# International 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 equities of companies based in global markets other than the United States of America.

#### 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 ex US Index
Fund Inception	3 April 2013
Total Fund Assets	US \$126.5M
Number of Holdings	61
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>Dealing cutoffs through intermediaries may vary; investors accessing the Fund through an intermediary should confirm the dealing deadline with their provider.

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## Class I – 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	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
International Equity Fund	-8.76	0.64	-2.76	3.75	5.68	5.67
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	-7.60	5.54	0.82	4.10	4.80	4.80

Class I Inception date: 7 June 2013. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

#### Class I – US Dollar

Calendar Year Performance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
International Equity Fund	-1.19	4.91	29.89	-14.19	25.02	20.42	8.59	-20.55	14.97	0.64
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	-5.66	4.50	27.19	-14.20	21.51	10.65	7.82	-16.00	15.62	5.54

Geography

Europe EMU

Europe ex EMU

Frontier Markets

**Emerging Markets** 

Canada

Japan

Fund performance is shown net of fees. Benchmark performance is shown net of withholding taxes.

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	Fund	Benchmark
Comm Services	2.6	5.9
Cons Discretionary	6.5	11.2
Cons Staples	12.4	7.0
Energy	3.0	4.9
Financials	22.8	23.7
Health Care	14.0	8.8
Industrials	14.3	13.9
Info Technology	13.6	13.5
Materials	7.9	6.3
Real Estate	0.0	1.8
Utilities	0.6	3.0
Cash	2.3	_

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Middle East	0.0	0.6
Pacific ex Japan	7.8	7.0
Other	3.2	-
Cash	2.3	-
"Frontier Markets": Include	es countries with les	ss-

developed markets outside the index. "Other": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

Fund

5.6

23.0

18.0

25.1

0.0

15.0

**Benchmark** 

8.1

29.6

20.6

19.6

14.5

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

Quality and Growth	Fund	Benchmark
Profit Margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	12.1	11.2
Return on Assets <sup>1</sup> (%)	7.8	5.5
Return on Equity <sup>1</sup> (%)	17.0	14.0
Debt/Equity Ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	45.1	60.2
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE¹ (%)	3.5	4.6
Sales Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	5.7	5.8
Earnings Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.6	9.0
Cash Flow Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	11.2	10.2
Dividend Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.4	6.3
Size	Fund	Benchmark
Wtd. Med. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	74.1	51.0
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US\$B)	123.1	110.6

Risk and Valuation	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha <sup>2</sup>	-0.24	_
Beta <sup>2</sup>	1.00	_
R-Squared <sup>2</sup>	0.93	_
Active Share <sup>3</sup>	84	_
Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup>	17.74	17.14
Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.07	0.09
Price/Earnings <sup>4</sup>	17.8	15.8
Price/Cash Flow <sup>4</sup>	12.6	9.8
Price/Book <sup>4</sup>	2.6	1.9
Dividend Yield <sup>5</sup>	2.6	2.9

"Fund": International Equity Fund. "Benchmark": MSCI All Country World ex US 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.

# **Share Class Offerings**

					Distributing /		Total Exp.	Fee
Class A	Inception	Minimum Investment	SEDOL / CUSIP	ISIN	Accumulating	Charge (Max)	Ratio	Сар
US Dollar	-	US\$100	BNNMK03	IE000BD0Y029	Accumulating	5.00%	1.60%	1.60%
Class N								
US Dollar	-	US\$100	-	IE000TVI8GA1	Accumulating	N/A	1.60%	1.60%
Class R								
US Dollar	27 Sep 2013	US\$100	BCZTJ08/ G4R928156	IE00BCZTJ083	Accumulating	N/A	1.10%	1.10%
Class I								
US Dollar	2 Dec 2013	US\$1M	B1WL4Z0/ G4R928149	IE00B1WL4Z03	Accumulating	N/A	0.90%	0.90%
GBP Sterling	_	US\$1M equivalent	B1WL4X8	IE00B1WL4X88	Distributing	N/A	0.90%	0.90%
Euro	-	US\$1M equivalent	-	IE00B1WL4Y95	Accumulating	N/A	0.90%	0.90%
Class X								
US Dollar	26 Oct 2018	US\$30M	BDQZCV4	IE00BDQZCV46	Accumulating	N/A	0.10%	0.10%
Euro	_	US\$30M equivalent	-	IE00B9CL6835	Accumulating	N/A	0.10%	0.10%
GBP Sterling	-	US\$30M equivalent	-	IE00B8J89Z87	Distributing	N/A	0.10%	0.10%

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. Investment in Class A and Class N shares is restricted to certain investors accessing the fund through intermediary platforms.

# Portfolio Managers

Ferrill Roll, CFA Co-Lead Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 1996

Andrew West, CFA Co-Lead Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2006

Uday Cheruvu, CFA Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2020

Patrick Todd, CFA Portfolio Manager Harding Loevner since 2012

# Ten Largest Holdings

	Sector	Market	% Assets
TSMC	Info Technology	Taiwan	3.9
DBS Group	Financials	Singapore	3.9
HDFC Bank	Financials	India	3.3
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Health Care	Japan	3.1
Manulife	Financials	Canada	3.1
Allianz	Financials	Germany	3.1
Haleon	Cons Staples	UK	3.0
Royal Dutch Shell	Energy	UK	3.0
Schneider Electric	Industrials	France	2.9
Sony	Cons Discretionary	Japan	2.8
Ten Largest Holdings			32.1

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#### **Endnotes**

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(1) Weighted median. (2) Trailing five years, annualized. (3) Five-year average based on the Harding Loevner International Equity model. (4) Weighted harmonic mean. (5) Weighted mean.

#### **Disclosures**

Source (Alpha, Beta, R-Squared, Standard Deviation, Sharpe Ratio): Harding Loevner Funds plc International Equity Fund based on the Fund returns, eVestment Alliance LLC,

Source (Sector and Geographic Positioning, Largest Holdings and other Characteristics): Harding Loevner Funds plc International Equity Fund, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Characteristics run date: 6 January 2025, based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date.

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