



# Berenberg European Small Cap I A

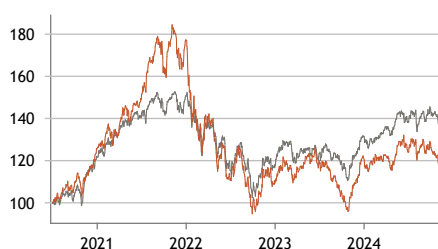
Actively managed equity fund

## Investment Strategy

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth that outperforms the benchmark MSCI Europe Small Cap Index over a medium to long-term period. The main driver for this is the above-average earnings growth of the selected companies. The strategy is based on a disciplined bottom-up stock selection of attractive smaller companies (market capitalisation up to 5bn EUR) based in Europe, but generally operating globally. Investments are made in established niche companies that achieve sustainable and above-average growth over long periods with high profitability. The decisive criteria are in particular end markets with structural growth, high entry barriers and excellent management teams.

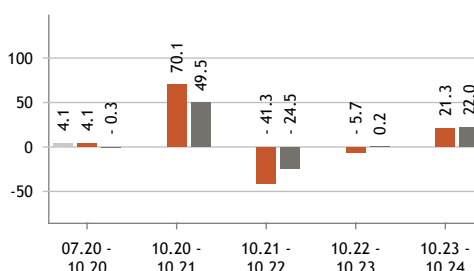
- Growth-oriented fund
- Diversified portfolio of 70-90 stocks
- Low average market capitalisation
- Long-term investment horizon and low portfolio turnover
- Active approach, i.e. index weights have no influence on individual stock selection

## Indexed Performance since inception (gross, in %)



◆ Fund (gross)    ◆ Fund (net)    ◆ MSCI Europe Small Cap Index (Net)

## 12 months Performance (in %)



## Accumulated Performance (gross, in %)

Period	Performance (gross, in %)
since inception (02.07.2020 - 31.10.2024)	18.81
since inception p.a.	4.06
YTD (01.01.2024 - 31.10.2024)	-2.28
1 Month (30.09.2024 - 31.10.2024)	-7.34
1 Year (31.10.2023 - 31.10.2024)	21.26
3 Years (31.10.2021 - 31.10.2024)	-32.93

## Risk Figures since inception

Max. Drawdown since inception	-48.64 %
Max. Drawdown Period (Days)	1092
Volatility 3 Years	22.59 %
Information Ratio 3 Years	-0.86
Tracking Error 3 Years	10.10 %

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

The US elections, increased geopolitical risks in the Middle East and a mixed reporting season are fuelling growing volatility in the capital markets. In October, the Berenberg European Small Caps Fund underperformed both in absolute terms and relative to the benchmark. Despite solid revenue growth, Hypoport's shares remained under pressure and performed weaker than expected. AddLife also showed slight weakness after a strong performance due to disappointing figures. Revenio disappointed with revenue and EBIT figures below expectations. Treatt performed well after posting good half-year results, as did OEM International, which recorded positive sales and order growth despite a difficult market. ID Logistics surprised with organic sales growth supported by a recovery in its home market. In October, we transferred the position in INVISIO from the European Micro Cap Fund to the European Small Cap Fund and sold Digital Value due to the corruption investigations against the CEO.

## Fund data

### Security Codes

ISIN LU1959967503

WKN A2PEYD

### Inception date

02.07.2020

### Fund manager

Peter Kraus

### NAV per Share (31.10.2024)

EUR 118.81

### Fund size

EUR 845.58 million

### Share class volume

EUR 459.78 million

### Fund currency

Euro

### Appropriation of income

accumulation

### End of financial year

31 December

### Management Company

Universal-Investment-Luxembourg S.A.

### Custodian

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch

### Asset Manager

Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG

### Registration and Distribution

AT, CH, CL, DE, FR, GB, LU

### Cut-off/Settlement

daily/T+2

### Cut-off time

12:00 p.m.  
(Luxembourg time)

### Overall Morningstar Rating™

(As of: 31.10.2024)



## Sustainability

### Article 8 Funds

SFDR Classification (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)

### ESG Elements

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

Signatory of:





Allocation of the portfolio

(in % of fund assets)



Top 10 positions

(in % of fund assets)

FORTNOX AB	2.30
CHEMOMETEC AS NAVNE-AKTIER DK	2.29
NCAB GROUP AB(PUBL) NAMN-AKTIE	2.25
REVENIO GROUP CORP. REGISTERED	2.23
AMBU A/S	2.17
ADDLIFE AB NAMN-AKTIER B O.N.	1.98
VITROLIFE AB	1.91
OEM INTERNATIONAL AB NAMN-AKTI	1.88
SOCIETE VIRBAC S.A.	1.79
HEMNET GROUP AB	1.71

