

# Global Star Equity Fund

December 2017

## Fund Overview

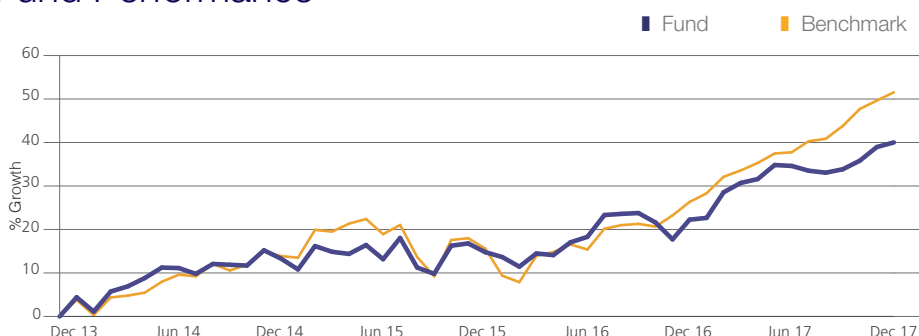
The Fund aims to provide income and capital returns by choosing an optimal mix of top tier stocks using a rigorous proprietary process. The portfolio consists of less volatile global large cap stocks with strong franchises, stable earnings, growing dividends, solid balance sheets and financial flexibility. Its geographical focus is US, UK and European stocks.

## Market & Portfolio Commentary

December was another strong month for most equity markets with global stocks up over 1% (MSCI AC World +1.3%). The exception was Europe which posted a 0.5% decline (MSCI Europe excluding UK) on the strength of the Euro impacting multinational profits. However, the UK market caught up with some of the underperformance that it has experienced in 2017 with a 5% gain in December (MSCI UK). The main news was that a US tax reform Bill was finally passed. The Federal Reserve increased rates as expected, the oil price increased on geopolitical concerns, the US Dollar fell on the expectations of lower future tax receipts and cryptocurrencies oscillated wildly.

Global STAR returned over 0.8% in December which capped a very strong return for 2017. The US equities produced the best performances with United Technologies and Union Pacific, both big tax reform benefactors, posting 5% and 6% returns respectively for December. Oracle was a noticeable underperformer with a 3.6% decline, as the strong results failed to appease the market. However, the largest area of disappointment were the European stocks that suffered due to the strong Euro. The 2018 outlook for equity markets should warrant more caution as equity market valuations are now stretched and expectations are high. However, economic growth remains supportive. This mixed outlook suggests that returns are likely to be more moderate in 2018 and that volatility is likely to increase. Accordingly, the fund continues to select resilient investments which have a lower risk profile.

## Fund Performance\*



## Monthly Returns (%) USD\*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2014	-3.15	4.56	1.12	1.79	2.22	-0.10	-1.20	2.08	-0.17	-0.16	3.14	-1.65	8.52
2015	-2.20	4.84	-1.13	-0.43	1.78	-2.80	4.31	-5.76	-1.29	5.88	0.46	-1.72	1.31
2016	-0.98	-1.95	2.73	-0.33	2.57	1.08	4.25	0.21	0.15	-1.75	-3.19	3.84	6.50
2017	0.34	4.80	1.67	0.68	2.46	-0.15	-0.82	-0.33	0.59	1.47	2.32	0.76	14.53

## Discrete Annual Performance (%)\*

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Fund	14.53	6.50	1.31	13.30	-
Benchmark	19.99	9.28	1.50	13.88	-

## Fund Highlights (%)\*

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	Year to Date	Since Launch	Best Month	Worst Month
Fund	0.76	4.61	4.01	14.53	40.01	5.88	-5.76
Benchmark	1.27	5.38	10.02	19.99	51.57	-	-

\*Source: RBC. Fund performance relates to Class X USD and is net of fees with dividends reinvested. Discrete annual performance is based on data since inception.

Issued January 2018. All data as at 31 December 2017

### Key facts about the Fund

- Global equity investments in high quality companies with positive cash flow and low leverage
- The largest region is North America with 54.3%
- Total Number of Holdings 22

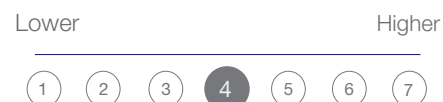
### Fund Details

Fund Type	UCITS IV, Dublin domiciled
Launch Date	16 December 2013
Benchmark	MSCI World Equity Index
Fund AuM	\$186.2m (all share classes)
Administrator	RBC Investor & Treasury Services

### Dealing & Pricing

Pricing	Daily
Pricing Time	12 noon T+1 UK time
Dealing Frequency	Daily
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### Potential Risk / Rewards



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## Portfolio Breakdown

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### Top Ten Equity Holdings

Name	Sector	%
Union Pacific	Industrials	4.3
United Technologies	Industrials	4.3
Brenntag	Industrials	4.3
Walt Disney	Consumer Discretionary	4.3
Kellogg's	Consumer Staples	4.3
VINCI	Industrials	4.3
Danone	Consumer Staples	4.3
Accenture	Information Technology	4.3
PepsiCo	Consumer Staples	4.2
TE Connectivity	Information Technology	4.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>42.8</b>

### Regional Breakdown\*

Region	%
North America	54.3
Europe	24.8
United Kingdom	12.2

### Sector Breakdown (%)

Sector	Fund	Index
Consumer Discretionary	12.3	12.0
Consumer Staples	29.2	8.7
Energy	0.0	6.3
Financials	0.0	18.6
Health Care	8.2	10.9
Industrials	21.2	10.7
Information Technology	20.5	18.2
Materials	0.0	5.3
Real Estate	0.0	3.1
Telecommunication Services	0.0	3.0
Utilities	0.0	3.1

Source: Fund data London & Capital and RBC Investor & Treasury Services, Index data MSCI.

\*The data above does not include cash, cash equivalents and futures; therefore occasionally the data may not add up to 100%.

## Awards



**AI - International Fund Awards 2016**  
Best Private Client Investment Team  
UK and Best Global Equity Fund



**Wealth Adviser Awards 2015**  
Best Ultra High Net Worth Team



**Alternative Investment Award - 2015**  
Ultra High-Net-Worth Wealth Manager of the Year

## Share Class Details

Share Class	Initial Charge	AMC	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL
Class X USD	0.00%	0.00%	IE00BDV09V37	LCGSEXU ID	BDV09V3
Class X EUR	0.00%	0.00%	IE00BYJR3L12	LCGSEXE ID	BYJR3L1
Class X GBP	0.00%	0.00%	IE00BDV09S08	LCGSEXG ID	BDV09S0
Class I USD	0.00%	1.00%	IE00BDV09W44	LCSTRUI ID	BDV09W4
Class I GBP	0.00%	1.00%	IE00BDV09T15	LCSTRGI ID	BDV09T1

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