

THE WS ARDTUR CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN FUND

All Cap Continental European Equities

Long Only UCITS Fund

February 2024 Factsheet | £ R Share Class

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FUND FACTS¹

£ R Acc Class	1,696.55
£ I Inc Class	256.63
£ I Acc Class	303.20
£ P R Class	232.01
£ P I Class	236.22
Fund Size	£191 million
Manager AUM	£826 million
Fund Inception	23 Apr 1997
Class Inception	23 Apr 1997
Fund Type	UK Long Only UCITS
Comparators	Primary: MSCI Daily TR Net Europe Ex UK GBP
Base Currency	£

PERFORMANCE (GBP%)

	1-month	3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	YTD	Since Inception	CAGR since Inc.
Fund	(2.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	43.7	74.4	(4.3)	1,868.0	11.7
MSCI Daily TR Net Europe ex UK	2.7	7.6	9.9	30.2	56.3	3.0	544.1	7.2
Relative	(4.7)	(7.7)	(10.0)	13.6	18.1	(7.3)	1,324.0	4.6

DISCRETE YEARLY PERFORMANCE

	1-year to	28 Feb 20	26 Feb 21	28 Feb 22	28 Feb 23	29 Feb 24
Fund		(7.4)	31.1	9.2	31.8	(0.1)
MSCI Daily TR Net Europe ex UK		6.1	13.2	8.4	9.3	9.9
Relative		(13.5)	17.9	0.8	22.5	(10.0)

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Index YTD ²
2024	(2.3)	(2.0)											(4.3)	3.0
2023	8.2	4.6	(4.0)	0.5	(4.6)	1.3	4.2	0.0	2.3	(2.8)	3.6	4.3	18.0	14.8
2022	3.9	(4.9)	5.8	(3.4)	7.7	(10.8)	0.6	0.8	(2.9)	8.7	8.3	2.4	15.1	(7.6)
2021	(4.4)	9.1	5.4	3.2	3.6	(2.4)	(2.4)	2.7	3.3	0.5	(6.8)	3.6	15.3	16.7
2020	(5.4)	(7.0)	(17.2)	13.1	4.0	4.1	(1.4)	4.5	(5.4)	(4.5)	29.3	3.0	10.6	7.4
2019	(0.5)	(1.7)	1.2	1.5	0.8	2.2	0.7	0.8	(1.0)	(2.4)	0.2	1.1	2.8	20.0
2018	(0.4)	(2.0)	0.0	4.0	(0.2)	0.8	3.5	(0.7)	1.5	(3.5)	2.0	(4.0)	0.6	(9.9)
2017	0.1	(1.8)	3.1	0.3	8.3	(1.3)	3.5	4.0	(0.6)	1.7	0.8	(0.9)	18.3	15.9
2016	(1.0)	1.3	2.6	(2.4)	0.1	3.8	2.8	3.5	0.3	6.0	(5.8)	3.1	14.5	18.6
2015	4.0	0.2	1.9	(1.9)	1.0	(5.3)	3.2	(3.3)	(0.5)	0.8	0.6	2.3	2.6	5.1
2014	(4.2)	7.4	(2.5)	(3.4)	(0.9)	(1.8)	(3.2)	0.1	(0.2)	(0.5)	4.0	(3.3)	(8.6)	(0.7)
2013	8.6	1.9	(0.5)	1.1	6.2	(1.4)	8.8	(2.2)	3.2	5.2	0.7	1.7	37.9	25.3
2012	2.3	4.3	(0.5)	(4.4)	(5.7)	1.7	2.5	2.6	3.1	2.5	3.9	2.3	14.8	16.0
2011	(4.5)	0.7	2.1	3.0	(0.7)	1.7	(5.2)	(9.4)	(9.5)	4.5	(4.9)	2.6	(19.2)	(14.6)
2010	(4.0)	1.6	7.1	(2.4)	(7.3)	(1.1)	3.3	(4.4)	13.3	3.9	1.9	8.0	19.7	4.8
2009	(10.1)	(4.9)	(1.1)	4.0	5.7	(5.1)	1.9	11.7	8.8	(8.4)	0.4	2.6	3.0	18.0
2008	(5.3)	4.8	0.7	2.9	3.2	(3.7)	(3.6)	(0.3)	(10.1)	(4.8)	1.1	14	(2.9)	(24.6)
2007	1.1	(0.6)	5.3	4.9	2.4	(3.8)	(1.9)	(3.3)	4.8	2.4	(0.7)	4.6	15.5	14.7
2006	5.8	1.2	4.3	1.0	(8.4)	0.5	0.4	0.8	3.8	1.3	1.0	3.4	15.5	18.9
2005	1.9	6.7	(3)	(3.6)	3.2	4.2	7.2	1.4	6.0	(7.0)	4.5	3.6	26.8	23.2
2004	(1.5)	1.8	(0.2)	(1.2)	(2.0)	3.0	(0.1)	2.0	4.3	1.4	5.1	2.8	16.0	13.4
2003	(1.9)	2.7	(3.1)	5.0	4.9	(1.0)	3.1	4.7	(2.3)	2.5	2.2	3.1	21.1	28.6
2002	2.8	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.8	(5.1)	(8.3)	0.4	(3.8)	(0.8)	7.4	(4.5)	3.6	(28.0)
2001	(0.6)	(0.6)	(7.6)	4.4	(2.0)	(1.4)	0.4	(0.4)	(7.9)	4.8	9.8	1.4	(1.1)	(19.5)
2000	(1.7)	8.0	(2.3)	(2.6)	3.9	0.5	(0.1)	3.3	(4.3)	(1.7)	4.4	0.3	7.1	(0.9)
1999	1.2	(1.2)	(2.3)	5.7	(2.2)	3.6	1.3	1.8	(5.5)	1.3	6.1	13.1	23.9	20.5
1998	6.9	9.6	13.4	2.5	9.1	(4.6)	8.2	(11.9)	(1.9)	4.2	4.2	(1.4)	42	31.3
1997				1.2	2.5	6.2	2.8	(2.6)	7.4	(5.8)	(1.4)	5.7	16.3	16.4

