

### FUND



# Berenberg European Focus Fund R A

Actively managed equity fund

#### **Investment Strategy**

The investment objective of the Berenberg European Focus Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth that outperforms the benchmark MSCI Europe Index over a medium to long-term period. The main driver for this is the underlying above-average and sustainable profit growth of the selected companies. These companies are based in Europe, but often operate globally.

The fund management invests in companies that achieve sustainable growth over long periods with high profitability. The decisive criteria for these business models are high entry barriers, end markets with structural growth and excellent management teams.

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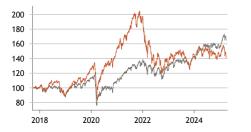
- Growth-oriented fund

Fund (gross)

- Concentrated portfolio of about 50 stocks
- All cap approach, i.e. exploiting investment opportunities across all market segments
- Long-term investment horizon and therefore low portfolio turnover

- Active approach, i.e. index weights do not have influence on individual stock selection

Indexed Performance since inception (gross, in %)



◆ Fund (net) ◆ MSCI Europe

Accumulated P	(gross, in %)	
since inception	(02.10.2017 - 31.03.2025)	40.79
since inception p.a.		4.67
YTD	(01.01.2025 - 31.03.2025)	-1.22
1 Month	(28.02.2025 - 31.03.2025)	-8.58
1 Year	(31.03.2024 - 31.03.2025)	-8.18
3 Years	(31.03.2022 - 31.03.2025)	-13.08
5 Years	(31.03.2020 - 31.03.2025)	37.81

MSCI Europe EUR (NR)

#### **Risk Figures since inception**

12 months Performance

58.3

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Max. Drawdown since inception	-41.73 %
Max. Drawdown Period (Days)	1228
Volatility 3 Years	18.21 %
Information Ratio 3 Years	-1.40
Tracking Error 3 Years	9.09 %

The charts and tables on historical performance shown are based on our own calculations in accordance with the BVI method developed by German Investment Fund Association (for explanation see "Notes"). Information on past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Sources: Berenberg, Capital Management Company

#### Fund management comment

Following a technical rally, the stock market recovery was slowed by economic concerns and tariff uncertainty in the US. The Berenberg European Focus Fund was unable to beat its benchmark last month. After the strong performance of recent months, investors are using the uncertainty in the markets to realize profits from SAP. Concerns about a slump in US consumer spending due to the expected US tariffs weighed on the luxury goods company Richemont. The continued lack of acceleration in US prescription data for the obesity drug Wegovy weighed on Novo Nordisk. Strong half-year figures drove Allfunds' shares higher in March. Inflows in asset management exceeded expectations and drove Fineco higher. Management now expects a higher profit above market expectations for the current year, which boosted Softcat's stock. We participated in ROKO's IPO as the company's management has generated very positive returns in comparable positions over many years and we are convinced of the company's strategy. We sold our position in Howden.

Signatory of:





#### Fund data

Security Codes ISIN LU1637618155 WKN A2DVP7

Inception date 02.10.2017

Fund manager Matthias Born

**NAV per Share (31.03.2025)** EUR 140.79

Fund size EUR 248.97 million

(in %)

6.8

03.24

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03.23

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Share class volume EUR 24.49 million

**Currency Fund / Share Class** EUR / EUR

Appropriation of income accumulation

End of financial year 31 December

Management Company Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A.

Custodian BNP Paribas S.A. Niederlassung Deutschland

Asset Manager Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG

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Cut-off/Settlement daily/T+2

Cut-off time 12:00 p.m. (Luxembourg time)

#### Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>

3 Years: ★ 5 Years: ★ Overall: ★

(As of: 31.03.2025)

Sustainability

Article 8 Funds

SFDR Classification (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)

### ESG Elements

- Exclusion Criteria
- ✓ Controversies Screen
- ✓ Active Ownership Impact focused





#### Additional fund information

**Issue Surcharge** up to 5.00 %

Flat-rate fee

(in % of fund assets)

6.75

5.11

4.37

4.03

3.51

3.34

3.32

2.82

2.56

2.51

(in %, since Inception)

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20

1.56 % p.a.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) 1.66 %

Performance fee

none

Minimum investment

none

Shares

Top 10 Country allocation 6.23 5.65 4.88 France 2.01 Spain 1.21 Austria

Sector allocation	(in % of share capital)
20.22	Industrials
19.50	Health Care
19.21	Information Technology
18.68	Financials
11.93	Consumer Discretionary
3.04	Communication Services
1.77	Materials
1.32	Energy

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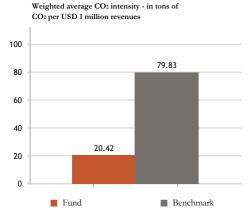
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#### **Consideration of ESG Elements**

Identifying companies and business models that will be successful in the long term is the basis for good investment decisions. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors are key factors in decision making and are therefore integral components of the investment process.

