

FUND FACTSHEET

# GF EUROPEAN STRATEGIC EQUITY FUND

A4 Acc EUR Class

Covering the month of December 2024

## THE FUND

The Fund has been managed since launch in April 2014 by James Inglis-Jones and Samantha Gleave. The fund managers seek to deliver a positive absolute return over the long term by taking long and short positions, primarily in European equities. The Fund buys companies that can generate strong cash returns from their capital and appear cheap on these cash flows and shorts companies that are both expensive and struggling to generate cash.

## THE TEAM



James Inglis-Jones Samantha Gleave

## FUND INFORMATION

Fund launch date	15.02.12
Class launch date	25.04.14
Fund size <sup>^</sup>	€195.3m
Number of holdings	136
Historic yield <sup>^^</sup>	0.00%
Ex-dividend date	1 Jan
Distribution date	N/A
Min initial investment	€1,000
Min additional investment	€1,000
Sedol code	BLG2W00
Bloomberg code	LGFGSA4 ID
ISIN code	IE00BLG2W007

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<sup>^</sup>Fund AUM shown is in the base currency of the fund.  
<sup>^^</sup>Historic Yield: This calculates the income distributions made by the fund over the past 12 months as a percentage of fund value or unit price.

**KEY RISKS:** Past performance does not predict future returns. You may get back less than you originally invested. Further Key Risks can be found on the last page.

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Liontrust GF European Strategic Equity Fund	-0.1%	3.5%	5.2%	18.5%	18.5%	42.1%	70.0%	139.9%
MSCI Europe	-0.5%	-2.7%	-0.4%	8.6%	8.6%	13.8%	37.7%	98.1%
HFRX Equity Hedge EUR	-0.5%	0.0%	1.7%	6.2%	6.2%	5.3%	20.3%	19.2%

## DISCRETE YEARS' PERFORMANCE (%)

	Dec 24	Dec 23	Dec 22	Dec 21	Dec 20
Liontrust GF European Strategic Equity Fund	18.5%	1.4%	18.3%	32.9%	-10.0%
MSCI Europe	8.6%	15.8%	-9.5%	25.1%	-3.3%
HFRX Equity Hedge EUR	6.2%	4.7%	-5.2%	11.0%	2.9%

## PERFORMANCE SINCE CLASS LAUNCH DATE (%)



## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Liontrust GF European Strategic Equity Fund	1.4%	18.3%	32.9%	-10.0%	23.2%	-7.1%	4.2%	4.8%	6.1%	-
MSCI Europe	15.8%	-9.5%	25.1%	-3.3%	26.0%	-10.6%	10.2%	2.6%	8.2%	-
HFRX Equity Hedge EUR	4.7%	-5.2%	11.0%	2.9%	8.5%	-12.3%	7.8%	-1.7%	-3.1%	-

Source for all performance data stated above: Financial Express & Morningstar, as at 31.12.24, total return, net of fees, income reinvested. All performance numbers shown relate to the class, and where the fund has launched prior to the share class, factsheets demonstrating the longer-term performance of the fund are available

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## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Long	Short	Net
Consumer Discretionary	37.6%	-3.3%	34.2%
Financials	17.2%	-0.4%	16.7%
Communication Services	12.3%	-0.6%	11.7%
Industrials	13.4%	-6.8%	6.6%
Information Technology	10.6%	-5.2%	5.4%
Materials	4.8%	-1.9%	2.9%
Real Estate	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%
Health Care	2.9%	-3.4%	-0.5%
Index Future	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.6%
Energy	0.0%	-1.2%	-1.2%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	-2.2%	-2.2%
Utilities	0.0%	-2.8%	-2.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>69.8%</b>

## MARKET CAPITALISATION BREAKDOWN (%)

	Long	Short	Net
Large Cap (>€ 10bn)	55.8%	-2.7%	53.2%
Mid Cap (€ 1bn - € 10bn)	39.9%	-15.3%	24.6%
Small Cap (<€ 1bn)	3.0%	-10.4%	-7.3%
Other	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>69.8%</b>

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)

