



# Berenberg Absolute Return European Equities I A

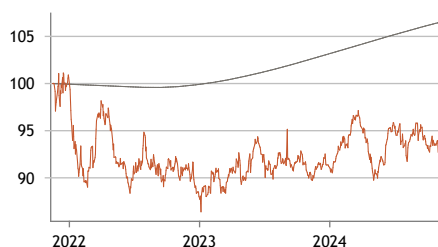
Actively managed market-neutral strategy

## Investment Strategy

The investment objective of Berenberg Absolute Return European Equities is to achieve long-term capital growth that outperforms the benchmark €STR TR over a medium to long-term time horizon. The main driver is the underlying above-average and sustainable earnings growth of the selected companies on a long basis, in addition the portfolio management shorts structurally vulnerable and deteriorating companies. The selected companies are headquartered in Europe, but often operate globally. The decisive criteria for the business models of the long positions are high entry barriers, end markets with structural growth and excellent management teams. The short positions are selected on the basis of structural decline, competitive environment and valuation.

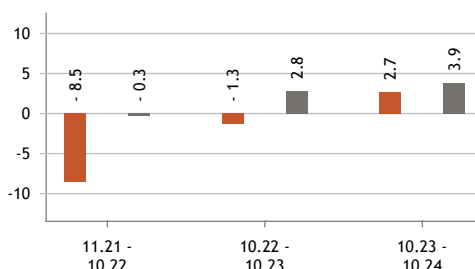
- Growth-oriented long/short strategy
- Concentrated portfolio of approx. 40-50 long positions and 30-40 short positions
- All cap approach, i.e. exploiting investment opportunities across all market segments
- Active approach, i.e. index weights have no influence on individual stock selection

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



◆ Fund (gross) ◆ Euro Short-Term Rate

## 12 months Performance (in %)



## Accumulated Performance (gross, in %)

since inception	(15.11.2021 - 31.10.2024)	-7.31
since inception p.a.		-2.53
YTD	(01.01.2024 - 31.10.2024)	1.60
1 Month	(30.09.2024 - 31.10.2024)	-0.78
1 Year	(31.10.2023 - 31.10.2024)	2.67

## Risk Figures since inception

Max. Drawdown since inception	-14.57 %
Max. Drawdown Period (Days)	1051
Volatility 1 Year	7.07 %
Information Ratio 1 Year	0.01
Tracking Error 1 Year	7.07 %

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 earnings season underpin the increasing volatility for the capital markets. The Berenberg Absolute Return European Equities Fund underperformed its benchmark in October. Long: ASM International was unable to escape the general weakness in the semiconductor sector but reported strong quarterly figures towards the end of October. Despite solid third quarter results, Symrise shares weakened after management's cautious comments on growth. Short: The British asset manager's third quarter results were disappointing. Assets under management and net inflows were below expectations. We are maintaining our short position. The German IT service provider was downgraded before reporting its third quarter results due to weak demand. Transactions: We initiated a long position in Weir and a short position in a Danish wind turbine manufacturer. We also closed out the short positions in a German sportswear manufacturer and a coffee and tea producer.

## Fund data

### Security Codes

ISIN LU2365443204

WKN A3CUZ9

### Inception date

15.11.2021

### Fund manager

Ralf Walter

### NAV per Share (31.10.2024)

EUR 92.69

### Fund size

EUR 18.51 million

### Share class volume

EUR 11.96 million

### Currency Fund / Share Class

EUR / EUR

### Appropriation of income

accumulation

### End of financial year

31 December

### Management Company

Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft mbH

### Custodian

BNP Paribas S.A. Niederlassung Deutschland

### Asset Manager

Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co. KG

### Registration and Distribution

AT, CH, DE, FR, LU

### Cut-off/Settlement

daily/T+2

### Cut-off time

12:00 p.m.  
(Luxembourg time)

### Overall Morningstar Rating™

not rated

## Sustainability

### Article 8 Funds

SFDR Classification (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)

### ESG Elements

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

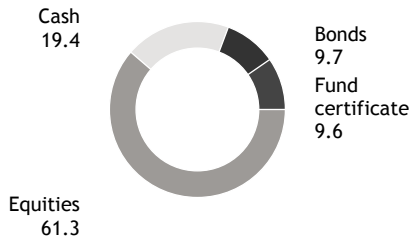
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**Allocation of the portfolio**

(in % of fund assets)



**Top 10 positions**

(in % of fund assets)

LYXOR SMART OVERNIGHT RETURN -	9.62
CAISSE FRANCAISE D.FINANC.LOC.	3.73
SAP SE	3.54
2,875% COMMERZBANK	2.98
HAMBURG COMMERCIAL BANK AG SCH	2.95
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	2.95
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	2.94
ASTRAZENECA PLC	2.61
SYMRISE AG	2.40
PROSUS N.V.	2.32

**Additional fund information**

**Issue Surcharge**

none

**Flat-rate fee**

0.92 % p.a.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER)**

1.22 %

**Performance fee**

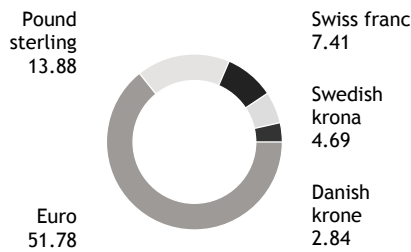
Up to 20% of the return generated by the fund in the settlement period above the reference value (€STR) p.a.

**Minimum investment**

EUR 10,000,000

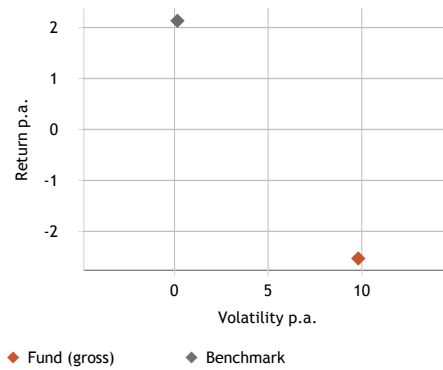
**Currency allocation**

(in % of fund assets)



**Risk-return profile**

(in %, since Inception)



**Shares**

**Top 10 Country allocation**

(in % of share capital)

Germany	20.34
United Kingdom	15.38
Luxembourg	9.62
France	7.56
Switzerland	7.41
Netherlands	6.01
Sweden	4.69
Italy	3.92
Denmark	2.84
Finland	1.90

**Sector allocation**

(in % of share capital)

Industrials	13.44
Financials	12.61
Health Care	11.53
Information Technology	9.51
Consumer Discretionary	6.98
Communication Services	3.64
Materials	2.40
Consumer Staples	1.20
Other	9.62

Sources: Berenberg, Capital Management Company  
As of: 31.10.2024



### 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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**Benchmark:** Euro Short-Term Rate (€STR): European Central Bank

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