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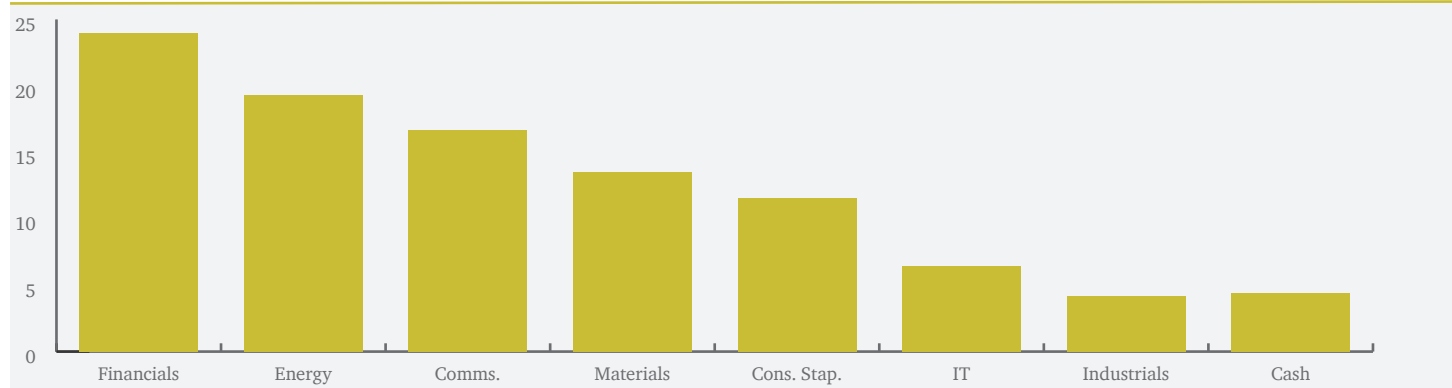
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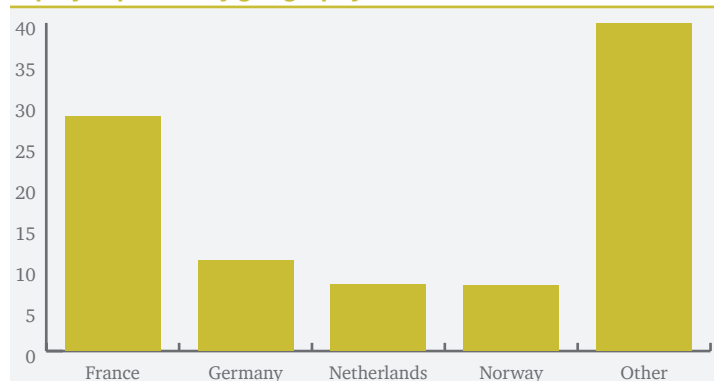
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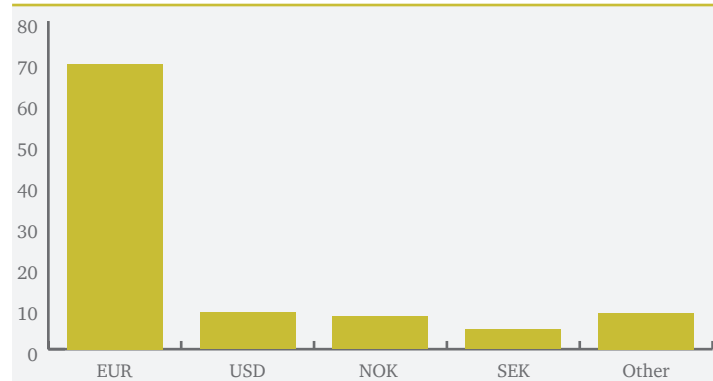
Equity exposure by sector



