.64 million
Strategy AUM	EUR 1,433.97 million
Active Share %	78.76%
Currency	EUR, USD, GBP, CHF
Minimum Investment	A/C: No Minimum B: 1 million SI: 25 millon
Liquidity	Daily
Notification <sup>3</sup>	One business day
Management Fee %	A: 1.50% B: 0.90% C: 2.20% SI: 0.75%
Performance Fee <sup>3</sup> %	A/C: 10.00% B/SI: 0.00%
Placement Fee	0.0%
Registered for Sale	AT, BE, BG, CH, DE, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, LI, LU, NL, NO, SE, SG, U
Administrator	SS&C Financial Services (Ireland) Limited
Depositary	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch

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# PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO PEER GROUP AND BENCHMARK<sup>1,4</sup>



# STATISTICS B EUR CLASS -ANNUALISED SINCE INCEPTION<sup>1</sup>

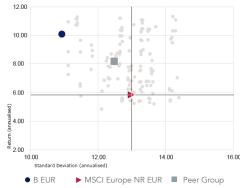
	B Eur	Index	Peer Group
Return	10.09	5.85	8.18
Standard Deviation	10.94	12.99	12.48
Alpha	5.41	-	2.66
Beta*	0.74	1.00	0.92
Tracking Error	6.28	-	3.85
Sharpe Ratio	0.92	0.45	0.65
Information Ratio	0.64	-	0.57

<sup>\*</sup> Not annualised

### DOWNSIDE PROTECTION<sup>5</sup>



- Since inception, the Fund has continously delivered downside protection to investors.
- With a down capture ratio of 56.37% over a five year time frame, the Fund places in the top 1% of its peer group and well ahead of the peer group average at 96.85%.



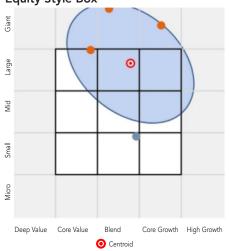
**RISK / REWARD ANALYSIS<sup>1,4</sup>** 

The risk / reward profile highlights the Fund's strong relative outperformance versus the majority of its peers as well as its benchmark since inception<sup>1</sup>.

Further, the Fund's focus on defensive and less cyclical stocks leads to a less volatile returns' profile when compared with both its benchmark and peers.

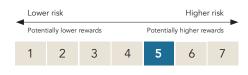
# PORTFOLIO STYLE<sup>5,6</sup>

# **Equity Style Box**



	Sectors	Fund %	Category %
_	Basic Materials	3.20	7.01
<ul><li>Cycllical</li></ul>	Consumer Cyclical	6.62	8.89
	Finincial Sevices	0.00	7.52
	Real Estate	0.00	0.42
<ul><li>Sensitive</li></ul>	Communiction Services	6.11	4.77
	Energy	10.12	1.15
	Industrials	1.07	16.12
	Technology	9.01	18.94
<ul><li>Defensive</li></ul>	Consumer Defensive	35.85	12.41
	Healthcare	28.01	22.04
	Utilities	0.00	0.73

# **RISK & REWARD PROFILE**



- <sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar Direct. Note that this includes a track extension for the B EUR Class, utilising performance for the A EUR Class, prior to the launch of the B EUR Class on 31.12.2012.
- $^2$  Morningstar Overall Rating $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ as of 31.08.2020: Strategic Europe Quality Fund (B EUR Class).
- <sup>3</sup> For more information, please refer to the latest Prospectus.
- <sup>4</sup> Analysis based on peer group percentiles 5-95%.
- <sup>5</sup> Source: Morningstar Direct.
- <sup>6</sup>The Strategic Europe Quality Fund appeared as a large growth fund on the Morningstar Style Box™ at 30 June 2020



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