	Long	Short	Net
United Kingdom	28.2%	-4.9%	23.2%
United States	12.4%	-3.6%	8.8%
Spain	9.1%	-0.6%	8.5%
Sweden	11.1%	-2.6%	8.5%
Norway	8.5%	-1.8%	6.7%
France	8.0%	-2.8%	5.2%
Denmark	5.4%	-0.4%	5.0%
Finland	2.8%	0.0%	2.8%
Belgium	2.4%	-0.2%	2.2%
Italy	3.8%	-1.9%	1.9%
Netherlands	2.7%	-0.8%	1.9%
Switzerland	2.2%	-1.9%	0.3%
Ireland	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Canada	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Portugal	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Austria	0.0%	-0.7%	-0.7%
Germany	2.2%	-6.0%	-3.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>69.8%</b>

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

Kongsberg Gruppen ASA	5.5%
InterContinental Hotels Group PLC	4.9%
Industria de Diseno Textil, S.A.	4.1%
UniCredit S.p.A.	3.8%
Booking Holdings Inc.	3.8%
Betsson AB	3.5%
AJ Bell plc	3.5%
Pandora A/S	3.4%
Gamma Communications plc	3.3%
Hermes International SCA	3.2%

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## CHARGES

Initial charge	Up to 5.00%***
Ongoing Charges Figure*	1.71%
Included within the OCF is the Annual Management Charge**	1.50%
Performance fees	20% with high watermark. Hurdle rate applies

\*The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers all aspects of operating a fund during the course of its financial year. These include the annual charge for managing the fund, administration and independent oversight functions, such as trustee, depository, custody, legal and audit fees and the ongoing costs of underlying investments including open and closed ended collective investment schemes. The OCF excludes portfolio transaction costs except for an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another fund. This will have an impact on the realisable value of the investment, particularly in the short term. \*\*These are the annual costs of running and managing the Fund. \*\*\*This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested. A performance fee of 20% is calculated and accrued at each valuation point. Payment is subject to the Fund's net asset value exceeding an Adjusted Prior Net Asset Value which is a High Water Mark adjusted by any new subscriptions or redemptions and a 4% hurdle per calendar year. No Performance Fee will be payable with respect to a Fund class in any Performance Period unless such class has recovered any accumulated underperformance for previous Performance Periods. Any performance fees are only payable on the positive difference between the NAV and the Adjusted Prior Net Asset Value. In the 2023 calendar year the performance fee ranged from 0.00% to 0.24% depending on the share class.

## RISK RATIOS

Annualised over three years	
Alpha	12.53%
Beta	0.04
Information Ratio	0.52
Annualised over five years	
Portfolio volatility	14.17%
Benchmark volatility	18.01%

Where the Fund has a short track record, the ratios shown may be based upon the historic data of the Fund as well as a representative fund or the ratio may be calculated over a shorter time period. Calculated monthly.

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE



- The Fund is categorised 4 primarily for its exposure to Developed European equities along with a number of derivative positions.
- The SRI may not fully take into account the following risks:
  - that a company may fail thus reducing its value within the Fund;
  - overseas investments may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of the Fund.
- Credit Counterparty Risk: the fund uses derivative instruments that may result in higher cash levels. Outside of normal conditions, the Fund may choose to hold higher levels of cash. Cash may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks) or in shortdated bonds. A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.
- Liquidity Risk: the fund may encounter liquidity constraints from time to time. The spread between the price you buy and sell shares will reflect the less liquid nature of the underlying holdings.
- ESG Risk: there may be limitations to the availability, completeness or accuracy of ESG information from third-party providers, or inconsistencies in the consideration of ESG factors across different third party data providers, given the evolving nature of ESG.
- The Fund's volatility limits are calculated using the Value at Risk (VaR) methodology. In high interest rate environments the Fund's implied volatility limits may rise resulting in a higher risk indicator score. The higher score does not necessarily mean the Fund is more risky and is potentially a result of overall market conditions.
- Investors in share classes with a performance fee will pay a variable performance fee amount that is based on the performance of the underlying share class, which is likely to result in different total fees being charged each year and, during periods of outperformance, higher total fees than that of a share class with no performance fee. A performance fee may be payable in case the share class has outperformed its benchmark but had a negative performance.

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## KEY RISKS

Past performance does not predict future returns. You may get back less than you originally invested. We recommend this fund is held long term (minimum period of 5 years). We recommend that you hold this fund as part of a diversified portfolio of investments.

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