# Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund



# UCITS Fact Sheet | 31 December 2023

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the active Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in global equities.

#### Philosophy and Process

Harding Loevner believes a diversified portfolio of high-quality, durable-growth companies purchased at reasonable prices will provide superior investment returns with below-average risk over the long term. Our analysts conduct careful bottom-up research of individual companies and analyze the competitive dynamics of their industries to identify the best growth companies and to assess the value of their shares. To qualify for investment, companies must be well managed, financially strong, and possess clear competitive advantages relative to their peers.

#### **Fund Facts**

Domicile/Type	Ireland/UCITS
Base Currency	US Dollar
Benchmark	MSCI All Country World Index
Fund Inception	17 June 2022
Total Fund Assets	US \$129.1M
Number of Holdings	59
Settlement Period	T+3
Dealing Deadline*	10AM Irish time
Investment Manager	Harding Loevner LP
Regulator	Central Bank of Ireland

<sup>\*</sup>Dealing cutoffs through intermediaries may vary; investors accessing the Fund through an intermediary should confirm the dealing deadline with their provider.

## Portfolio Managers

Peter Baughan, CFA

Global Co-Lead Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 1997

Jingyi Li

Global Co-Lead Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2010

Maria Lernerman, CFA

Global Paris-Aligned Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2015

Christopher Mack, CFA

Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2004

Richard Schmidt, CFA

Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2011

Moon Surana, CFA

Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2009

## Class X1 – US Dollar Performance (% Total Return) as of 31 December 2023

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results.

	3 Months	1 Year	Since Inception
Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund	13.55	20.90	15.67
MSCI All Country World Index	11.03	22.20	17.21

Class I Inception date: 17 June 2022. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. Fund performance is shown net of fees. Benchmark performance is shown net of withholding taxes.

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Cons Discretionary 7.9 11.1   Cons Staples 4.5 6.8   Energy 0.0 4.5   Financials 8.1 15.9   Health Care 21.0 11.2   Industrials 19.3 10.7   Info Technology 21.8 22.9   Materials 1.1 4.5   Real Estate 1.6 2.4	Sector	Fund	Benchmark
Cons Staples 4.5 6.8   Energy 0.0 4.5   Financials 8.1 15.9   Health Care 21.0 11.2   Industrials 19.3 10.7   Info Technology 21.8 22.9   Materials 1.1 4.5   Real Estate 1.6 2.4   Utilities 0.0 2.6	Comm Services	11.5	7.4
Energy   0.0   4.5     Financials   8.1   15.9     Health Care   21.0   11.2     Industrials   19.3   10.7     Info Technology   21.8   22.9     Materials   1.1   4.5     Real Estate   1.6   2.4     Utilities   0.0   2.6	Cons Discretionary	7.9	11.1
Financials 8.1 15.9   Health Care 21.0 11.2   Industrials 19.3 10.7   Info Technology 21.8 22.9   Materials 1.1 4.5   Real Estate 1.6 2.4   Utilities 0.0 2.6	Cons Staples	4.5	6.8
Health Care 21.0 11.2   Industrials 19.3 10.7   Info Technology 21.8 22.9   Materials 1.1 4.5   Real Estate 1.6 2.4   Utilities 0.0 2.6	Energy	0.0	4.5
Industrials   19.3   10.7     Info Technology   21.8   22.9     Materials   1.1   4.5     Real Estate   1.6   2.4     Utilities   0.0   2.6	Financials	8.1	15.9
Info Technology   21.8   22.9     Materials   1.1   4.5     Real Estate   1.6   2.4     Utilities   0.0   2.6	Health Care	21.0	11.2
Materials   1.1   4.5     Real Estate   1.6   2.4     Utilities   0.0   2.6	Industrials	19.3	10.7
Real Estate   1.6   2.4     Utilities   0.0   2.6	Info Technology	21.8	22.9
Utilities 0.0 2.6	Materials	1.1	4.5
	Real Estate	1.6	2.4
Cash 3.2 -	Utilities	0.0	2.6
	Cash	3.2	_