Equity exposure by geography



Currency exposure



Top 10 positions

	%
Orange	7.8
Shell	6.5
Deutsche Bank	6.2
TOTAL	6.0
BNP Paribas	5.9
ArcelorMittal	5.5
Ericsson	4.8
BASF	4.8
Noble Corporation	4.7
Carrefour	4.6

Statistics

	1-year	3-year	5-year	Inception
Fund annual s.dev.	10.5	15.4	21.6	16.3
Index ² annual s.dev.	10.4	12.5	14.3	17.5
Alpha	-0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5
Beta	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.7
Correlation	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8
Sharpe Ratio	-0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5
Information Ratio	-1.0	0.3	0.2	0.4
Tracking Error	9.0	12.5	14.0	11.2

Note: Waystone Management (UK) Limited appointed as the Authorised Corporate Director in 2002. Allocation figures are taken at close of business whereas Fund performance is taken at 12pm. Equity exposure includes all equity related instruments. Currency exposure relates to exposure of all assets held by the fund including any forward currency positions. Equity exposure as classified by GICS. The fund was renamed effective 8th February 2021 from LF Odey Continental European Fund to LF Brook Continental European Fund. The fund was renamed effective 15th September 2023 from LF Brook Continental European Fund to WS Ardtur Continental European Fund. All performance in GBP.

Source: All sources, unless otherwise stated, are S.W. Mitchell Capital internal unaudited data and refer to the £ R share class – this share class is closed to new investors but is used for purposes of the track record of the fund – please refer to the ‘Investor Information’ section for other share classes available. All data shown as at 29-Feb-2024. ¹Waystone Management (UK) Limited calculation is on a NAV basis with net income reinvested – the share class prices refer to NAV per share. ²MSCI Daily TR Net Europe Ex UK.

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The WS Ardtur Continental European Fund (“The Fund”) aims to achieve long term capital appreciation through investing primarily in quoted securities issued by companies with principal offices in Continental Europe. The Fund may also invest in a broad spread of equities but the fund may also invest in government bonds, other fixed interest securities and preferred stocks.

APPROACH

The Fund is a concentrated European (ex-UK) long-only equity strategy harnessing the expertise and judgement of the portfolio manager Oliver Kelton and the S.W. Mitchell Capital research team. Oliver undertakes a rigorous program of meetings (>500 per year) with company management, industry specialists and local brokers to identify opportunities where a company’s competitive position, industry dynamics and cash generation will drive strong share price performance. The Fund is built without formal reference to an index and typically holds 20-40 mid and large cap European companies. At times, the Fund may also hold high cash levels.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

This Fund has considerable latitude over its asset allocation and may own sophisticated instruments such as futures and options for efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. The Fund is suitable only for investors who have a long time horizon (>5 years) and can tolerate medium to high risk. Investors may not get back all the money invested and an investment in this Fund should only form part of an investor’s total portfolio. Investors should discuss the suitability of this Fund with their professional adviser.

