



# OYSTER MONTHLY REPORT

For professional, qualified and institutional investors

September 2017

## OYSTER EUROPEAN MID & SMALL CAP I EUR PR

### Investment objective

The fund's objective is to provide investors with capital growth by investing mainly in small and mid cap European companies. OYSTER European Mid & Small Cap is a concentrated, actively managed, style-agnostic portfolio focused on European companies with a market capitalisation ranging from €200Mn to €5Bn. Stock picking is based on in-house fundamental research and it centres on high quality and cash-generative companies with strong management track records and solid balance sheets. A robust and disciplined risk management process both support strong downside risk protection as well as serves to identify attractive oversold contrarian.

### Fund facts

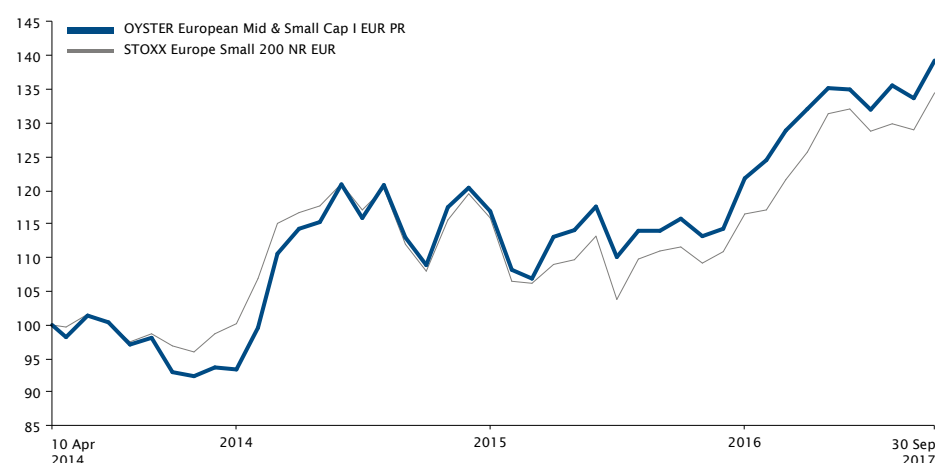
Manager	SYZ Asset Management (Europe) Limited, Claire Shaw
Dividend policy	Accumulation
Last NAV	EUR 1393.41
Fund size	EUR 121.1 mn
Fund type	Equity
Investment zone	Europe
Recommended invest. horizon	At least 5 years
Share class currency	EUR
Inception date	10.04.2014
Index	STOXX Europe Small 200 EUR NR
Legal structure	Luxembourg SICAV - UCITS
Registration	AT, CH, DE, ES, FR GB, IT (QI), LU, NL, SG (QI)

### Risk/Return profile

◀ Lower risk				Higher risk ▶		
Typically lower rewards				Typically higher rewards		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Sources: OYSTER Sicav, KIID

### Performance & risk measures



	Fund	Index
<b>Calendar year performance</b>		
2017 YTD	+14.4%	+15.5%
2016	+4.2%	+0.5%
2015	+25.1%	+15.7%
-	-	-
<b>Annualised risk measures</b>		
Volatility	+14.2%	+13.5%
Sharpe ratio	1.0	0.9
Tracking error	+4.7%	-
Information ratio	0.6	-
Alpha	2.8	-
Beta	1.0	-
Correlation	0.9	-

	Fund	Index
<b>Cumulative performance</b>		
1M	+4.3%	+4.3%
3M	+5.6%	+4.5%
6M	+5.5%	+7.0%
1Y	+20.4%	+20.5%
3Y	+49.9%	+38.8%
5Y	-	-
Since inception	+39.3%	+34.5%
-	-	-
<b>Annualised performance</b>		
3Y	+14.4%	+11.6%
5Y	-	-
Since inception	+10.0%	+8.9%

Sources: OYSTER Sicav, Morningstar. Past performance does not guarantee or predict future performance. Annualised risk measures based on 3-year monthly returns if more than 3-year history or 1-year if less than 3-year history.

**Administrative information**

Central Administration	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.
Transfer agent	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.
Custodian Bank	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.
Auditor	PwC Luxembourg
Management company	SYZ Asset Management (Luxembourg) S.A.

