

# Artemis US Select Fund



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Fund manager, since  
launch

Class R accumulation shares, EUR

January 2019

Data as of 31 December 2018

## The fund's aims

The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth by investing principally in the shares of companies listed, quoted or traded in the United States of America.

## Fund update

December was an extremely tough month for markets. The S&P 500 index fell by 9% (in US dollar terms). Thanks mainly to our cautious industry allocation, the fund outperformed.

Themes that had been present in the market for a couple of months intensified during December. Optimism about a trade deal with China waned somewhat and investors continued to obsess over the direction of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy. The market clearly believes that, given weaker growth globally and the real-world impact of disruption to trade, the US economy does not need any more increases to interest rates now. It is also very sensitive to the fact that – for the first time in history – the Federal Reserve is raising interest rates and reducing its bloated balance sheet at the same time. There is no precedent to allow us to judge what impact this will have on economic growth.

When there are significant moves in the market as we had in December, stock-specific issues are much less important than the type of stocks you own. The fund benefited from being significantly underweight banks and overweight utilities and software.

Our view is that the boost provided by fiscal stimulus in 2018 has played out in the economy and that tighter interest-rate policy together with uncertainties over trade mean that economic growth has peaked. We do not think that the economy is within 12 months of entering a recession, which in some sectors is already being discounted. That being said, we will be paying close attention to what the Fed does over the next six months, with particular focus on the impact on borrowing costs within the economy. We noted that corporate borrowing became significantly more expensive during December and will be looking at the credit

market to guide us on future economic risks.



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## Composition

### Top ten holdings

Microsoft	6.1%
Anthem	3.9%
Crown Castle Intl	3.6%
Visa	3.6%
Evergy	3.3%
Abbott Laboratories	3.2%
Pfizer	3.1%
NextEra Energy	3.1%
Progressive	2.9%
Unitedhealth Group	2.9%

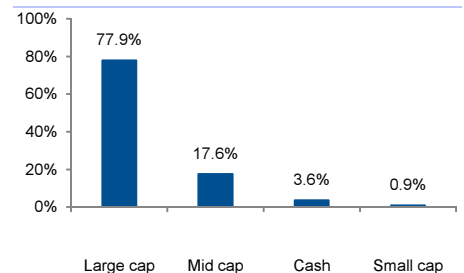
Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2018.

### Market sector split

Health Care	23.8%
Information Technology	22.1%
Consumer Discretionary	11.4%
Industrials	9.4%
Financials	9.2%
Communication Services	6.6%
Utilities	6.4%
Real Estate	5.0%
Energy	2.4%

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2018. Please note that figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding and the cash holding.

### Asset allocation



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## Performance

### Cumulative performance

	Since launch	1 year	6 months	3 months	1 month
Artemis US Select Fund	31.1%	1.4%	-6.6%	-13.2%	-9.0%
S&P 500 TR EUR	26.9%	0.4%	-4.9%	-12.1%	-9.9%

'Since launch' data from 1 April 2016. Source: Lipper Limited, mid to mid in euros to 31 December 2018. All figures show total returns with dividends reinvested.

### Discrete performance to year end

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
12 months to 31 December	1.4%	10.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a

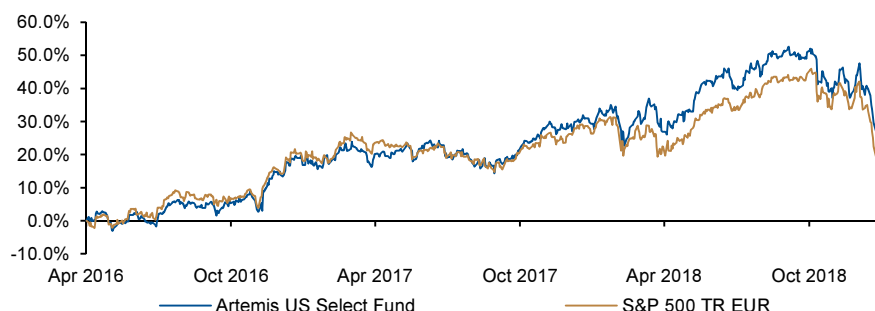
Please remember that past performance is not a guide to the future. Source: Lipper Limited, mid to mid in euros. All figures show total returns with dividends reinvested. As the share class was launched on 1 April 2016, complete five year performance data is not yet available. Returns may vary as a result of currency fluctuations if the investor's currency is different to that of the share class.

### Discrete performance to quarter end

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
12 months to 31 December	1.4%	10.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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### Percentage growth



Data from 1 April 2016. Source: Lipper Limited, mid to mid in euros to 31 December 2018. All figures show total returns with dividends reinvested.

### Key facts

Fund type	OEIC
Focus	Capital growth
Asset class	Equity
Regional focus	USA
IA sector	IA North America NR
SEDOL	BMMV4V3
ISIN	GB00BMMV4V36
Type	Accumulation
Class currency	EUR
Accumulation date	30 April
Valuation point (UK business days)	12:00
Year end	28 February
Fund launch date	19 September 2014
Class launch date	1 April 2016
Class launch price	100c
SRRI	5
Fund size (mid basis)	€1,098.0m

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2018.

### Prices and yield

Mid price	131.07c
Historic yield	0.00%

The historic yield reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

### Charges

Initial charge	0%
Ongoing charge	1.59%

The ongoing charge includes the annual management charge of 1.5% and is shown as at the date of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), where a full explanation of the fund's charges can be found.

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