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# 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

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- 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 %) 100 95 90

Jan 23



#### Fund (gross)

Jan 22

◆ Euro Short-Term Rate

Jul 23

Jan 24

Accumulated Performance		(gross, in %)
since inception	ince inception (15.11.2021 - 28.03.2024)	
since inception	o.a.	-1.94
YTD	(01.01.2024 - 28.03.2024)	4.64
1 Month	(28.02.2024 - 28.03.2024)	0.85
1 Year	(28.03.2023 - 28.03.2024)	5.35

#### Risk Figures since inception

Max. Drawdown since inception	-14.57 %
Max. Drawdown Period (Days)	834
Volatility 1 Year	8.88 %
Sharpe Ratio 1 Year	0.14
Information Ratio 1 Year	-
Tracking Error 1 Year	8.88 %

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 stock markets have continued to soar in recent weeks. This was due to the latest dovish statements from the Fed and the BoE. Long: On the long side, EQT continued to outperform. The company's capital market day, which highlighted the great potential in the wealth segment, was well received. Dino Polska, on the other hand, experienced a setback in March. The company presented disappointing figures and reported considerable pressure on personnel costs. Short: The shares of the French vegetable marketer fell sharply after the publication of the half-year figures. The main reason for this was the currency weakness, in particular the devaluation of the rouble and the continuing weak demand in the USA. Transactions: We opened long positions in Schneider Electric and Swissquote. On the short side, we bought a German perfume and drugstore retailer and a Swedish security company. In turn, we sold our short position in a British train ticket broker and a German chemicals company.

#### Fund data

Security Codes

ISIN LU2365443204 WKN A3CUZ9

Inception date

15.11.2021

Fund manager

Ralf Walter

NAV per Share (28.03.2024)

EUR 95.46

Fund size

EUR 20.07 million

Share class volume

EUR 12.31 million

Fund currency

Euro

Appropriation of income

accumulation

End of financial year

31 December

Management Company

Universal-Investment-Gesellschaft

Custodian

State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch

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<sup>TM</sup>

not rated

Sustainability

Article 8 Funds

SFDR Classification (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)

ESG Elements

**Exclusion Criteria** 

Controversies Screen

Active Ownership Impact focused

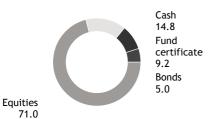
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#### Allocation of the portfolio

(in % of fund assets)



#### Top 10 positions

(in % of fund assets)

LYXOR SMART OVERNIGHT RETURN -	9.17
MÜNCHENER HYPOTHEKENBANK MTN-H	5.01
SAP SE	4.71
NOVO-NORDISK AS	4.06
COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE RICHEMONT	3.91
ASML HOLDING NV	3.75
MONCLER	3.34
EQT AB NAMN-AKTIER O.N.	3.24
SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS	3.24
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	2.99

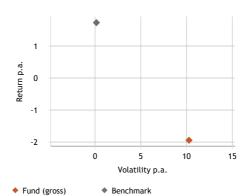
# Currency allocation

(in % of fund assets)

Euro	46.30
Swedish krona	11.77
Pound sterling	8.81
Swiss franc	7.63
Danish krone	6.89
Polish złoty	2.24
United States dollar	1.53

# Risk-return profile

(in %, since Inception)



◆ Fund (gross)

#### Shares

Top	10	Countr	v al	location
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(in % of share capital)

17.62	Germany
11.77	Sweden
11.35	United Kingdom
9.17	Luxembourg
8.41	Netherlands
7.63	Switzerland
6.89	Denmark
3.34	Italy
3.33	France
2.24	Poland

#### Sector allocation

(in % of share capital)

Information Technology	17.44
Health Care	15.71
Industrials	13.22
Financials	10.75
Consumer Discretionary	8.57
Consumer Staples	4.42
Communication Services	0.87
Other	14.18

Sources: Berenberg, Capital Management Company As of: 28.03.2024

#### Additional fund information

#### Issue Surcharge

none

# Management fee

0.77 % p.a.

# Custodian fee

0.10 % 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 (ESTR)

#### Minimum investment

EUR 10,000,000



#### **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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