Geography	Fund	Benchmark
Canada	0.0	2.9
Emerging Markets	5.4	10.5
Europe EMU	13.6	8.1
Europe ex EMU	9.5	7.7
Frontier Markets	0.0	_
Japan	5.4	5.4
Middle East	0.0	0.2
Pacific ex Japan	0.9	2.7
United States	62.0	62.5
Cash	3.2	_

<sup>&</sup>quot;Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

# **Portfolio Characteristics**

Quality and Growth	Fund	Benchmark
Profit Margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	16.6	15.1
Return on Assets <sup>1</sup> (%)	10.2	8.8
Return on Equity <sup>1</sup> (%)	22.2	18.5
Debt/Equity Ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	36.7	67.5
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE <sup>1</sup> (%)	4.1	5.5
Sales Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	11.4	7.9
Earnings Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	17.8	13.5
Cash Flow Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	14.1	12.0
Dividend Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	10.9	7.0

Size and Valuation	Fund	Benchmark
Wtd. Med. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	118.8	101.9
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	406.2	469.2
Price/Earnings <sup>3</sup>	30.1	18.5
Price/Cash Flow <sup>3</sup>	20.9	13.0
Price/Book <sup>3</sup>	5.6	2.8
Dividend Yield <sup>4</sup>	0.9	2.0

<sup>&</sup>quot;Fund": Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund. "Benchmark": MSCI All Country World Index.

## **Share Class Offerings**

ClassI	Inception	Minimum Investment	SEDOL / CUSIP	ISIN	Distributing / Accumulating	Subscription Charge (Max)	Total Exp. Ratio	Fee Cap
US Dollar	_	US\$1M	BNMBS41	IE0002RVG3I2	Accumulating	N/A	0.80%	0.80%
Euro	_	US\$1M equivalent	BPLWN99	IE000B0SDAF1	Accumulating	N/A	0.80%	0.80%
GBP Sterling	-	US\$1M equivalent	BPLWNB1	IE000EMWFM34	Distributing	N/A	0.80%	0.80%
Class X								
US Dollar	-	US\$20M	BPLWNF5	IE0008RV83G6	Accumulating	N/A	0.10%	0.10%
Class X1								
US Dollar	17 Jun 2022	US\$20M	BPLWND3	IE00026H8635	Accumulating	N/A	0.57%	0.57%

Total expense ratio (TER) is based on the investment management fees listed in the most recent prospectus supplement and the operating expense incurred in the most recent month end. Harding Loevner has agreed to cap the TER as provided in the table above.

For performance information and current NAVs for all active share classes, please visit <a href="www.hardingloevnerfundsplc.com">www.hardingloevnerfundsplc.com</a>. Management fees for Class X shares are billed outside of the NAV via contractual terms with the investor. No share classes engage in currency hedging; currency class designations do not represent disparate currency exposure. The Fund changed the naming conventions of several of its share classes on December 30, 2022. Please review share class details carefully.

# Ten Largest Holdings

	Sector	Market	% Assets
Schneider Electric	Industrials	France	4.3
Alphabet	Comm Services	US	4.3
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	Health Care	US	4.2
John Deere	Industrials	US	3.6
Amazon.com	Cons Discretionary	US	3.4
Pinterest	Comm Services	US	3.1
Ametek	Industrials	US	2.8
Microsoft	Info Technology	US	2.8
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Health Care	US	2.7
Sony	Cons Discretionary	Japan	2.5
Ten Largest Holdings			33.7

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#### Risk Factors

Securities in the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities. Fund shares are priced daily and will fluctuate. The value of your principal investment will fluctuate accordingly and may be worth more or less than your original investment. Changes in exchange rates between currencies or the conversion from one currency to another may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investment in a Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. For further discussion of risk factors, refer to the Risk Factors section of the Company's prospectus and the applicable Fund's Supplement to the prospectus.

#### **Endnotes**

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(1) Weighted median. (2) Trailing five years, annualized. (3) Weighted harmonic mean. (4) Weighted mean.

#### Disclosures

Source (Sector and Geographic Positioning, Largest Holdings and other Characteristics): Harding Loevner Funds plc Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Characteristics run date: 04 January 2024, based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date.

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