# COMGEST GROWTH EUROPE EUR R ACC

29 February 2016

ISIN IEO0B6X8T619
Domicile Ireland
Fund Currency FUR

Total Net Asset Value (m) 2,010.75
Net Asset Value per Share 19.04

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## PORTFOLIO PROFILE

Asset Class	European equity
Number of holdings	35
Average weighted market cap (m)	€50,522
Weight of top 10 stocks	44.97%



MSCI Europe - Net Return

\*used for comparative purposes only

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### COMMENTARY

Index\*

European stock markets remained weak in February, with the MSCI Europe index down 2.2% in Euro (-1.8% in USD) over the month. Recent data releases have confirmed that European economic growth lacks momentum, with industrial production and business confidence weaker than expected. Corporate earnings releases confirmed a tough trading environment in most parts of the world and resulted in estimates being further downgraded. The announcement of a UK referendum on a possible exit from the European Union added to the uncertainty. On the other hand, a rebound in the oil price and verbal support for the Renminbi by Chinese authorities helped to stabilise the markets towards the end of the month.

The fund's holdings stood their ground during the results season and confirmed expectations of robust earnings growth. Dassault Systèmes finished 2015 on a positive note: software revenues grew organically by 9%, the strongest quarter in the last three years. The company also managed to increase its operating margin by 180bps. L'Oréal surprised with a Q4 ahead of expectations, delivering 4.2% organic growth thanks to a reacceleration in luxury and a return to more normal growth in the mass market segment. The 8.5% organic sales growth at Amadeus was mainly driven by IT Solutions which grew +14.5%, while the GDS activity raised sales by 6.5%. Helped by share buy-backs, but despite a higher tax rate and strong investment in future growth, EPS grew 12%. ARM reported 14% sales growth at constant FX, with strong royalty revenues while licence revenues were slightly weaker. Despite a small decline in the margin, normalised operating profits grew 17%. Novo Nordisk delivered the expected 8% organic sales growth both in Q4 and the full year, and EPS grew 25% excluding exceptional items. Its share price reacted negatively to the company's updated long-term ambition, calling for 10% annual operating profit growth, essentially top-line driven. Essilor's results showed 8.5% constant FX sales growth, of which 3.9% came from acquisitions. The synergy benefits from the integration of high-margin Transition Optical were mostly reinvested in marketing, but EPS still rose 17%.

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## PORTFOLIO DATA

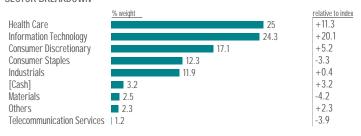
### TOP 5 HOLDINGS

Essilor International SA Industria de Diseno Textil, S.A. Novo Nordisk A/S Class B Amadeus IT Holding SA Class A L'Oreal SA

% weight		
5.5	France	Health Care
5.0	Spain	Consumer Discretionary
4.9	Denmark	Health Care
4.8	Spain	Information Technology
4.4	France	Consumer Staples

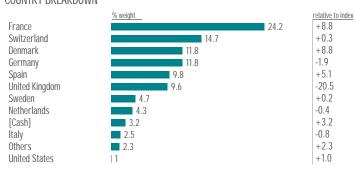
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## SECTOR BREAKDOWN



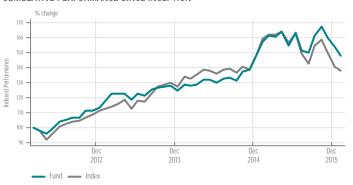
Breakdown based on MSCI sector classification.

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN



## PERFORMANCE DATA\*

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION



## ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%) AS AT MONTH END

		_	Annualised				
	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
Fund Performance	-3.94	-7.57	-5.96	7.84			10.62
Index Performance	-2.20	-8.29	-13.39	6.97			8.19
Fund Volatility			18.16	14.12			13.24
Index Volatility			19.97	16.26			15.50

CALENDAR PE	RFORMANCE (%) A	S AT QUARTER	END		
	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	Q4 2012	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
	-Q4 2015	-Q4 2014	-Q4 2013	-Q4 2012	-04 2011
Fund	15.60	8.26	14.62		
Index	8.22	6.84	19.82		
+/- Index	7.38	1.42	-5.20		

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Performance calculation based on NAV to NAV variation expressed in euros. Fund volatility is calculated using weekly performance data.

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#### INFORMATION

Legal Structure

A sub-fund of Comgest Growth plc, an open-ended umbrella-type investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated in Ireland UCITS IV compliant

Asset Class European equity Investment Manager
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Fund Codes ISIN: IE00B6X8T619 SEDOL: B6X8T61 BLOOMBERG: COMGRAE ID Initial NAV

EUR 12.83 per share on 2nd April 2012 Minimum initial investment: EUR 10 Maximum sales commission: 2% Redemption fee: None Management Fee 2.0% per annum of the net asset value Dividend Policy: Capitalisation Contact for subscriptions and redemptions

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Trading frequency

Daily, when the banks in Dublin and Luxembourg are open for business

Cut-off

12 noon Irish time on day D

An earlier deadline for receipt of application or redemption requests may apply if your request is sent through a third party. Please enquire with your local representative, distributor or other third party.

NΔV

calculated using closing prices of D

NAV known

D+1 Settlement

D+3

## RISK

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