

Monthly Comment

The Alken Fund European Opportunities fell -1.0% in August against -5.0% for the Stoxx 600 benchmark. This brings the relative performance to 16.8% year to date.

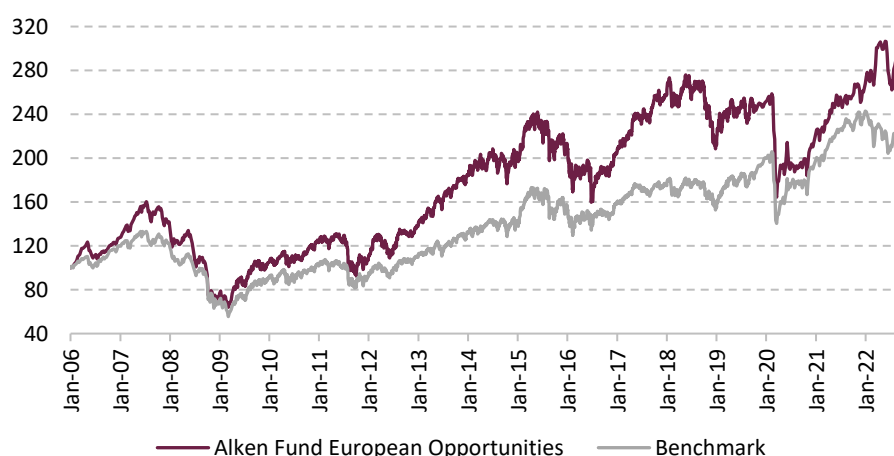
August market headlines revolved around the US Federal Reserve's outlook for monetary policy. The message was clear confirming that controlling inflation remains an absolute priority implying that the current tightening cycle will last longer even if that inflicts economic pain. Leading indicators continued to soften reflecting the impact of the ongoing economic headwinds.

The fund delivered a solid performance in a challenging month for markets driven by robust stock selection. Vallourec was the strongest contributor reflecting improving sentiment towards the business, which is set to benefit from an improving industry outlook and significant benefits of the restructuring plan. K+S AG rebounded underpinned by rising fertilizer prices driven by good demand and persistent supply constraints exacerbated by production cuts as soaring gas prices are causing significant cost pressures.

On the downside, UK retailer B&M European Value was under significant pressure as severe inflationary pressures are having a meaningful impact on the business. Future PLC was another detractor alongside the technology sector.

We remain cautious near term given escalating energy prices, particularly in Europe and rising financing costs, which are squeezing real disposable income and reducing consumer confidence and business activity. Under the current market conditions, we believe that having exposure to value names overlooked by investors will prove to be the best strategy to navigate a challenging environment.

Performance since inception ¹



(1) Performance of the R share class for the fund

Share Class	R	US2	CH2	US2H
NAV	278.19	121	134.38	147.88
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

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Investment Objective & Universe

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

Fund Facts

AuM:	EUR 386m
Benchmark:	STOXX Europe 600 Net Return EUR
Base Currency:	EUR
Legal Status:	UCITS
Domicile:	Luxembourg
Management Fee ¹ :	1.50%
Performance Fee ² :	10%
Settlement:	T+3
SFDR ³ :	Art.8

(1) Share Class R, US2, CH2, US2H

(2) Above reference benchmark

(3) Sustainable Financial Disclosure Regulation

Performance ¹	Fund	Benchmark
Since inception ²	178.2%	111.4%
YTD	3.8%	-13.0%
MTD	-1.0%	-5.1%
1Y	9.3%	-9.5%
3Y	15.3%	17.2%
5Y	17.2%	25.9%
2021	24.8%	24.9%
2020	-13.8%	-2.0%
2019	15.9%	26.8%
2018	-16.4%	-10.8%
2017	26.0%	10.6%

