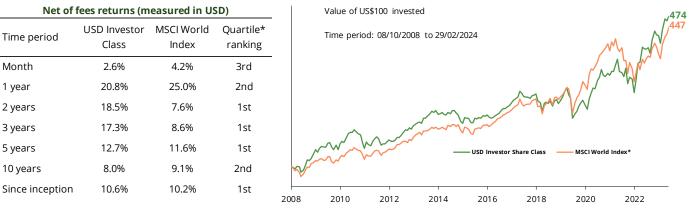
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\*Quartile ranking against the Morningstar Category 'EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Blend Equity'

# COMMENTARY

Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index (Total Return) has fallen 33% over the past 5 years, while the S&P500 Index is up 102%. We were not buying Chinese companies back then because the region was extremely popular. "Popular" often means "high prices" and paying high prices may work in the short-term if the momentum continues, but maths tells us that paying high prices depresses future returns over the long term.

Our investment style is to look for "diamonds in the dust", and so we have been increasing exposure to this out of favour region as we've found what we think are "diamonds". To be clear, we have not bought property companies, banks or insurance companies with exposure to property. Rather, we have been buying what we think are good businesses at great prices. It's starting to pay off because one of our largest contributors to February's performance was United Laboratories, a Hong Kong listed pharmaceutical company. It's a well-managed business with growing revenue and earnings, and priced at only 7x forward earnings.

In 2019, Chinese technology company Alibaba (another holding) was trading on a forward earnings multiple of 30x because of its growth outlook. The company has grown earnings since then, (slower than expected), and their net cash balance has almost tripled to \$94bn. Yet today you can buy it for 8x forward earnings.

The key concern most investors have with China is "political risk". But as 64 countries head to the polls in 2024, arguably the political risk in many developed countries is far higher.

Take the USA for example, where most investors have most of their equity exposure. The country is deeply divided with two aging politicians in the running - Biden (81) and Trump (77). At a company level, the Federal Trade Commission has multiple long-standing cases against the major technology companies, and in January launched new investigations into AI partnerships. If a recession arrives at a time of political change and division, or US-China relations deteriorate further with a Trump President, the backlash against many large US companies with Chinese exposure (Apple, Nvidia and Qualcomm) could be significant.

Yes, Chinese leadership has cracked down on technology companies in recent years (Ant Financial IPO cancelled in November 2020, online gaming restrictions in 2021), but these moves occurred prior to the recent deterioration of the Chinese property market. Technology companies and their start-ups are large employers, and in a tough economic market, this should count in their favour.

Political risk is always worth considering, but sometimes reality differs from perception. What we like about China is that risks are priced into the businesses we are buying, while some other markets little risk is priced in. **Page 1 of 4** 



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Sector allocation	Fund %	MSCI World Index %	Top 10 holdings		%	
Communication Services	15	8	Nippon Television		3.9	
Consumer Discretionary	22	11	Ebay		3.4	
Consumer Staples	13	7	Kroger		3.2	
Energy	7	4	ABN Amro		3.2	
Financials	19	15	Carrefour		3.2	
Health care	16	12	Albertsons		3.0	
Industrials	3	11	GSK Plc		3.0	
Information Technology	2	24	Petroleo Brasileiro		3.0	
Materials	0	4	Renault		2.9	
Real Estate	0	2	The United Laboratories		2.8	
Utilities	0	2				
Cash and equivalents	3	0	Geographic exposure	Fund %	MSCI World Index %	
			North America	19	73	
Fund information			South America	5	0	
Benchmark		World Index	Europe	36	18	
Fund size	\$179m		Japan	14	6	
Investment Manager		ore Fund Management Ltd	Other	23	3	
Management Company Administrator		Global Fund Managers	Cash and equivalents	3	0	
Administrator Depositary				Fund	MSCI World Index	
Website	www.ranmorefunds.com		Price-to-Earnings (T+1)	<u>- Funa</u> 6.8	18.2	
Cut-Off Time	5pm Irish time		Price-to-Book	0.9	3.2	
Valuation Point		rish time	Dividend yield T+1(%)	4.4	2.2	
Portfolio Manager (PM)	Sean f		Active Share (%)	99		
PM total remuneration	£150k		Source: Bloomberg			
			3-Year <sup>(1)</sup>	1-Year <sup>(2)</sup>	Latest <sup>(3)</sup>	
Fees (annualised figure	es)		%	%	%	
Investment Management			0.90	0.90	0.90	
Performance fee			Never	Never	Never	
Administration, Depositary, Legal, Manco fees etc.*			0.47	0.34	0.25	
Total Expense Ratio (TER)			1.37	1.24	1.15	
Transaction Costs (TCs) (varies with activity)			0.23	0.28	0.30	
Total Investment Charge (TIC)			1.60	1.52	1.45	

