## **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

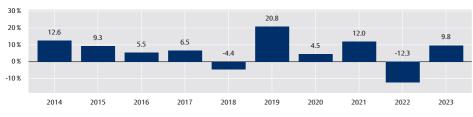
The Fund pursues an **active investment approach**. The Fund Manager can invest flexibly in the asset classes that appear attractive from his/her point of view in the respective capital market environment; the equity component is at least 25 per cent.

The basis for asset allocation is the Fund's own **independent investment world view**. The Fund deliberately does not follow any benchmark index. The primary objective is to generate sustainably attractive returns. Whether an individual investment is attractive is assessed within the framework of a thorough company analysis.

The **risk-reward ratio** is decisive for every investment decision; the potential return must clearly overcompensate for any risk of loss. The portfolio structure is based on the five guidelines of the Flossbach von Storch Pentagram diversification, quality, flexibility, solvency, and value. The composition of the portfolio is made by the Fund Manager exclusively in accordance with the criteria defined in the investment policy and is regularly reviewed and adjusted if necessary.

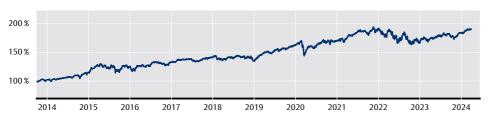
The investment strategy includes in-house valuation models, ESG integration, engagement, and the exercise of voting rights. In addition, exclusion criteria defined within the Sub-Fund's investment policy are taken into account. The Sub-Fund is classified as an Article 8 product within the definition of the Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (SFDR). For detailed information on the objectives and investment policy, please refer to the current Sales Prospectus and the Key Information Document (PRIIP-KID).

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE IN EUR (IN %)



Share class

# PERFORMANCE IN EUR SINCE 1 OCTOBER 2013



# ACCUMULATED AND ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE IN EUR (GROSS, IN %)

|             | 1 month | 2024 YTD | 1 year  | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | since<br>inception<br>01.10.13 |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Accumulated | +0.92 % | +3.93%   | +10.41% | +9.15%  | +28.64% | +84.09%  | +90.87 %                       |
| Annualised  |         |          | +10.41% | +2.96%  | +5.16%  | +6.29%   |                                |
|             |         |          |         |         |         |          |                                |

Source: Depositary and SIX Financial Information, status: 31.03.24

# EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING PERFORMANCE

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance.** The performance data do not take into account the commissions and costs incurred in the issue and redemption of units, which may reduce the performance. Exemplary model calculation assuming a front-end load of 5%: an investor wishes to purchase units for 1,000 EUR (or CHF). With a maximum front-end load of 5%, he must pay a one-time fee of EUR 50 (or CHF) on purchase. Custody account costs may also be incurred. Please refer to the cost details presented in this document to determine the maximum front-end load of 5% of the subfund. Where performance is compared to a benchmark, such a comparison is provided for information purposes only and does not imply any obligation on the part of the fund manager to achieve the level of the benchmark or replicate its performance.

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#### FUND DETAILS

| WKN   | A1W17X  |
|---|---|
| ISIN  | LU0952573300  |
| Valor number  | 21968022  |
| Domicile  | Luxembourg  |
| SFDR Classification   | Article 8   |
|   | 1   |
| ••••••  |   |
|   | EUR   |
| Launch date   | 1 October 2013  |
| Financial year end  | 30 September  |
| Income utilisation  | Distribution  |
| Authorised for distribution   | AT, CH, DE, LI, LU  |
| Fund type   | UCITS / FCP   |
| -<br>Fund assets  | 11.92 billion EUR   |
|   | 177.87 EUR  |
| Minimum initial investment  | EUR 1.000.000.00  |
|   |   |
| Minimum subsequent<br>investment  | none  |
|   | none  |
| investment  | 0.87 %  |
| investment<br>Costs <sup>1</sup>  | 0.87 %<br>0.78 % p.a.   |
| investment<br>Costs 1<br>Ongoing charges<br>which includes a  | 0.87 %<br>0.78 % p.a.<br>Up to 10% of the gross unit value<br>performance, but no more than<br>2.5% of the average value of the<br>sub-fund's assets during the ac-<br>counting period, provided that th  |
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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the management fee, the fund is charged further costs such as transfer agent fees, transaction costs, and various other charges. Further information about ongoing and one-off costs can be found in the key information document (PRIIP-KID), the sales prospectus, and the most recent annual report.

