# Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund



# UCITS Fact Sheet | 31 December 2024

#### **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
IA Sector*	Global
Fund Inception	17 June 2022
Total Fund Assets	US \$147.7M
Number of Holdings	53
Settlement Period	T+3
Dealing Deadline**	10AM Irish time
Investment Manager	Harding Loevner LP
Regulator (	Central Bank of Ireland
SFDR Classification	Article 8

<sup>\*</sup>IA Sector classification applies solely to the Sterling Class I. \*\*Dealing cutoffs through intermediaries may vary; investors accessing the Fund through an intermediary should confirm the dealing deadline with their provider.

## Class X1 – US Dollar Performance (% Total Return) as of 31 December 2024

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

	3 Months	1 Year	Since Inception
Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund	-0.84	14.36	15.15
MSCI All Country World Index	-0.99	17.49	17.32
MSCI ACWI Climate Paris Aligned Index	-1.80	17.01	16.91

Class X1 Inception date: 17 June 2022. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

#### Class X1 – US Dollar

Calendar Year Performance	2023	2024
Global Paris-Aligned Equity Fund	20.90	14.36
MSCI All Country World Index	22.20	17.49
MSCI ACWI Climate Paris Aligned Index	22.41	17.01

Fund performance is shown net of fees. Performance for MSCI All Country World Index, the benchmark index, and MSCI ACWI Climate Paris Aligned Index, the supplemental index, are shown net of withholding taxes.

### Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

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Sector	Fund	Benchmark			
Comm Services	16.0	8.3			
Cons Discretionary	9.9	11.3			
Cons Staples	3.0	5.9			
Energy	0.0	3.8			
Financials	10.6	16.8			
Health Care	16.5	9.7			
Industrials	14.2	10.2			
Info Technology	24.2	26.0			
Materials	0.9	3.5			
Real Estate	1.4	2.0			
Utilities	0.0	2.5			
Cash	3.3	_			

Geography	Fund	Benchmark
Canada	0.0	2.7
Emerging Markets	6.8	9.9
Europe EMU	7.6	6.9
Europe ex EMU	12.6	6.6
Frontier Markets	0.0	_
Japan	5.3	4.8
Middle East	0.0	0.2
Pacific ex Japan	3.1	2.3
United States	61.3	66.6
Cash	3.3	_

<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> (%)	16.0	15.3
Return on Assets <sup>1</sup> (%)	9.4	8.6
Return on Equity <sup>1</sup> (%)	21.7	19.0
Debt/Equity Ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	34.8	58.8
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE <sup>1</sup> (%)	4.7	5.0
Sales Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	12.7	8.7
Earnings Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	13.9	13.3
Cash Flow Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	15.3	12.9
Dividend Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	9.7	8.3

Size and Valuation	Fund	Benchmark
Wtd. Med. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	164.4	137.4
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	659.9	750.1
Price/Earnings <sup>3</sup>	30.9	22.3
Price/Cash Flow <sup>3</sup>	22.0	15.0
Price/Book <sup>3</sup>	5.3	3.2
Dividend Yield <sup>4</sup>	1.1	1.8

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

### Risk Factors

Securities investing has risks. These include fluctuations in the value of the Fund's investments and in the value of Fund shares, caused by market volatility, changes in exchange rates, currency conversions, and other factors. The value of your investment will vary and may be worth more or less than your original investment. 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 Prospectus Supplement.

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## **Share Class Offerings**

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ClassI	Inception	Minimum Investment	SEDOL / CUSIP	ISIN	Distributing / Accumulating	Subscription Charge (Max)	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	05 Jan 2024	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	0.55%	0.55%

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 www.hardingloevnerfundsplc.com. 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.

# Portfolio Managers

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Global Co-Lead Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2010

Richard Schmidt, CFA

Global Co-Lead Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2011

Maria Lernerman, CFA

Global Paris-Aligned Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2015

Sean Contant, CFA

Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2011

Moon Surana, CFA
Portfolio Manager

Harding Loevner since 2009

# Ten Largest Holdings

	Sector	Market	% Assets
Meta Platforms	Comm Services	US	4.8
Alphabet	Comm Services	US	4.6
Microsoft	Info Technology	US	4.2
Amazon.com	Cons Discretionary	US	4.2
Netflix	Comm Services	US	3.6
Schneider Electric	Industrials	France	3.4
John Deere	Industrials	US	3.4
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	Health Care	US	3.0
UnitedHealth Group	Health Care	US	2.8
Accenture	Info Technology	US	2.7
Ten Largest Holdings			36.7

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## **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: 06 January 2025, based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date.

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