Investor information			
Share classes	£R, £I (Acc. & Inc.), £PR Acc, £PI Acc	Minimum investment	PR Acc £5,000, PI Acc £1m, I & R (Acc & Inc.) £50m
Trade date	Daily	Dividends	Income and Accumulation share classes available
Dealing	Forward to 12pm	Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)	Waystone Management (UK) Limited
Valuation	12pm	Auditor	Ernst & Young LLP
Front end fee	Up to 4%	Depository	The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited
Ongoing charge	£R Acc 1.71%, £I Acc 1.21%, £I Inc 1.21%, £PI Acc 1.02%, £PR Acc 1.52%	Price reporting	Prices published daily Bloomberg and by other third party data providers.
Investment management fee	£R Acc 1.39%, £I Acc 0.89%, £I Inc 0.89%, £PI Acc 0.70%, £PR Acc 1.20%	ISIN	I Acc. GB00B4Z7BS85, I Inc. GB00B3Q2J367, R Acc GB0031831570, PR Acc GB00BYX3YW33, PI Acc GB00BYX3YX40
Anti-dilution fee	May apply up to 0.75% to NAV if large deals (typically >5%) occur	SEDOL	I Acc. B4Z7BS8, I Inc. B3Q2J36, R Acc 3183157, PR Acc BYX3YW, PI Acc BYX3YX4
Performance fee	£PR & £PI - 20% of the relative performance over and above the MSCI Daily TR Net Europe Ex UK index. Fees crystallise annually. Losses carried forward.		

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Glossary of terms

Please refer to the fund's prospectus for detailed information. Some terms listed are not relevant for every fund. This document is intended for use by individuals who are not familiar with investment terminology. Please contact Brook if you need an explanation of these terms.

Absolute return: The return that an asset/fund achieves over a period of time looking at the appreciation or depreciation (expressed as a percentage) that the asset/fund achieves.

Acc/Accumulation class: A share class which accumulates and reinvests net investment income and net realised capital gains and does not pay dividends.

Active currency exposure: The percentage of a fund's assets which are invested in a particular currency.

Administrator: The specialist entity who maintains the register of shares, provides fund valuation and accounting services.

AIF: Alternative Investment Fund as regulated by the Alternative Fund Management Directive.

Alpha: A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis, often seen as the active return on an investment.

Anti-dilution fee/levy: A fee levied by a fund on investors buying/selling shares to protect current shareholders from the dealing costs incurred when paying out or taking in clients.

Asset class: A group of securities that exhibits similar characteristics, behaves similarly in the marketplace and is subject to the same laws and regulations. The three main asset classes are equities (or stocks); fixed income, or bonds and cash equivalents, or money market instruments.

Base currency: Each fund has a base currency and this is the currency which the fund uses to calculate its net asset value.

Beta: A measure of the fund's volatility in comparison to its benchmark.

CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) is the rate at which the fund/benchmark has grown on an annual basis to reach the current performance since inception.

Capital growth/appreciation: Capital growth is measured on the basis of the current value of the asset or investment, in relation to the amount originally invested in it.

Commodity: A physical substance (such as food, grain, metal) which investors buy and sell through futures contracts.

Comparative/Index/Benchmark (e.g. MSCI): A comparator the fund has used to compare its performance to or for its performance fee calculation.

Contribution: Used to explain the breakdown of a fund's absolute performance.

Correlation: A statistic that measures the degree to which two securities move in relation to each other.

Dealing: Arranging the sale and purchase of shares in a fund.

Delta: A ratio comparing the change in the price of an asset to the corresponding change in the price of its derivative.

Derivatives (futures, options, swaps and contracts for difference): A financial contract based on an underlying asset or financial index with its value determined by fluctuations in the underlying asset/index. Derivatives may be used to manage risk in portfolios, for greater flexibility to lower costs, to gain leverage and to enhance returns.

Dist/Distributing Class/Inc/Income: A share class which pays dividend distributions. Dividends: A sum of money paid regularly (typically annually) by a company to its shareholders out of its profits (or reserves).

Equity/Security: The percentage of the fund that is currently invested in the equity market.

Exposure: The amount invested in a particular type of security, market sector or industry, usually expressed as a percentage of the total portfolio holding.

Fixed income security: A type of investment which pays out periodic income of a fixed amount on a fixed schedule e.g. a bond is a fixed-income security.

Forward currency contracts: A foreign exchange contract that locks in the exchange rate for the purchase or sale of a currency on a future date.