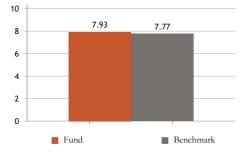
#### CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity

The fund does not actively manage its carbon footprint, however, emissions data such as CO2 intensity are relevant parameters which can be used to assess the efficient management of a company and the extent of transition risks.



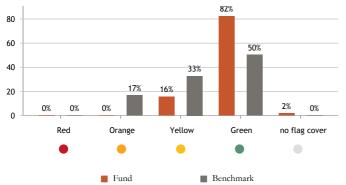
#### **FSG Score**

The data provider MSCI ESG uses an ESG score of 0 to 10 to assess the management of material ESG risks of portfolio holdings compared to competitors.



#### **ESG Controversies Screen**

Investments in the fund are monitored for ESG controversies and, with the help of MSCI ESG data, flagged according their severity. Thereby, potential ESG risks of investments are identified. In the case of an orange flag (severe controversy), we enter into an active exchange with the company. In the case of a red flag (very severe controversy), the company is excluded.



#### Benchmark for ESG metrics: MSCI Euror

Portfolio as of 31 Mar 2025. Source: MSCI ESG, own calculations and presentation. Certain information © 2023 MSCI ESG Research LLc. Reproduced by permission. Data coverage for fund and benchmark: graph "CO2-Intensity" (99.46%/100.00%), graph "ESG Score" (99.46%/100.00%). Liquidity and securities which are not covered by MSCI ESG are excluded from the calculation of the ESG metrics for the fund as well as the benchmark. The weights of the remaining fund and benchmark components are normalised to 100%

#### **Glossary & Methodology**

#### Active Ownership

The term "Active Ownership" encompasses all our activities where we, as an investor, attempt to positively influence a company's man-agement of ESG aspects. This includes Engagement, i.e. direct dialogue with companies to discuss specific ESG objectives as well as proxy voting, i.e. our voting recommendations to our fund administrator, which then exercises the voting rights at general meetings.

#### **CO2** Intensity

The CO2 Intensity (Scope 1 & 2 emissions) per company is multiplied by is portfolio weight (cur-rent value of the investment by current portfolio value) and summed up. This weighted average CO2 Intensity provides an indication of the portfolio's exposure to CO2emission intensive companies.

#### ESG Score

Using a score between 0 (lowest) and 10 (highest), MSCI ESG assesses the ability of portfolio holdings to identify and manage environmental, social and governancerelated risks compared to peers. The ESG scores are assigned at the holding level and are aggregated at the portfolio level as the weighted average ESG Score.

**ESG Controversies Screen** MSCI ESG analyses controversial business practices from the five areas environment, human rights, labour rights & supply management, customers and governance. The controversies are rated according to their reputational risk as well as the operational handling by a flagging system. Green indicates no or weak controversies, yellow indicates moderate controversies, orange indicates severe controversies and red indicates very severe controversies.



#### **Opportunities**

- High return potential of stocks over the long-term
- · Development of growth stocks occasionally above average
- · Development of small cap stocks above average in certain phases
- · Possible additional earnings through individual value analysis and active management

#### Risks

- · High susceptibility of shares to fluctuation, price losses possible
- Share value may fall below the purchase price at which the customer acquired the share
- · Below-average development of growth stocks possible at times
- · Below-average development of small stocks possible at times
- No guarantee of success for individual value analysis and active management
- · Concentration risk due to focus on investments in the Euro currency and European region
- · Foreign currency investments and transactions denominated in foreign currencies are subject to exchange rate risks

Further details on the opportunities and risks of this fund can be found in the sales prospectus.

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