

Alken Fund European Opportunities

Factsheet as at 29th February 2024

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Monthly Comment

The Alken Fund European Opportunities rose 3.9% in February against 1.9% for the benchmark. This brings the relative performance to -2.0% year to date.

Equity markets were strong in February amid persistent investor debate around the timing and speed of interest rate cuts given sticky inflation numbers. Market leadership remained unchanged with large cap names outperforming as a pivot to monetary policy continues to be delayed.

Performance was particularly strong in February thanks to good stock selection across energy, industrials, and communication services. Defence stocks continued a stellar trajectory underpinned by incremental orders and still attractive valuations with significant scope for further rerating. Energy names were also robust contributors including Energean PLC, which surged following confirmation of a gas discovery and the signature of a new gas supply agreement.

In contrast, RWE remained under pressure investors focus on short-term power prices. We see material value in this business which has a strong portfolio of renewable assets and benefits from good earnings visibility.

Equity concentration risks are becoming unhealthy as returns continue to be driven by a handful of stocks whose valuation premiums are reaching unsustainably historical highs. We believe that greater diversification into more value-oriented names is crucial to weathering a market environment that may prove more volatile amid economic and monetary policy uncertainty and heightened geopolitical risks.

Performance since inception



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

Share Class	R	US2	CH2	US2H	
NAV	321.91	150.68	150.98	177.76	
Launch Date	Jan-06	Sep-13	Aug-13	Jan-15	
ISIN	LU0235308482	LU0866838492	LU0866838732	LU1164021575	
Bloomberg Code	VANEOPR LX	ALKUS2A LX	ALKCH2A LX	AEOUS2H LX	
Currency Hedging	No	No	No	Yes	

Portfolio Managers

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Investment Objective & Universe

Achieve annualised capital appreciation in the longterm through a risk adjusted out-performance of the benchmark. The fund is actively managed and will invest at least 75% of its assets in equity and equity related securities issued by companies headquartered in Europe.

Fund Facts

AuM:					EU	JR 35	53m
Benchmark:	MSCI E	urop	oe / S	тох	(X Co	mpc	site
Base Currency:							EUR
Legal Status:						U	CITS
Domicile:					Luxe	embo	ourg
Management Fee ¹	:					1.5	50%
Performance Fee ² :						:	10%
Settlement:							T+3
SFDR ³ :						Δ	rt.8
SRI ⁴ :	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- (1) Share Class R, US2, CH2, US2H
- (2) Above reference benchmark
- (3) Sustainable Financial Disclosure Regulation
- (4) Summary Risk Indicator

Performance 1	Fund	Benchmark
Since inception ²	221.9%	160.5%
YTD	1.6%	3.5%
MTD	3.9%	1.9%
1Y	0.6%	10.4%
3Y	43.9%	31.7%
5Y	34.1%	50.3%
2023	10.3%	15.8%
2022	7.2%	-10.6%
2021	24.8%	24.9%
2020	-13.8%	-2.0%
2019	15.9%	26.8%

(1) Performance of R share class. Inception 3/06/2002

*Until 24/11/2022 The Sub-Fund's performance was measured against the STOXX 600 EUR (Return) Index and then change to: MSCI Europe Index (EUR)

Risk Indicators ¹	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	21.0%	19.0%
Alpha	1.5%	
Tracking Error	8.3%	
Information Ratio	0.1	
Active Share	94.9%	
(1) Since inception		



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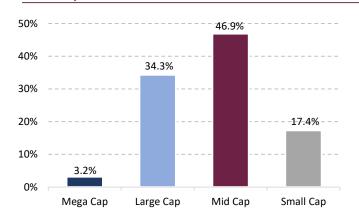
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Key Contributors	Exposure	Contribution
Industrials (Single Stock)	4.7%	1.1%
C. Services (Single Stock)	5.8%	0.7%
Industrials (Single Stock)	2.0%	0.4%
Key Detractors	Exposure	Contribution
Utilities (Single Stock)	4.2%	-0.4%
Financials (Single Stock)	2.4%	-0.2%
Industrials (Single Stock)	1.8%	-0.2%
Top 5 Holdings	Exposure	
Energy (Single Stock)	6.9%	
Industrials (Single Stock)	5.8%	
C. Services (Single Stock)	5.8%	
Industrials (Single Stock)	4.7%	
Energy (Single Stock)	4.5%	

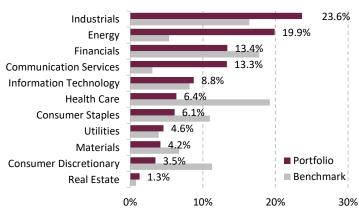
Concentration	Fund	Benchmark
Top 10 Holdings	48.6%	25.1%
Top 20 Holdings	73.5%	36.6%
Number of Holdings	57	423
Cash Holding	-1.8%	

Market Capitalisation¹

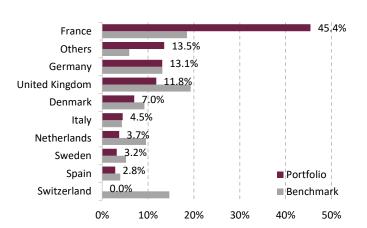


(1) Mega Cap > €50 bn, Large Cap < €50 bn, Mid Cap <€10 bn, Small Cap <€2 bn

Sector Breakdown



Country Breakdown



Exposure: end of month exposures



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