Additional fund information

Issue Surcharge	none
Asset Management fee	none
Management fee	0.60 % p.a.
Custodian fee	0.10 % p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.68 %
Performance fee	none
Minimum investment	EUR 10,000,000

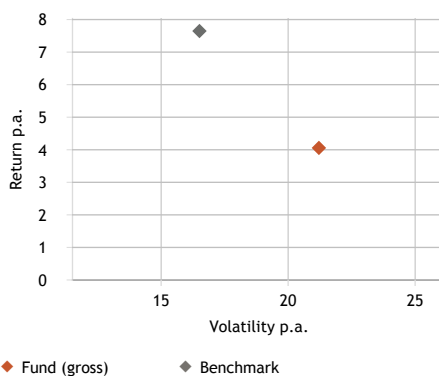
Currency allocation

(in % of fund assets)

Swedish krona	32.95
Euro	32.37
Swiss franc	14.91
Pound sterling	11.06
Danish krone	6.84
Norwegian krone	1.88

Risk-return profile

(in %, since Inception)



Shares

Top 10 Country allocation

(in % of share capital)

Sweden	33.78
Switzerland	15.83
United Kingdom	11.06
Italy	10.00
France	8.62
Denmark	6.84
Germany	5.42
Finland	4.62
Norway	1.88
Netherlands	1.18

Sector allocation

(in % of share capital)

Health Care	25.61
Industrials	25.36
Information Technology	25.07
Financials	6.37
Materials	4.51
Consumer Discretionary	4.00
Consumer Staples	3.72
Energy	2.79
Communication Services	2.58

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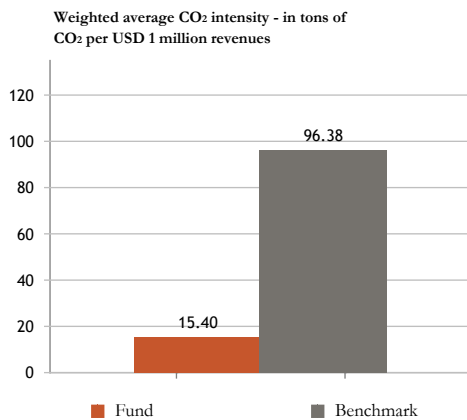
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## Consideration of ESG Elements

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.

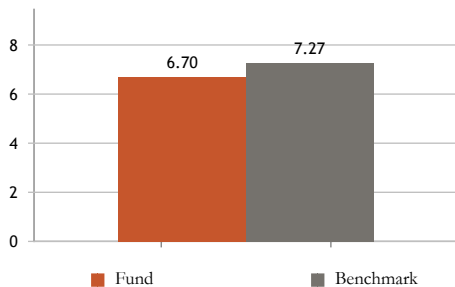
## CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity

The fund does not actively manage its carbon footprint, however, emissions data such as CO<sub>2</sub> intensity are relevant parameters which can be used to assess the efficient management of a company and the extent of transition risks.



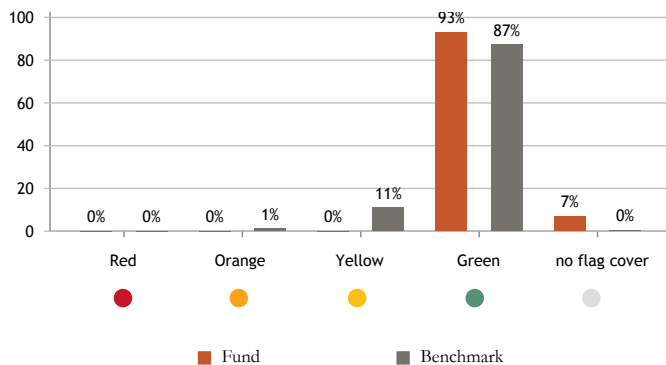
## ESG Score

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 to 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 Europe Small Cap

Portfolio as of 31 Oct 2024. Source: MSCI ESG, own calculations and presentation. Certain information © 2023 MSCI ESG Research LLC. Reproduced by permission. Data coverage for fund and benchmark: graph "CO<sub>2</sub>-Intensity" (94.78%/99.64%), graph "ESG Score" (94.78%/99.80%). 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 management 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.

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

The CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity (Scope 1 & 2 emissions) per company is multiplied by its portfolio weight (current value of the investment by current portfolio value) and summed up. This weighted average CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity provides an indication of the portfolio's exposure to CO<sub>2</sub>-emission 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 governance-related 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
- 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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