



Alken European Opportunities

Factsheet as at 29th December 2017

NAV R Class 257.32 € NAV US2 Class 133.73 \$ NAV CH2 Class 148.24 CHF NAV US2H Class 124.12 \$

Investment

Investment Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve annualised capital appreciation in the long term through a risk adjusted outperformance against the benchmark.

Investment Universe

The Fund will invest at least 75% of its total assets in equity and equity related securities issued by companies that are headquartered in Europe, or conduct the preponderant part of their activity in Europe.

Fund Manager's Comment

The Alken European Opportunities Fund rose 1.43% in December, against 0.72% for the Stoxx 600 benchmark. This represents an outperformance of 15.41% for the year to date.

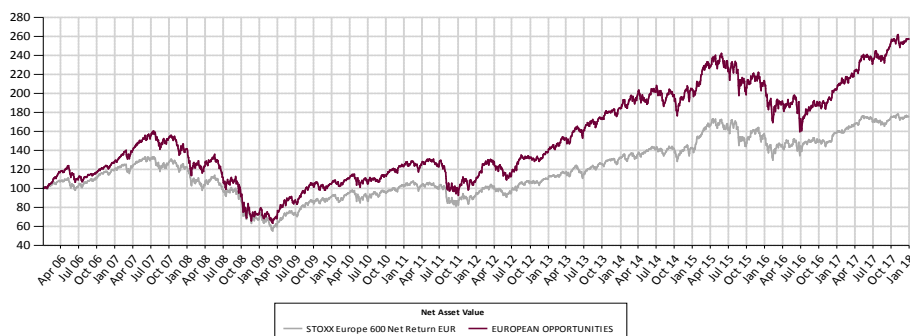
The fund performed strongly in December closing a remarkable year. The economic recovery gathered pace in Europe and the US while China remained at a high level. Importantly, PMIs improved despite worries that they might turn. Persistently low inflation rates suggest a moderate path to interest rate increases.

Within the fund, Glencore regained momentum after some volatility the previous month led by the strength in commodity prices with a brightening outlook in China. Wirecard sustained its upward trajectory reflecting the market views about its attractive business prospects and above-average growth profile. B&M Value Retail performed well on the back of rising expectations ahead of the Christmas trading period.

Conversely, Ryanair fell sharply after announcing that it would begin accepting union representation for its pilots. While this move has prevented industrial action during the Christmas period, it marks a fundamental shift from Ryanair's longstanding "no-unions" policy. The increase in unit labour cost is already priced in but it raises questions about flexibility. Auto names, Peugeot and Renault, were soft as investors fear that large markets will slow down after a stronger than expected 2017.

Robust business fundamentals and attractive valuations provide a positive environment for European equities. The speed of the tightening cycle and political developments will be key factors to watch in 2018.

Performance since Inception¹



| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2017 | 3.45% | 0.00% | 6.15% | 4.67% | 1.47% | -2.91% | 2.34% | 0.25% | 6.47% | 2.08% | -1.62% | 1.43% | 25.98% |
| 2016 | -9.34% | -2.02% | 1.08% | -0.45% | 4.08% | -14.34% | 8.19% | 1.49% | 2.14% | 0.05% | 2.23% | 5.22% | -3.82% |
| 2015 | 2.03% | 10.14% | -0.41% | 1.27% | 2.92% | -6.25% | 2.14% | -6.09% | -3.48% | 4.97% | 2.54% | -4.45% | 4.13% |
| 2014 | 1.07% | 5.23% | 1.41% | -2.19% | 2.04% | 1.06% | -2.95% | 1.86% | -0.24% | -1.76% | 4.64% | -0.13% | 10.15% |
| 2013 | 2.43% | 4.53% | 3.04% | 1.60% | 5.30% | -2.01% | 4.90% | -1.65% | 4.53% | 4.74% | 1.39% | 0.98% | 33.73% |
| 2012 | 8.50% | 8.17% | -0.67% | -2.00% | -8.61% | 3.17% | 8.42% | 3.85% | 0.18% | -1.31% | 1.74% | 4.75% | 27.81% |
| 2011 | 1.26% | 1.25% | -1.36% | 4.98% | 0.25% | -2.50% | -7.42% | -10.80% | -7.30% | 14.22% | -2.92% | -0.02% | -11.93% |
| 2010 | 0.37% | -0.45% | 5.41% | 0.38% | -4.06% | 0.38% | 2.12% | -1.70% | 6.16% | 4.53% | -2.25% | 5.83% | 17.34% |
| 2009 | -2.57% | -5.21% | 2.98% | 15.89% | 7.69% | -1.68% | 8.70% | 7.00% | 4.26% | -5.25% | -1.39% | 6.80% | 41.19% |
| 2008 | -13.08% | 0.98% | -0.79% | 3.93% | 1.50% | -14.21% | -4.59% | 2.69% | -14.43% | -15.51% | -5.29% | -0.95% | -47.63% |
| 2007 | 4.61% | 0.07% | 4.18% | 5.75% | 4.48% | -0.29% | 0.31% | -2.27% | 1.13% | 0.44% | -5.61% | -2.02% | 10.65% |