(1) Performance of the R share class for the fund

(2) 03 June 2006

Risk Indicators ¹	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	21.4%	19.5%
Alpha	2.0%	
Tracking Error	8.3%	
Information Ratio	0.2	
Active Share	94.8%	

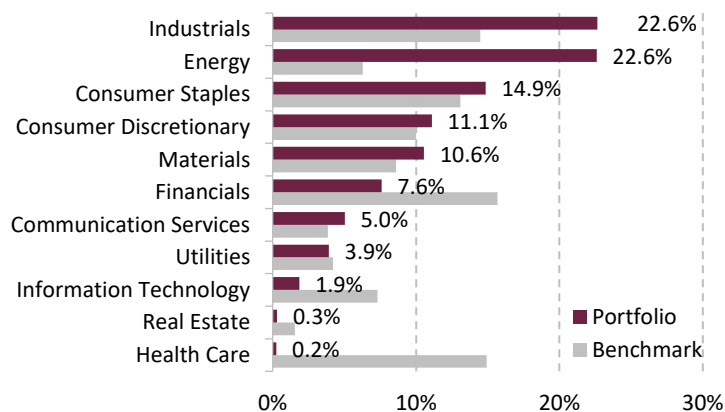
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Key Contributors	Exposure	Contribution
Energy (Single Stock)	4.6%	0.6%
Materials (Single Stock)	5.8%	0.5%
Energy (Single Stock)	2.7%	0.5%

Key Detractors	Exposure	Contribution
C. Discretionary (Single Stock)	2.2%	-0.4%
C. Services (Single Stock)	1.6%	-0.3%
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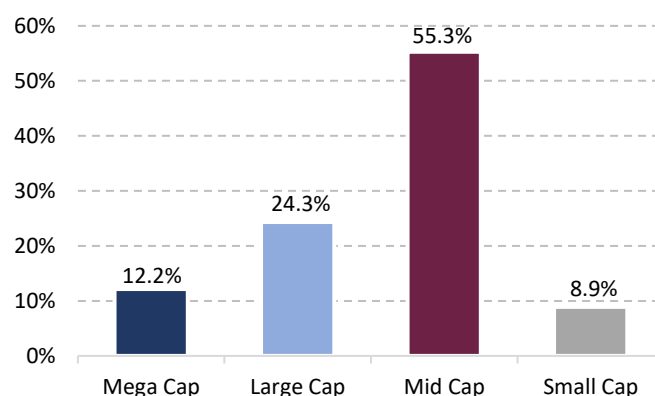
Top 5 Holdings	Exposure
Materials (Single Stock)	5.8%
Consumer Staples (Single Stock)	5.0%
Energy (Single Stock)	5.0%
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Energy (Single Stock)	4.6%

Sector Breakdown



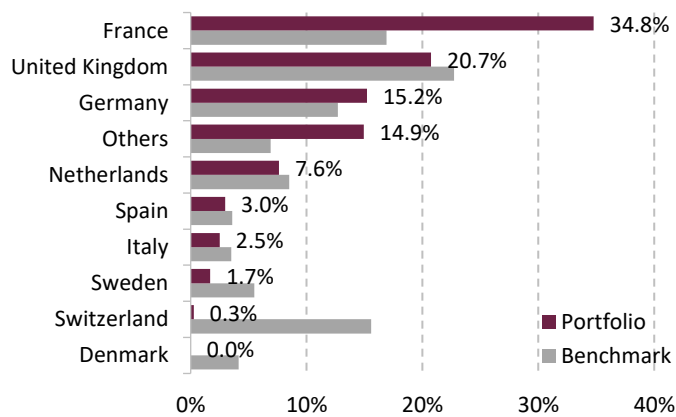
Concentration	Fund	Benchmark
Top 10 Holdings	43.4%	21.2%
Top 20 Holdings	69.6%	31.5%
Number of Holdings	59	600
Cash Holding	2.1%	

Market Capitalisation¹



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

Country Breakdown



Exposure: end of month exposures

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