

## Investment Objective

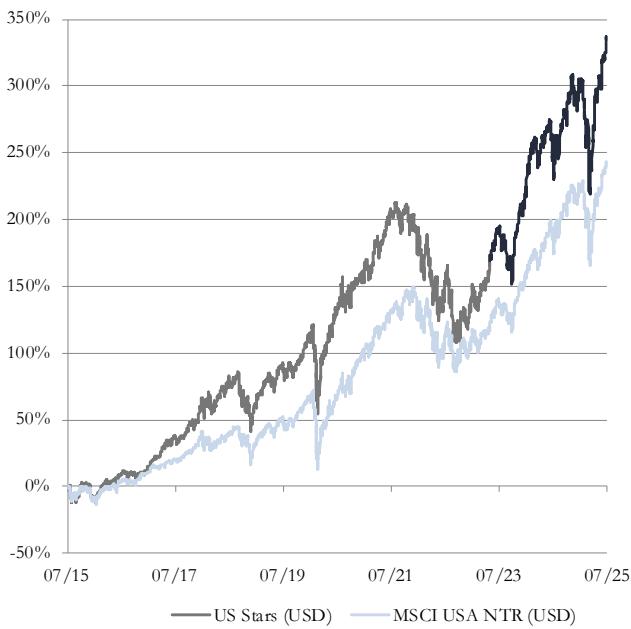
The US Stars Equity fund seeks to generate long term capital growth by investing in a concentrated portfolio of American companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

We select companies based on our own fundamental research, taking a long-term investment horizon. We do not follow benchmarks and always invest in quality.

Quality for a company means strong competitive positions, operating in good and growing industries, the financial strength to weather adversity and strong management teams with track records of value creation.

We seek to identify undervalued quality growth companies where the scale or persistence of growth is underappreciated by the market and there is the prospect of significant capital growth.

## US Stars (USS) Performance, USD



## Share Class Summary

Share Class	NAV	AMC	OCF*	Minimum	ISIN
A1 Acc USD	1,173.31	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2890441160
B1 Acc USD	1,170.26		1.20%	1.50%	5,000 LU2895048770
L1 Acc USD	1,174.55	0.75%	1.05%	25,000,000	LU2903259195

\*OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For more details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus.

## AUM

**Firm:** US\$2.4bn    **USS Strategy:** US\$77.9m    **Fund:** US\$71.2m

## Portfolio Comment

The US Stars portfolio rose 3.6% in July, outperforming the broader market's 2.3% gain by 1.3%. This extends the portfolio's year-to-date lead over the market to 3.9%.

US equities had another strong month, with markets reaching new highs on the back of solid earnings and easing trade tensions following key trade agreements.

*Cadence Design Systems* was a standout performer, rising 18%. The stock surged after the US government lifted export restrictions on its software to Chinese customers, alongside strong earnings that highlighted broad-based business strength.

*Estée Lauder* gained 16%, continuing its recent momentum amid improving sentiment from China following the 6.18 shopping festival.

During the month, we exited positions in *Adobe* and *Zoetis*, and initiated new holdings in *Nike* and *TE Connectivity*. Nike, the global sportswear leader, offers an attractive entry point as its new management team focuses on reigniting growth and reclaiming market share. TE Connectivity, a leading provider of electrical connectors and sensors, supplies mission-critical components across the automotive and industrial sectors. It is also expanding its presence in the growing AI and data centre markets. We see strong cyclical recovery potential in autos and industrials, a view reinforced by the company's strong earnings report at the end of July.

## Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

	Jul-25	3 M	2025 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	Cumulative			Annualised			
						5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
<b>Portfolio</b>	+3.6	+19.8	+12.4	+23.3	+71.4	+86.5	+334.3	+524.2	+19.7	+13.3	+15.8	+15.3
<b>MSCI USA NTR</b>	+2.3	+14.4	+8.5	+16.5	+59.3	+102.6	+240.4	+420.4	+16.8	+15.2	+13.0	+13.7

## Top 5 Holdings

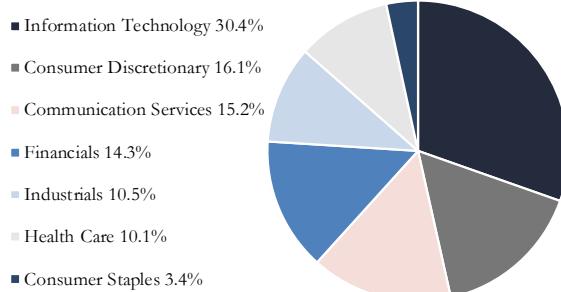
Stock	Sector	%
Nvidia	Information Technology	9.5
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	6.5
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	6.1
Alphabet Class C	Communication Services	4.9
Cadence Design	Information Technology	4.9

## Key Facts

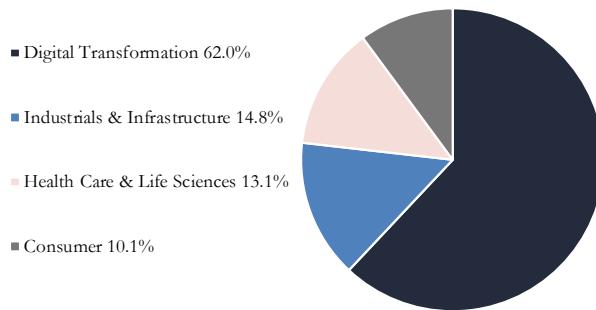
No. of Stocks	26	Median Market Cap	US\$162bn
Gross Dividend Yield	0.6%	Cash % of NAV	0.6%
Active Share ^	79.2%	5 Year Standard Deviation	19.2%
Best Month	14.0%	5 Year Sharpe Ratio	0.80
Worst Month	-11.7%	12 Month Turnover	37.6%
Average Month	1.3%	5 Year Max. Drawdown	-33.6%
% Positive Months	65.6%	5 Year Beta	1.11

