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Portfolio manager: Fabio Riccelli

## Performance over month in EUR (%)

Fund 3.5 Market index 2.7

MSCI EUROPE (N)

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## Approach and Style

Fabio Ricelli is a stock picker with a growth bias who runs his fund on a completely bottom-up approach. He invests in European companies that are trading below their intrinsic value and focuses on those whose long-term growth potential is mispriced by the market. Fabio's emphasis is on structural, rather than cyclical, drivers of growth and concentrates on variables that are endogenous to the company rather than dependent on external factors. He always takes a long-term investment perspective and his portfolio turnover is typically low.

# **Market Environment**

European equities advanced on expectations that European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi will announce more stimulus measures to revive inflation and boost growth in the region. However, uncertainty prevailed due to rising geopolitical tensions as Turkey shot down a Russian fighter jet near the Syrian border. The increased likelihood of a first interest rate hike in nearly a decade by the US Federal Reserve also dampened overall market sentiment. Nonetheless, all sectors ended in positive territory, with industrials and technology gaining the most. Large-cap companies lagged their small and mid-cap peers, whereas growth stocks outperformed value companies. Macroeconomic data releases were positive during the month. The eurozone Markit Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 54.2 in November. The expansion in economic activity during the month was evenly distributed across the manufacturing and service sectors. The pace of manufacturing output growth also increased, with a substantial improvement in order books. New business in the service sector rose at the fastest pace in four-and-a-half years, while new manufacturing orders registered the fastest increase since April 2014. The German Ifo Business Climate Index also rose unexpectedly in November. Meanwhile, the eurozone Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) remained broadly stable, with increased confidence among consumers and in the services and construction sectors. Eurozone inflation remained at 0.1% in November, which further raised the prospects of fresh stimulus from the ECB.

### **Fund Performance**

The fund outperformed the index over the month. Industrials holdings rose strongly as the sector performed well. At a stock level, the position in credit services provider Experian rose amid good growth prospects. The firm has a high return business with very high barriers to entry. Experian is as preferred position in the portfolio as it is well-positioned to earn high incremental returns on its existing data assets through the opening up of new verticals and development of new products. An underweight stance in the materials sector also contributed strongly to relative returns. In particular, not holding BHP Billiton added relative value. Elsewhere, the holding in pharmaceuticals company Novo-Nordisk was among the top contributors to performance. The firm is exposed to positive demographic growth trends for diabetes. The position in blood plasma manufacturer Grifols also rose on the back of encouraging third quarter results. Conversely, the lack of exposure to the energy and telecommunications sectors detracted from relative returns as these sectors did well.

### **Fund Positioning**

The manager invests in quality growth companies that trade at an attractive price relative to their intrinsic value. These companies tend to have good long-term growth prospects, strong balance sheets and robust cash flow generation. He also looks for companies with low business risk. These are generally firms with good competitive positions and robust defensive buffers; companies that are well-positioned to deliver strong growth over the next 5–10 years, and where the market is undervaluing the business. This provides a margin of safety and minimises the downside risk in the portfolio. The sector allocation is a function of where the manager finds the most attractive investment opportunities at a stock level. However, he tends to gravitate towards those sectors that offer the greatest dispersion of returns; currently, health care, industrials and information technology. He is finding fewer opportunities in sectors that are generally more susceptible to macroeconomic influences and where correlations of returns are higher; particularly the energy, utilities and telecommunication services sectors. Three health care companies – Novo-Nordisk, Sanofi and Grifols – are among the top 10 holdings in the portfolio. Novo-Nordisk and Grifols operate in oligopolistic markets where they have a strong competitive position. Moreover, their long-term growth is being driven by secular drivers such as the spread of diabetes for Novo-Nordisk and the extension of treatment using plasma-based products for Grifols. Both companies are suppliers to structurally growing industries with high barriers to entry that are trading at attractive valuations. Among the other top holdings in the portfolio are software company SAP and credit rating company Experian.



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Currency of attribution Euro (EUR)
One month relative return (%) 0.97

Position Contribution (%)

TOP CONTRIBUTORS	Average Relative Weight	Relative Performance Contribution	TOP DETRACTORS	Average Relative Weight	Relative Performance Contribution
EXPERIAN PLC	5.0	0.47	SANOFI	3.6	-0.43
NOVO-NORDISK AS	5.2	0.27	WHITBREAD PLC	1.8	-0.17
SODEXO SA	1.3	0.17	CHRISTIAN DIOR SE	2.7	-0.17
GRIFOLS SA	4.6	0.15	BRENNTAG AG	1.7	-0.16
ASSA ABLOY AB	1.6	0.13	SONOVA HLDG AG	2.1	-0.13
VESTAS WIND SYSTEMS AS	1.0	0.13	AMADEUS IT HOLDING SA	2.3	-0.11
NOVARTIS AG	-2.5	0.11	DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG	1.7	-0.10
SARTORIUS AG	1.9	0.10	HERMES INTL SCA	1.2	-0.09
BHP BILLITON PLC	-0.4	0.10	BUREAU VERITAS SA	1.0	-0.08
ALTEN	1.3	0.09	ASTRAZENECA PLC	-1.0	-0.08

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## Sector/Industry Contribution (%)

1 month

## Country Contribution (%)

1 month

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELATIVE RETURN

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GICS Sector	Average Relative Weight	Security Selection	Sector/ Industry Selection	Total Relative Contribution		Average Relative Weight	Security Selection	Country Selection	Total Relative Contribution
Industrials	9.2	0.07	0.38	0.44	United Kingdom	-2.7	0.61	0.01	0.62
Materials	-1.9	0.07	0.21	0.28	Denmark	5.0	0.10	0.25	0.36
Information Technology	12.2	-0.08	0.21	0.13	Switzerland	-6.5	0.17	0.10	0.27
Health Care	10.6	-0.42	0.54	0.12	Spain	3.1	0.17	-0.06	0.11
Utilities	-3.9	0.00	0.09	0.09	Sweden	-2.5	0.12	-0.05	0.07
Consumer Staples	-8.6	0.01	0.08	0.08	Austria	0.0	-0.02	0.00	-0.02
Financials	-14.3	-0.11	0.13	0.02	Finland	-1.4	0.00	-0.03	-0.03
Consumer Discretionary	2.5	0.32	-0.33	-0.01	Ireland	-0.6	0.00	-0.03	-0.03
Energy	-6.8	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	Germany	3.7	-0.21	0.05	-0.16
Telecommunication Services	-5.1	0.00	-0.08	-0.08	France	3.7	-0.21	-0.04	-0.25
					Other Countries	-8.0	0.06	0.05	0.11
Index / Unclassified	4.4	-0.05	0.00	-0.05	Index / Unclassified	4.4	-0.05	0.00	-0.05
Total Primary Assets	-1.6	-0.19	1.19	1.01	Total Primary Assets	-1.6	0.73	0.27	1.01
Other*	1.6			-0.04	Other*	1.6			-0.04
TOTAL	0.0			0.97	TOTAL	0.0			0.97

 $<sup>^\</sup>star$ Other includes portfolio components not already listed such as cash, expenses and other miscellaneous items.

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