The TER is a measure of how much of the Fund's assets are relinquished as payments for services rendered in the administration of the Fund. Transaction Costs are a measure of the costs incurred in buying and selling the underlying assets of the Fund. Both the TER and TC are expressed as an annulaised percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund calculated over periods of

(1) Three years. TER measurement period 1March 2021- 29 February 2024. Average annualised NAV over measurement period \$84,893,048
(2) One year. TER measurement period 1March 2023 - 29 February 2024. Average NAV over measurement period \$105,888,726
(3) Latest month. TER measurement period 1 February 2024 - 29 February 2024. Average NAV over measurement period \$172,903,965 and TCs

calculated using average TCs over previous 3 months, annualised.

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Share Class	USD Investor	GBP Investor	EUR Investor	USD Advisor	USD Institutional	GBP Institutional
ISIN	IE00B746L328	IE00B61ZVB30	IE00B6ZCS539	IE00B6ZNY252	IE000CSTCY83	IE000WSZ17Z4
Bloomberg ticker	BLAGEUI ID	BLAGESI ID	BLAGEEI ID	BLAGEUR ID	BLAGUSI ID	BLAGGBI ID
Inception	8 Oct 2008	30 June 2010	30 June 2010	26 Jan 2011	24 Mar 2023	17 May 2023
Returns currency	USD	GBP	EUR	USD	USD	GBP
Month	2.6%	3.2%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%
1 year	20.8%	15.0%	18.2%	20.2%	N/A	N/A
2 years	18.5%	22.2%	20.8%	17.9%	N/A	N/A
3 years	17.3%	21.2%	21.7%	16.7%	N/A	N/A
5 years	12.7%	13.9%	13.9%	12.2%	N/A	N/A
10 years	8.0%	11.1%	10.6%	7.4%	N/A	N/A
Since inception	10.6%	10.6%	10.2%	7.0%	27.0%	20.7%

Performance (net of fees). Periods greater than 1 year are annualised returns. Annualised performance is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

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# Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

UCITS funds are required to calculate an OCF. It is a measure of the costs of operating the Fund. It is calculated in accordance with a methodology published by European regulators. The OCF of the Fund was 1.30%, calculated based on operating expenses of the Fund for the 12 month period ended 31/12/23 as a percentage of average Fund net assets of \$88.9m over the same period. The OCF includes all fund operating expenses for the USD, GBP and EUR investor classes, but excludes the 0.5% payable to the financial intermediary for the USD Advisor class.

The OCF figure is not applicable to the USD Institutional class. The Investment Manager has agreed with the Fund to rebate a portion, or all, of the Investment Management Fee attributable to the USD Institutional Class in order to facilitate the capping of the Capped Fees incurred by Shareholders in USD Institutional Class at an annualised 1.00%, subject to certain limitations. Please refer to the prospectus of the Fund for further details. The OCF methodoloy does not include broker commissions, which were an additional 0.22% over the aforementioned period.

### Fund details

The Fund's benchmark is the MSCI World Index, a broad global equity benchmark that represents large and mid-cap equity performance across 23 developed markets. It covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market cap in each country and does not offer exposure to emerging markets. Fund objective

The Fund is actively-managed and its investment objective is to putperform the MSCI World Index\* and to provide capital growth over a medium to long-term time horizon. The Investment Manager applies a bottom-up, "valued-based" research-driven stock picking method. Share class information

# The USD Advisor class carries an additional 0.5% p.a fee which is paid to the financial intermediary.

The Ranmore Global Equity Fund GBP and EUR classes are not currency hedged classes. The difference between the returns in these classes and the USD class is due only to changes in the GBP/USD and EUR/USD exchange rates over the measurement period.

Net Asset Value per Share prices shall be published on the Business Day immediately succeeding each Valuation Point on www.bloomberg.com Additional information on the Fund, including, but not limited to, Application Forms, the annual audited financial statements and the unaudited interim financial statements may be obtained, free of charge, from the Investment Manager at www.ranmorefunds.com

## South African investors

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Ranmore Global Equity Fund plc is an accumulation fund. As such, there have been no distributions over the past 12 months.

Highest return over any rolling 12-month period: 97.7%. Lowest return over any rolling 12-month period: (19.7%)

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestments and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the manager on request.

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of how much of the Fund's assets are relinquished as payments for services rendered in the administration of the Fund. Transaction Costs are a measure of the costs incurred in buying and selling the underlying assets of the Fund. Both the TER and TC are expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the Fund calculated over a period of three years on an annualised basis.

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A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the manager.

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Glossary of terms

Annualised performance : Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest & Lowest return : The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

NAV : The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.



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## **Risk and Reward Profile**

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

The Fund is in risk category 6 due to the historic performance of the NAV per share.

•Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

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