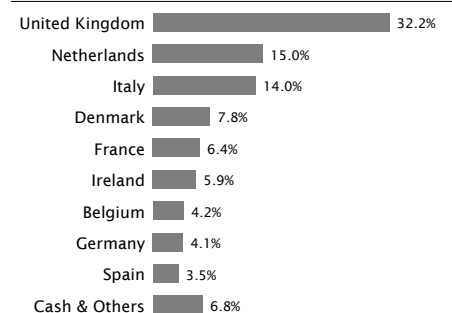
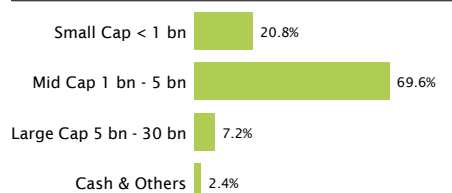
**Fees**

Subscription fee	Max 2.0%
Redemption fee	Max 1.0%
Management fee	Max 0.80%
Performance fee	Max 10.00% (Relative)

Sources: OYSTER Sicav, KIID

**Dealing information**

Liquidity	Daily
Cut-off time	TD 12:00 Luxembourg
Minimum initial investment	1 000 000
Settlement	TD+3
ISIN code	LU0933605676
CH Security Nr	21758551
Bloomberg	OESMIE2 LX

**Portfolio Breakdown****By country****By market capitalization****Top 3 contributors**

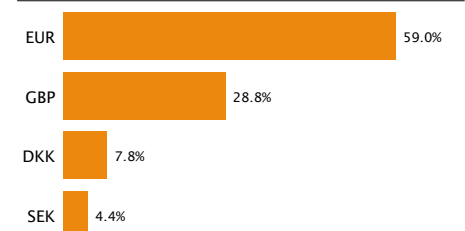
ION BEAM APPLICATIONS SA IBA	0.8%
AVEVA GROUP	0.8%
ELIS SA	0.6%

**Top 10**

NETS A/S
ELIS SA
ION BEAM APPLICATIONS SA IBA
HUGO BOSS
TP ICAP PLC
FLOW TRADERS
VECTURA GROUP PLC
CAIRN HOMES PLC
VAN LANSCHOT NV /CVA
DIALOG SEMICONDUCTOR

**By sector**

Financials	34.4%
Consumer Discretionary	18.8%
Industrials	12.5%
Health Care	9.7%
Information Technology	9.6%
Energy	5.2%
Consumer Staples	4.7%
Materials	2.8%
Cash & Others	2.4%

**By currency****Top 3 detractors**

LUCARA DIAMOND	-0.3%
NEINOR HOMES S.A.U. /REIT	-0.3%
BURFORD CAPITAL LIMITED	-0.2%

Information Technology	4.6%
Industrials	4.4%
Health Care	4.2%
Consumer Discretionary	4.1%
Financials	4.0%
Financials	4.0%
Health Care	3.9%
Consumer Discretionary	3.9%
Financials	3.8%
Information Technology	3.6%
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	40.5 %

Source: OYSTER Sicav

## Manager Comment

## HIGHLIGHTS

- European markets finished the quarter on a strong note, buoyed by better-than-expected economic data
- Angela Merkel won a fourth term as German chancellor, but headlines focused on the rise of the far right
- Brexit again took centre stage as Theresa May signalled in Florence that she wants a transitional deal, but the outlook remains highly uncertain

## MARKET REVIEW

Economic growth has continued to improve in Europe, providing a positive backdrop for strong corporate profit growth. In response to the improved growth outlook, ECB President Mario Draghi led markets to expect an impending announcement of a further reduction in the pace of quantitative easing. In Germany, Angela Merkel won a fourth term as German chancellor in a victory that reflected fading support for the two main parties and a surge in support for the far-right AfD party. Bank of England governor Mark Carney hinted that an interest rate hike is likely this year.

## FUND REVIEW

The biggest contributions to the fund's performance at the stock level in September came from AVEVA Group plc, Ion Beam Applications and Elis. AVEVA Group rose by over 30% as it announced a reverse takeover of Schneider Electric's software assets. Two previous attempts to do so had failed, but this successful deal will see Schneider own 60% of the combined business. Ion Beam Applications bounced back strongly from the disappointment of the previous month's profit warning, and it also signed an agreement with Elekta to co-develop and co-market each other's software and products. Lucara Diamond and Neiror Homes detracted from the fund's relative return. Lucara suffered on news that the Botswana government had

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threatened to change the Precious Stones Act, which would give the government first option and right to buy unusually large stones. Neiror Homes underperformed as tensions in Spain around the Catalan referendum weighed on domestically focused stocks. The manager bought Vectura Group plc, a leading developer of respiratory products including treatments for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Its technology is embedded in half of the new inhalers that were launched between 2012-16. Its shares have been weak due to concerns about the launch of the generic version of GSK's blockbuster Advair product, but Vectura benefits from having around 90% of its recurring revenue earned from royalties and it is currently trading below the net present value of the products in the market - essentially getting the pipeline for free.

## OUTLOOK

Following a series of devastating hurricanes in quick succession in the US and Caribbean, 2017 increasingly looks like becoming the most costly year on record for natural catastrophe losses, with current estimates pointing to an industry-insured loss of around USD 140 billion. Reinsurers and Lloyd's of London players have been hit hard as this year's earnings will be severely affected, but this means there could be some opportunities for us to take advantage of in this space.

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