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Data as of 30. June 2025

# Berenberg Merger Arbitrage I A 2

Actively managed market-neutral strategy

## Investment Strategy

The Berenberg Merger Arbitrage is an equity-based absolute return fund that pursues a specialised merger arbitrage strategy. The fund aims to achieve absolute returns while protecting investors' capital by exploiting price differences arising from publicly announced mergers, acquisitions, corporate restructurings or similar transactions. The fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth and outperform the money market (as measured by the €STR).

The fund's investment strategy aims to generate attractive absolute returns, regardless of general stock market performance. Due to its historically low correlation with traditional market indices, the fund offers investors diversification within the overall portfolio. Through broadly diversified investments in various M&A transactions, sectors and regions, the fund aims to achieve a stable risk/return profile with low volatility. The investment strategy aims to exploit inefficiencies in the pricing of company acquisitions and mergers and is based on the difference between the market price of a target company and the announced acquisition price.

## Performance

In accordance with the EU regulation "MiFID" (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive), as well as its implementation in national law, information on performance may only be shown if it covers a period of at least 12 months.

## Fund management comment

After a good six weeks of build-up, around 68% of the portfolio is invested, with further allocations being made selectively. The M&A market remains active: almost a dozen deals were concluded at the end of the month - including Fortnox, SpringWorks and Juniper Networks. The smooth Juniper deal by HPE sends a positive signal - comparable US deals have been trading tighter since then. We continue to monitor Mars-Kellanova; spread widening after cautious tones from Brussels. As at the reporting date, the portfolio comprises exactly 30 positions - 49% Europe, 51% North America. The average holding period is around 4 months. New spreads continue to remunerate the risk attractively, particularly in Europe (median spread approx. 8% p.a.). Key positions: Takeaway.com, Covestro, Footlocker, Verallia, Grupo Catalana Occidente. The market is showing structural strength: antitrust proceedings are becoming more predictable, financing is available and buyers are acting with more confidence. Merger arbitrage remains well positioned, both tactically and strategically.

## Fund data

### Security Codes

ISIN LU2986718166

WKN A410RZ

### Inception date

13.05.2025

### Fund manager

Oliver Scharping

Leonard Keller

### NAV per Share (30.06.2025)

EUR 100.14

### Fund size

EUR 22.55 million

### Share class volume

EUR 12.87 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, IT, LU

### Cut-off/Settlement

daily/T+2

### Cut-off time

12:00 p.m.

(Luxembourg time)

### Overall Morningstar Rating™

not rated

### ESG Elements

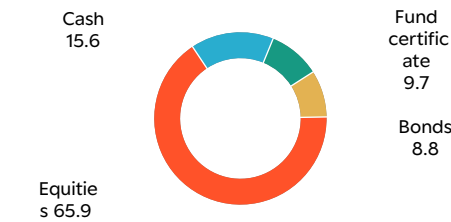
- ✓ Exclusion Criteria
- ✓ Controversies Screen
- ✓ Active Ownership
- Impact focused

Signatory of:



Allocation of the portfolio

(in % of fund assets)



Top 5 positions

(in % of fund assets)

AMUNDI SMART OVERNIGHT RETURN	9.74
GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF)	8.78
VERALLIA SA	6.28
GRUPO CATALANA OCCIDENTE S.A.	5.47
BLUEPRINT MEDICINES	4.38

Additional fund information

Issue Surcharge

none

Flat-rate fee

1.10 % p.a.

Total Expense Ratio (TER)

1.21 %

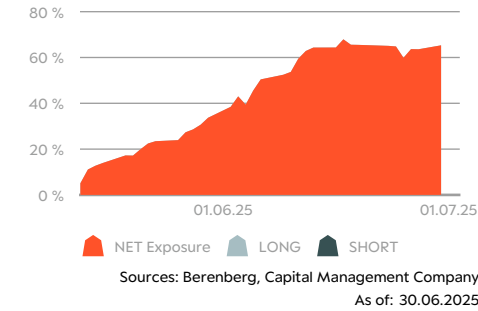
Performance fee

none

Minimum investment

EUR 25,000,000

Exposure over time



Shares

Top 10 Country allocation

(in % of share capital)

33.05	USA
12.35	Luxembourg
12.00	Germany
8.58	France
5.47	Spain
4.23	Sweden
3.12	Canada
2.78	Netherlands
1.62	Belgium
0.78	Bermuda

Sector allocation

(in % of share capital)

11.52	Financials
10.93	Health Care
10.86	Consumer Discretionary
9.74	Other
9.50	Materials
8.35	Information Technology
7.10	Consumer Staples
3.89	Industrials
3.75	Communication Services

Sources: Berenberg, Capital Management Company  
As of: 30.06.2025

### Opportunities:

- Attractive potential returns on stocks in takeover situations
- Stocks involved in takeovers generally demonstrate greater stability compared to broader market trends
- Potential additional returns through analysis of individual stocks and situations and active management
- Consistent hedging of currency risks

### Risks

- A stocks may fall below the purchase price at which it has been acquired
- Equities are highly volatile and subject to price losses
- Equities may temporarily underperform in takeover situations
- The success of individual stock analysis and active management is not guaranteed
- The use of derivatives to facilitate certain investment management techniques, including building both 'long' and 'synthetic short' positions and creating market leverage to increase a fund's economic exposure beyond the value of its net assets, may cause the funds' overall risk profile to increase
- A positive return is not guaranteed. The performance of a merger arbitrage strategy may diverge from broader equity market trends, as both upward and downward stock price movements can affect its overall value

Further details on the opportunities and risks of this fund can be found in the sales prospectus.

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