Front end fee: The initial fee/sales charge applied at the time of an initial purchase of an investment.

Fund: WS Ardtur Continental European Focus Fund.

Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS): A standardized classification system for equities developed jointly by Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) and Standard & Poor's.

Government bond: A bond issued by a government to support government spending, often issued in the country's domestic currency.

Gross: The total rate of return on an investment before the deduction of any fees or expenses.

Hedged class: A share class giving exposure to assets denominated in foreign currencies without the currency risk of the fund's base currency. Techniques and instruments are used to limit the currency risk between the hedged class and the base currency.

Hedging: Hedging against investment risk means strategically using financial instruments in the market to reduce the risk of adverse price movements.

High water mark: The highest value that an investment fund or account has reached over a specified period of time.

Information ratio: A measure of the fund's returns above the returns of the benchmark to the volatility of those returns.

Investment management fee: The fee payable by the fund to the investment manager to cover expenses associated with running the fund.

Investment Manager: S.W. Mitchell Capital LLP

ISIN: An ISIN (International Securities Identification Number) uniquely identifies a security.

KIID: A KIID (Key Investor Information Document) must be provided to anyone who invests in a UCITS.

Leverage: An investment strategy of using borrowed money and/or financial instruments to increase the potential return of an investment.

Long: The practice of buying securities with the expectation the asset will rise in value.

NAV: The NAV (net asset value) of a fund is the value of the fund's assets less its liabilities. NAV per share is the value per share and is calculated by dividing the total NAV of the fund by the total number of shares.

Net: The total rate of return on an investment after the deduction of any fees or expenses, including annual management fee and performance fee where applicable.

Notional Exposure: The total value of a fund's leveraged assets.

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF): A figure showing all annual charges and other operational expenses payable by a fund. Performance attribution: A set of techniques that are used to explain why a fund's performance differs from a benchmark.

Performance fee: A fee payable to the investment manager on returns that, subject to a High Water Mark, the fund achieves either in absolute terms or relative to a performance fee benchmark. Please refer to fund prospectus for details.

Portfolio: A group of financial instruments such as shares, funds, bonds, cash and cash equivalents held by an investor and managed by a financial professional.

Proprietary currency positions: Foreign exchange contracts entered into by the fund for investment rather than hedging purposes.

Quoted securities: A quoted or listed security is a financial instrument that is traded through an exchange, such as the LSE, NYSE or Nasdaq.

Rebased method: Used to illustrate a fund's performance against comparative benchmark on a chart whereby they both start at the same point.

Rel/Relative: Calculates how much the fund has out/underperformed its comparative benchmark.

SEDOL: A SEDOL (Stock Exchange Daily Official List) is a unique number assigned by the London Stock Exchange and used in the UK and Ireland to identify securities.

Share class: A designation applied to a specified type of security such as shares in a fund. Each share class has its own rights.

Sharpe ratio: A measure for calculating risk-adjusted performance; the higher the ratio, the better risk-adjusted performance.

Short: The practice of selling borrowed securities with the expectation that the assets will decrease in value whereupon they will be repurchased and returned to the lender.

Since inception/Since inc.: Inception date is the date on which the fund launched.

Sortino: A variation of the Sharpe ratio that differentiates harmful volatility from total overall volatility by using the asset's standard deviation of negative asset returns, called downside deviation. The Sortino ratio takes the asset's return and subtracts the risk-free rate, and then divides that amount by the asset's downside deviation.

Standard deviation/Sta. dev.: Measures the degree of variation of returns around the mean (average) return. When applied to the annual rate of return, it shows the historical volatility.

Statistics: Statistical measurements used to analyse historical fund data such as performance, volatility etc.

Strategy AUM: The total assets of the funds managed by the Investment Manager to a similar investment mandate.

Ten-year adjusted basis: Shows any exposure to Fixed Income, Bond Futures or Interest Rate Futures on a 10-year duration basis.

Tracking error: A risk measure showing how closely a fund's performance follows a particular benchmark.

Treynor: Treynor ratio, also known as the reward-to-volatility ratio, is a metric for returns that exceed those that might have been gained on a risk-less investment, per each unit of market risk.

UCITS: Undertakings for the Collective Investment of Transferable Securities (UCITS) is an EU regulatory framework creating a harmonized regime throughout EU for the management and sale of funds.

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