

Stewart Investors European (ex UK) All Cap Fund



Stewart Investors

Risk factors

Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. This product does not have a UK sustainable investment label as it does not have a non-financial sustainability objective. Its objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by following its investment policy and strategy.

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Investing involves certain risks including:

- > **The value of investments and any income from them may go down as well as up and are not guaranteed. Investors may get back significantly less than the original amount invested.**
- > **Specific region risk:** investing in a specific region may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries or regions. Investing in a larger number of countries or regions helps spread risk.
- > **Currency risk:** the Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund and could create losses. Currency control decisions made by governments could affect the value of the Fund's investments and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares.
- > **Smaller companies risk:** investments in smaller companies may be riskier and more difficult to buy and sell than investments in larger companies.

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For a full description of the terms of investment and the risks please see the Prospectus and Key Information Document.

If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of our funds for your investment needs, please seek investment advice.

A portfolio of high-quality, European (ex UK) listed companies contributing to a more sustainable world

This portfolio invests in companies that we consider to be the very best sustainability companies in Europe. These businesses have strong and competitive franchises, exceptional people and distinctive cultures, and resilient financials. Individually and collectively they are solving difficult problems, meeting critical needs, and helping bring about a more sustainable future.

By focusing on the highest quality and best sustainability companies in Europe, we believe we can offer an exciting portfolio that stands out from the crowd.

Key facts

Fund launch date	25 January 2022
Strategy size	GBP 4.68 million
Vehicle	OEIC
Portfolio co-managers	Lorna Logan Rob Harley
Investment team	13 analysts
Number of companies	30-45 (current 38)
Market capitalisation	All Cap
Investment horizon	5-10+ years
Active share	92%
Name turnover	15%
Comparator benchmark	MSCI Europe ex UK Index
Annual management charge	Early bird fee: 0.30% Standard fee: 0.55%
Estimated ongoing charge figure (OCF)	Early bird fee: 0.40% Standard fee: 0.65% (maximum capped)
Currencies available	GBP*

*EUR and USD share classes are available to launch.

Why invest in European companies?

- > Europe is home to some of the highest quality companies in the world – companies whose long-term growth potential is directly linked to their ability to make the world more sustainable.
- > Europe has a high concentration of leading companies in sectors such as healthcare, industrials, clean energy and information technology. Many of these businesses have long-term growth drivers, large addressable markets, international reach and recognition, broad exposure to both developed and emerging markets around the world, and diversified revenues.
- > Europe also has a large, varied and liquid universe of equities. Share buybacks and financial engineering are less prevalent in Europe than in some other parts of the world, and the region continues to have a strong dividend culture.
- > Social norms, economic incentives and regulations in many European countries provide an enabling environment for companies that aspire to lead on sustainability issues and bring sustainable technologies to local and international markets.

Read our articles [Reasons to invest in Europe](#) and [Is Europe leading the way in sustainable business?](#)

Our approach to sustainable investing

Our process is deeply qualitative, based on fundamental, bottom-up research and analysis of the [sustainability](#) positioning of companies. We meet regularly with management teams, conduct site visits and commission third-party research. Our assessment of company sustainability focuses on:

- 1 Sustainability positioning of products and services
- 2 Quality of management and treatment of all stakeholders
- 3 Operational performance and environmental and social impacts
- 4 Ability to navigate sustainability headwinds and tailwinds, e.g. changing regulations and consumer trends

Engagement

We invest time and energy in [engaging](#) and encouraging companies to improve their sustainability practices and product offerings.

Voting

We do not outsource voting decisions or any part of the engagement process; this is a core part of our role.

Exclusions

We have a detailed [exclusions policy](#) explaining the sectors and sorts of companies we will never invest in.

Impact reporting

We provide full transparency of all holdings and investment rationales on [our website](#), including the contribution companies are making towards climate solutions, human development or the Sustainable Development Goals. A copy of our climate change statement is available on [our website](#).

Portfolio and strategy characteristics

Investment objective

Achieve attractive long-term capital growth and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Investment universe

European (excluding UK) companies from across the full market capitalisation spectrum.

Investment strategy

Long-only, fundamental, bottom-up analysis and investment in high-quality companies well positioned to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable development.

Investment horizon

Long term, seeking to hold companies for 5-10 years, if not longer.

Portfolio

Unconstrained all-cap portfolio. Relatively concentrated: 30-45 companies. High conviction: top 10 expected to account for 30-40% of assets.