## **TOP 10 EQUITY POSITIONS (IN %)**

| -   |                         |        |
|-----|-------------------------|--------|
| 1.  | BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY B    | 4.32 % |
| 2.  | DEUTSCHE BÖRSE          | 3.39%  |
| 3.  | MERCEDES-BENZ GROUP     | 3.39 % |
| 4.  | RECKITT BENCKISER GROUP | 3.29 % |
| 5.  | NESTLE                  | 3.07 % |
| 6.  | ADIDAS                  | 2.99%  |
| 7.  | ALPHABET - CLASS A      | 2.66 % |
| 8.  | BMW ST                  | 2.65 % |
| 9.  | UNILEVER                | 2.31 % |
| 10. | CHARLES SCHWAB          | 2.13 % |

## TOP 10 SECTORS FOR EQUITIES (IN %)

| 1. | Financials             | 21.55 % |
|----|------------------------|---------|
| 2. | Consumer Discretionary | 20.18%  |
| 3. | Consumer Staples       | 19.34%  |
| 4. | Health Care            | 13.60 % |
| 5. | Information Technology | 12.11%  |
| 6. | Industrials            | 9.27 %  |
| 7. | Communication Services | 3.96 %  |

Source: Depositary and Flossbach von Storch, status: 31.03.24

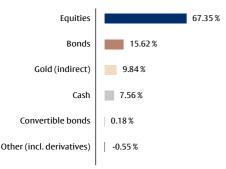
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At present 68 securities are included in the portfolio, of which 41 are equities.

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## ASSET ALLOCATION (IN %)



CURRENCIES AFTER HEDGING IN EUR (IN %)

| USD  | 46.37 % |
|--|---------|
| EUR  | 40.59%  |
| GBP  | 5.08 %  |
| CHF  | 5.05 %  |
| CAD  | 1.49%   |
| INR  | 0.83 %  |
| HKD  | 0.58%   |
| Source: Depositary and Flossbach von Storch,<br>status: 31.03.24 |         |

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## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Like the first two months of this year, the global equity market, as measured by the MSCI World equity index, closed March with a gain. While the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and the European Central Bank (ECB) remained true to their data-dependent monetary policy and saw no reason to change key interest rates, yields on 10-year US Treasuries were also close to their previous month's levels at 4.2% at the end of March. Yields on German Bunds with the same maturity were at 2.3 %. There was also little movement in our key exchange rates, with the US dollar trading at 1.079 to the euro, a small gain of 0.1% on the previous month.

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The performance of gold was remarkable in March. The price of the precious metal rose significantly by 9% in both euro and US dollar terms, ending the month at a new record high of USD 2,230 per ounce. Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic in mid-February 2020, the price of gold rose by 9.8% annually (in euro terms) until the beginning of April 2024, only just behind the MSCI World equity index, which rose by 10.5% over the same period. The reasons for the price increase are complex, but the Coronavirus rescue funds and supply-chain problems, which led to a rise in inflation, were certainly significant. At the same time, world events are characterised to a greater extent by geopolitical disputes than before the pandemic.

In addition to gold, the shares of sporting goods manufacturer Adidas and technology group Alphabet made the greatest value contributions to our portfolio in March. Alphabet is seen as a beneficiary of the AI boom, which has recently boosted the major technology stocks in the USA in particular. The performance of some technology stocks is already signalling an enormous increase in corporate profits. However, the economic consequences of the use of self-learning software for the economy are still difficult to quantify. Reckitt Benckiser shares performed negatively in March following a product liability judgement in the USA, against which the company will soon be appealing.