Performance since launch on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch Performance is that of J. Stern & Co.'s US Stars Strategy, a simulated or hypothetical portfolio, that has been a standalone strategy since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, unhedged, which the Fund follows. Since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 performance is total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted 0.25% quarterly in arrears. Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 (and from inception on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2012) performance is that of the US primary listed holdings of the World Stars Global Equity Strategy (and so without any allocation to cash), with performance reduced by 0.25% quarterly in arrears to represent 1% fees per annum. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The MSCI USA NTR is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the US market. With 593 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US. Source: Factset, Wize, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co. As at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

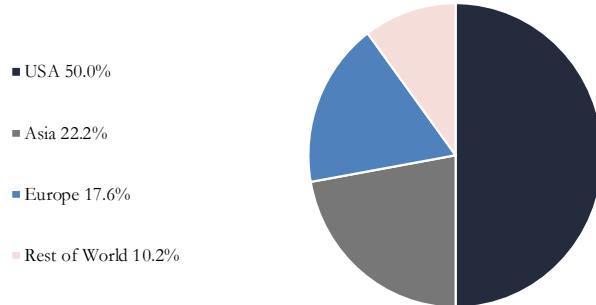
## GICS Sector Allocation



## J. Stern &amp; Co. Allocation



## Geographic Exposure by Sales



## Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	MSCI USA NTR	Excess return
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-3.7	+2.4	-0.6	-1.9	-0.4	-1.5	
2013	+7.9	+2.1	+3.2	-0.2	+1.8	-0.1	+1.9	-3.0	+3.4	+10.0	+5.6	+1.4	+39.1	+31.8	+7.3
2014	+2.1	+3.3	-1.5	-0.2	+3.1	+4.0	-4.2	+3.5	-1.8	+0.2	+1.8	-1.2	+2.1	+12.7	-10.6
2015	-1.7	+6.2	-2.6	+1.7	+0.7	-3.1	+2.1	-6.2	-4.7	+12.3	+0.8	-1.3	+2.9	+0.7	+2.2
2016	-7.3	+1.9	+8.1	+1.0	+1.2	+0.5	+4.4	+0.1	+1.2	-2.1	-0.3	+0.3	+8.6	+10.9	-2.3
2017	+5.1	+4.7	+3.4	+3.0	+4.5	-0.6	+2.9	+1.1	+0.5	+6.5	+0.4	+0.8	+37.1	+21.2	+15.9
2018	+11.5	-1.5	-2.3	+0.4	+5.3	+0.9	+3.6	+2.4	+2.6	-10.8	+0.3	-8.4	+2.1	-5.0	+7.1
2019	+9.8	+1.6	+4.6	+4.4	-5.6	+6.4	+1.9	-0.6	-0.1	+2.2	+3.0	+3.9	+35.5	+30.9	+4.6
2020	+1.2	-6.7	-8.9	+14.0	+5.3	+2.6	+6.9	+7.6	-4.5	-2.5	+8.2	+2.7	+26.3	+20.7	+5.6
2021	-1.9	+1.5	+3.1	+7.0	-0.4	+3.4	+3.2	+2.8	-6.1	+4.4	-3.6	+2.5	+16.4	+26.5	-10.1
2022	-4.8	-5.2	+3.1	-10.7	-0.2	-7.7	+9.6	-6.4	-11.7	+5.3	+6.2	-5.3	-26.5	-19.8	-6.7
2023	+8.8	-2.9	+7.3	+1.5	+3.9	+6.9	+3.8	-2.2	-7.6	-3.1	+12.9	+6.7	+39.9	+26.5	+13.4
2024	+2.1	+9.8	+3.9	-4.4	+3.0	+3.1	-4.1	+2.8	+2.3	+0.0	+6.9	-2.4	+24.4	+24.6	-0.2
2025	+4.0	-3.3	-8.3	+1.7	+9.2	+5.9	+3.6						+12.4	+8.5	+3.9

See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Fund Information

Portfolio Managers	Giles Tulloch, Christopher Rossbach
Launch Date	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Management Company	Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA
Administrator & Depository	CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.
Reference Currency	US Dollar
Dealing Day	Every business day in Luxembourg & London
NAV	Available by close of business day after Dealing Day

Share Class	A	B	L
Eligibility	Institutional	Retail	Institutional
Minimum Investment*	1m	5k	25m
Management Fee	0.90%	1.20%	0.75%
OCF	1.20%	1.50%	1.05%
Acc./ Dist.	Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all		
Currencies*	USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & GBP		
Alternative fee structure*	Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available		
Subscriptions & Redemptions	Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day		

## Sustainability &amp; ESG

J. Stern & Co. is a signatory to the UN PRI; a Member of the SASB Alliance; and strategically aligned to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its ten Global Compact principles.

The US Stars Equity Fund is classified as an 'Article 8 Fund' under the EU's SFDR framework.



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## Important Information

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