Read more about our approach to investing on our [website](#)

Top 10 holdings

Company	Country	Sector	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
Roche Holding Ltd	Switzerland	Health Care	5.3	0.1
Nexans SA	France	Industrials	4.0	-
ASSA ABLOY AB Class B	Sweden	Industrials	3.9	0.4
bioMerieux SA	France	Health Care	3.9	0.1
DiaSorin SpA	Italy	Health Care	3.8	0.0
EPAM Systems, Inc.	USA	Information Technology	3.6	-
Adyen NV	Netherlands	Financials	3.4	0.4
Jeronimo Martins, SGPS S.A.	Portugal	Consumer Staples	3.4	0.1
Atlas Copco AB	Sweden	Industrials	3.3	0.8
Dino Polska SA	Poland	Consumer Staples	3.2	-
			37.8	1.8

Data shown is for the Stewart Investors European (ex UK) All Cap Fund (ICVC) and the MSCI Europe ex UK Index. Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Any stocks held/listed in non-index countries have economic activity >50% from European economies.

Performance review

Discrete annual performance Class B accumulation shares %	12 months to 31-Dec-23*	12 months to 31-Dec-24*
Stewart Investors European (Ex UK) Sustainability B GBP Acc (Net of fees)	8.4	-10.5
MSCI AC Europe Ex UK Index (Net)	14.8	1.9

Annualised performance over periods Class B accumulation shares %	Since launch	1 year
Stewart Investors European (Ex UK) Sustainability B GBP Acc (Net of fees)	-1.9	-10.5
MSCI AC Europe Ex UK Index (Net)	5.4	1.9

These figures refer to the past. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. For investors based in countries with currencies other than GBP, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Source: Lipper IM / Stewart Investors. Performance data is calculated on a net basis by deducting fees incurred at fund level (e.g. the management fee and other fund expenses), save that it does not take account of initial charges or switching fees (if any). Income reinvested is included on a net of tax basis. Source for MSCI Europe ex UK index - FactSet, income reinvested net of tax. Since launch performance calculated from 25 January 2022.

The Fund's performance is compared against the value of the MSCI Europe ex UK Index and IA Europe ex UK Sector. The benchmark and sector has been identified as a means by which investors can compare the Fund's performance and have been chosen because its constituents most closely represent the scope of the Fund's investable assets. The benchmark and sector are not used to limit or constrain how the Fund's portfolio is constructed, nor are they part of a target set for the Fund's performance.

*Under Financial Conduct Authority regulations, we are required to show performance for five complete 12-month periods however, performance for this fund does not exist for all five 12-month periods. Any stocks held/listed in non-index countries have economic activity >50% from European economies.

Investment rationales

High-quality discount food retailer



Jerónimo Martins

Jerónimo Martins operates high-quality, low-cost supermarkets across Poland, Portugal and Columbia. The company is over 230 years old and majority owned and stewarded by the Dos Santos family. Over 90% of their food products are sourced from local farmers, enabling them to expand their offering of healthy, fresh and organic foods. They have reformulated products to ensure lower sugar and salt content, and aim to halve the food waste they generate by 2030. A strong balance sheet enables them to pursue their international expansion ambitions.

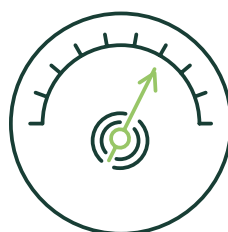
Global leader in biologic drugs and diagnostics



Roche

Roche is a global leader in biologic drugs for cancer, MS and rare diseases, and is increasingly moving into new areas such as obesity and inflammatory conditions. It has also built a world-leading diagnostics business, and is investing behind new growth platforms such as next generation sequencing and blood glucose monitoring. The company is majority owned by the Oeri and Hoffman families, who provide long-term stewardship.

Gas detection and analysis



Inficon

Inficon is a global leader in gas detection systems for semi-conductor, electric vehicle and renewable energy manufacturing processes. Their sensors and software contribute to reduced air, water and soil pollution, greater safety and efficiency of manufacturing processes, methane measurement in landfill sites and gas leak detection in batteries. The company is majority owned by the Frey Family and has an impressive, long-term focused management team.

Laboratory automation and medical diagnostics



Tecan

Tecan is a global leader in laboratory automation devices and software for the life sciences and diagnostics sectors. Their products are used to support drug development, personalised medicine, diagnostics and genetic testing. Their tools help to increase sample throughput, minimise errors and improve productivity. The company generates healthy recurring revenues and has strong growth potential through geographic expansion, acquisitions and alliances, and new product development.

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