Due to the deteriorating risk-reward ratio, we reduced our equity allocation slightly compared to the previous month to 67.4 %. We also reduced our positions in US bank bonds so that we now almost exclusively hold euro bonds in our portfolio. The yield premium on a switch to the dollar zone does not seem sufficient to us in view of the costs of currency hedging. Following the significant rise in the price of gold, we have reduced the gold position (non-physical) somewhat through smaller sales, although the proportion of the precious metal in the portfolio has hardly changed on balance.

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## FUND MANAGEMENT



"Active, benchmarkindependent portfolio management always starts with a blank sheet of paper."

**Dr. Bert Flossbach** Simon Jäger, CFA Dr. Kai Lehmann Jonas Nahry Dr. Tobias Schafföner

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Morningstar Rating™ overall\*:

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

- + Flexible investment policy without benchmarking.
- + Risk is broadly diversified by investing in a range of asset classes (e.g. equities, bonds, convertible bonds and precious metals indirect). Market potential can be exploited by investing across a wide range.
- + Investing in assets denominated in a foreign currency can have a positive impact on unit values as a result of exchange rate movements.
- + Derivatives can be used to increase potential yields.
- + Precious metals [indirect] (e.g. in the form of gold) can be used to increase potential yields.

## RISKS

- Market risks: The securities in which the Management Company invests the sub-fund assets present opportunities for gain but also the possibility of risk. The ESG criteria restrict the selection of target investments in terms of category and number, sometimes considerably. If a sub-fund invests directly or indirectly in securities and other assets, it is subject to many general trends and tendencies on the markets, which are sometimes attributable to irrational factors, particularly on the securities markets. Losses can occur when the market value of the assets decreases against the cost price. If a unit holder disposes of units in a sub-fund at a time when the quoted price of the sub-fund assets is less than at the time of investment, then the unit holder will not recover the full value of the investment. While each sub-fund constantly strives to achieve growth, growth cannot be guaranteed. The risk exposure of the investor is, however, limited to the sum invested. There is no obligation to make additional capital contributions beyond investors' investments.
- Currency risks: If a sub-fund holds assets which are denominated in foreign currencies, it shall be subject to currency risk. In the event of a devaluation of the foreign currency against the reference currency of the subfund, the value of the assets held in foreign currencies shall fall.
- Credit risks: The fund may invest part of its assets in bonds. The issuers of these bonds could become insolvent, causing the bonds to lose some or all of their value.
- Interest change risks: Investing in securities at a fixed rate of interest is connected with the possibility that the current interest rate at the time of issuance of a security could change. If the current interest rate increases as against the interest at the time of issue, fixed rate securities will generally decrease in value. Conversely, if the current interest rate falls, fixed rate securities will increase.
- Risks relating to the use of derivatives: The fund may enter into derivative transactions for the purposes listed in the key information document (PRIIP-KID) and the sales prospectus. This means increased opportunities, but also increased risk of losses. The use of derivatives to hedge against losses may also reduce the profit opportunities of the fund.
- Risks of precious metals and commodities: Precious metals and commodities may be subject to greater price fluctuations. Trading prices may also fall.

Please read the Prospectus and particularly the RISK WARNINGS section and the specific annex of the subfund to understand the risks and benefits of this product.

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### **INVESTOR PROFILE**

## **GROWTH-ORIENTED:**

The fund is appropriate for growth-oriented investors. Due to the composition of the net subfund assets, there is a high degree of risk but also a high degree of profit potential. The risks may consist in particular of currency risk, credit risk and price risk, as well as market interest rate risks.

## **INVESTMENT HORIZON:**

Long-term: over 5 years

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#### **RISK INDICATOR**

| Lower risk |   |   |   |   | ŀ | ligher risk |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| `          |   |   |   |   |   | /           |
| 1          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7           |

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less. The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you.

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The latest net asset value (NAV) of the fund can be obtained from the management company's website.

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