Key Data

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total Fund Assets (€ mn) | 2 615 |
| Fund | EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES |
| Legal Status | SICAV - UCITS V |
| Vehicle Type | PART 1 OF THE 2010 LAW |
| Fund Launch Date | 03/01/2006 |
| Fund Manager | ALKEN ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD. |
| Custodian | PICTET & CIE (EUROPE) S.A. |
| Benchmark | STOXX Europe 600 Net Return EUR |
| Cut-Off Subscriptions | 16:00 CET |
| Cut-Off Redemptions | 16:00 CET |
| Fund Status | Open |

| Shareclass | R | US2 | CH2 | US2H |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Share Launch Date | 03/01/2006 | 12/09/2013 | 27/08/2013 | 22/01/2015 |
| ISIN | LU0235308482 | LU0866838492 | LU0866838732 | LU1164021575 |
| Bloomberg Code | VANEOPR LX | ALKUS2A LX | ALKCH2A LX | AEOUS2H LX |
| Distribution Policy | ACC | ACC | ACC | ACC |
| Sub Settlement | T+4 | T+4 | T+4 | T+4 |
| Red Settlement | T+4 | T+4 | T+4 | T+4 |
| Management Fees | 1.50% | 1.50% | 1.50% | 1.50% |
| Performance Fees* | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Hedged | No | No | No | Yes |
| Min. Initial Investment | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

For other shareclasses in EUR, GBP, USD and CHF please refer to the fund prospectus

* Relative to the Benchmark, payable quarterly

Fund Performance Figures (Net)¹

| Performance | Fund | Benchmark | Difference |
|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| From Start | 157.32% | 75.44% | 81.88% |
| YTD | 25.98% | 10.58% | 15.41% |
| MTD | 1.43% | 0.72% | 0.71% |
| 1Y | 26.32% | 10.93% | 15.38% |
| 2Y | 20.52% | 11.32% | 9.20% |
| 3Y | 25.41% | 22.67% | 2.73% |
| 5Y | 87.09% | 60.16% | 26.93% |
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| 2013 | 33.73% | 20.79% | 12.94% |
| 2012 | 27.81% | 18.18% | 9.63% |
| 2011 | -11.93% | -8.61% | -3.33% |
| 2010 | 17.34% | 11.61% | 5.73% |
| 2009 | 41.19% | 32.39% | 8.80% |
| 2008 | -47.63% | -43.77% | -3.86% |
| 2007 | 10.65% | 2.07% | 8.58% |
| 2006 | 28.12% | 19.97% | 8.15% |



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Portfolio Breakdown

| Portfolio Concentration (Equity) | Exposure |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Top 10 Holdings | 53.72% |
| Top 20 Holdings | 76.13% |
| Total Holdings* | 54 |

* Includes all instrument types (equity, future, bond)

| Top Five Holdings (Long) | Exposure |
|--------------------------|----------|
| WIRECARD AG | 9.79% |
| PEUGEOT SA | 8.03% |
| VALEO SA | 7.83% |
| RENAULT | 6.88% |
| GLENCORE XSTRATA PLC | 4.97% |

| Market Capitalization (Long Book) | EUR | Exposure |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Small Cap | 0-1bn | 0.28% |
| Small-mid Cap | 1-2bn | 1.44% |
| Mid Cap | 2-5bn | 10.61% |
| Large Cap | >5bn | 86.61% |

| Performance Contributors | Contribution |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| GLENCORE XSTRATA PLC | 0.59% |
| WIRECARD AG | 0.31% |
| BM EUROPEAN VALUE RETAIL SA | 0.31% |

| Performance Detractors | Contribution |
|------------------------|--------------|
| RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC | -0.51% |
| PEUGEOT SA | -0.17% |
| RENAULT | -0.12% |

| Others | Exposure |
|--------|----------|
| Cash | 1.81% |
| Index | 0.00% |

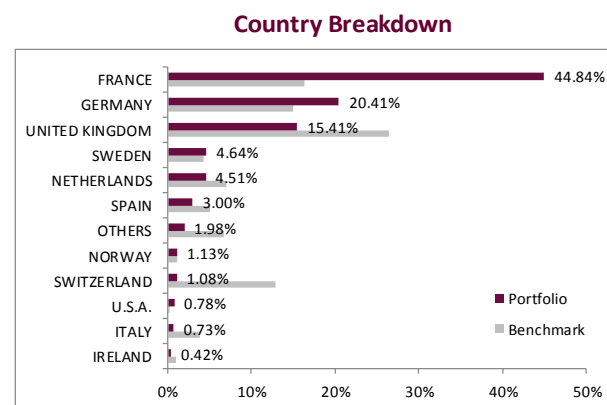
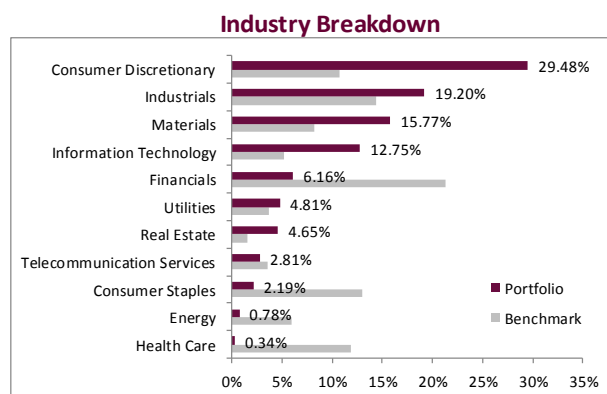
Exposure: end of month exposures

Risk Indicators (3 Year)

| Risk | Fund | Benchmark |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| Volatility | 20.07% | 17.02% |
| Alpha | 0.63% | |
| Beta | 1.08 | 1 |
| Correlation | 0.92 | 1 |
| Tracking Error | 8.11% | |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.52 | 0.53 |
| Information Ratio | 0.1 | |

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|--------------|--------|
| Active Share | 93.30% |
|--------------|--------|

Industry and Country Breakdown



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