

# Global Star Equity Fund

May 2019

## Fund Overview

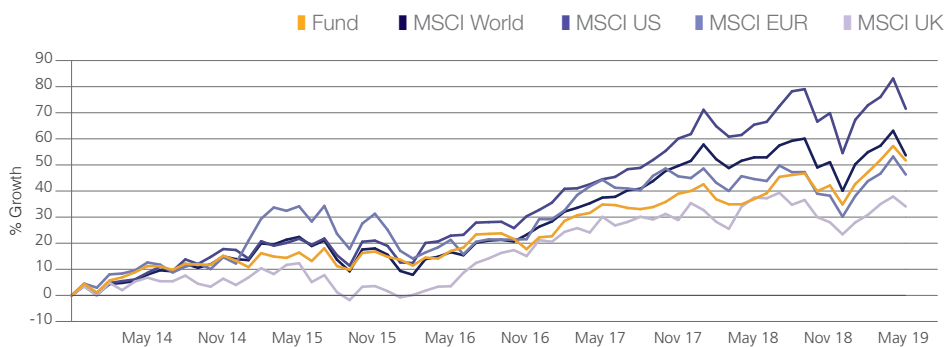
The Fund aims to provide income and capital returns by choosing an optimal mix of top tier stocks using a rigorous proprietary process. The portfolio consists of less volatile global large cap stocks with strong franchises, stable earnings, growing dividends, solid balance sheets and financial flexibility. Its geographical focus is US, UK and European stocks.

## Market & Portfolio Commentary

Global equities fell 5.8% in May as trade tensions once again escalated when the US administration opened up new fronts against both China and Mexico. The relationship between the US and China has deteriorated over the last few weeks as Huawei was placed on the export blacklist. The uncertain global trade backdrop and its impact on business confidence became visible in weaker PMI data out from the US, with the survey suggesting that the US is currently experiencing the “slowest expansion in overall business activity since May 2016”. Unsurprisingly Treasuries have been the beneficiaries as investors sought out a safe haven asset, with the yield on the US 10 year Treasury bond falling 40bps to 2.1% and German Bunds falling to an all-time record negative yield. Despite the risks looming to an expansion cycle that is nearing a 10 year record, the US unemployment rate fell to a five-decade low of 3.6% as the jobs market remains robust and wage growth remains controlled.

Global STAR significantly outperformed over the month with resilience in a falling market being evident once again. The outperformers over the month included Hershey, Rogers Communications and WEC Energy. The bottom three detractors included Imperial Brands, Brenntag and Kellogg. The fund strategy continues to focus on defensive growth and structural growth given the increasingly opaque global growth outlook.

## Fund Performance\*



## Monthly Returns (%) USD\*

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2016	-0.98	-1.95	2.73	-0.33	2.57	1.08	4.25	0.21	0.15	-1.75	-3.19	3.84	6.50
2017	0.34	4.80	1.67	0.68	2.46	-0.15	-0.82	-0.33	0.59	1.47	2.32	0.76	14.53
2018	1.83	-4.02	-1.41	0.00	1.49	1.63	4.49	0.52	0.41	-4.64	1.56	-5.13	-3.69
2019	5.80	3.17	3.21	3.51	-3.53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.50

## Discrete Annual Performance (%)\*

	31.05.18	31.05.17	31.05.16	31.05.15	31.05.14
	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	31.05.16	31.05.15
Fund	10.79	1.56	15.20	0.53	4.66
Benchmark	0.58	11.28	17.95	-4.78	13.38

## Fund Highlights (%)\*

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	Year to Date	Since Launch	Best Month	Worst Month
Fund	-3.53	3.06	6.73	12.50	51.69	5.88	-5.76
Benchmark	-5.77	-0.77	1.77	9.71	53.88	-	-

\*Source: RBC. Fund performance relates to Class X USD and is net of fees with dividends reinvested. Discrete annual performance is based on data since inception.

Issued June 2019. All data as at 31 May 2019

### Key facts about the Fund

- Global equity investments in high quality companies with positive cash flow and low leverage
- The largest region is North America with 53.7%
- Total Number of Holdings 29

### Fund Details

Fund Type	UCITS IV, Dublin domiciled
Launch Date	16 December 2013
Benchmark	MSCI World Equity Index
Fund AuM	\$132.7m (all share classes)
Administrator	RBC Investor & Treasury Services

### Dealing & Pricing

Pricing	Daily
Pricing Time	12 noon T+1 UK time
Dealing Frequency	Daily
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### Potential Risk / Rewards



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## Portfolio Breakdown

### Top Ten Equity Holdings

Name	Sector	%
Hershey	Consumer Staples	3.9
Rogers Communications	Communications	3.7
WEC Energy Group	Utilities	3.6
Nestle	Consumer Staples	3.6
Air Products & Chemicals Inc	Materials	3.5
Unilever	Consumer Staples	3.5
Kimberly-Clark	Consumer Staples	3.5
Endesa	Utilities	3.5
PepsiCo	Consumer Staples	3.4
Danone	Consumer Staples	3.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>35.6</b>

### Regional Breakdown\*

Region	%
North America	53.7
Europe	32.9
United Kingdom	9.0

### Sector Breakdown (%)

Communications	13.6
Consumer Discretionary	9.5
Consumer Staples	33.7
Health Care	3.4
Industrials	9.2
Materials	12.8
Technology	6.4
Utilities	7.1



Source: Fund data London & Capital and RBC Investor & Treasury Services, Index data MSCI.

\*The data above does not include cash, cash equivalents and futures; therefore occasionally the data may not add up to 100%.

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**AI - International Fund Awards 2016**  
Best Private Client Investment Team  
UK and Best Global Equity Fund



**Wealth Adviser Awards 2015**  
Best Ultra High Net Worth Team



**Alternative Investment Award - 2015**  
Ultra High-Net-Worth Wealth Manager of the Year

## Share Class Details

Share Class	Initial Charge	AMC	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL
Class X USD	0.00%	0.00%	IE00BDV09V37	LCGSEXU ID	BDV09V3
Class X EUR	0.00%	0.00%	IE00BYJR3L12	LCGSEXE ID	BYJR3L1
Class X GBP	0.00%	0.00%	IE00BDV09S08	LCGSEXG ID	BDV09S0
Class I USD	0.00%	1.00%	IE00BDV09W44	LCSTRUI ID	BDV09W4
Class I GBP	0.00%	1.00%	IE00BDV09T15	LCSTRGI ID	BDV09T1

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