

## Investment Objective

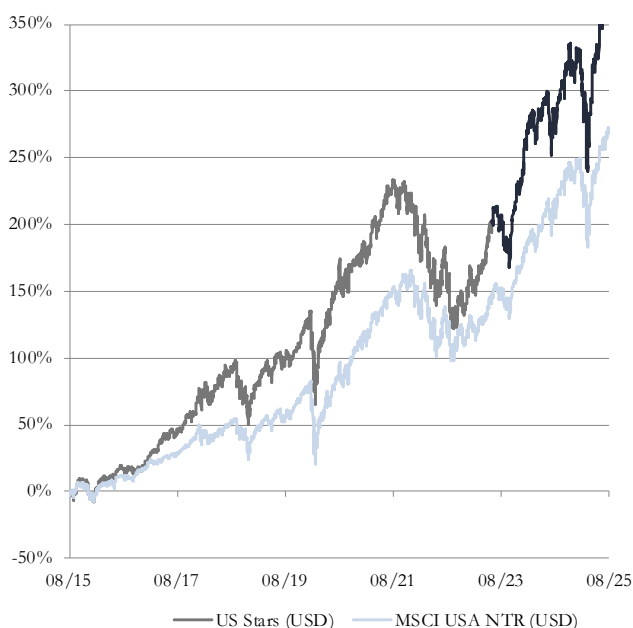
The US Stars Equity fund seeks to generate long term capital growth by investing in a concentrated portfolio of American companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

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	1,168.58	0.90%	1.20%	1,000,000	LU2890441160
B1 Acc USD	1,165.27	1.20%	1.50%	5,000	LU2895048770
L1 Acc USD	1,169.95	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\$128m    Fund: US\$76m

## Portfolio Comment

Our US Stars portfolio declined modestly in August but has still delivered a 12% total return and outperformed by almost 2% in 2025 YTD.

The US equity market rose 1.9% in August, supported by robust company results and increased expectations of a cut in US rates in the coming months. Although US core inflation remains quite sticky, but still below 3%, the Fed is balancing this off against the weaker US jobs market within its dual mandate.

*IDEXX Laboratories* (+21%) was the strongest performer with shares rallying on strong quarterly results and an upward revision to full-year guidance.

*Gartner* (-26%) was the largest detractor after reporting slower-than-expected contract value growth. Management highlighted that tariffs have introduced uncertainty among clients, leading to a pause in spending commitments.

During the month, we initiated positions in *Home Depot* and *Lowe's*. Both companies have recently expanded into the professional repair segment through strategic acquisitions, broadening their reach beyond the traditional DIY market. With a potential recovery in the US housing sector we believe these businesses are well positioned for long-term growth.

The purchases were funded by selectively reducing positions in several holdings that have delivered strong gains in prior months.

## Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

	Aug-25	3 M	2025 YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	Cumulative 5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception	3 Yr	Annualised 5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
Portfolio	-0.4	+9.3	+11.9	+19.5	+82.3	+72.5	+361.3	+521.7	+22.2	+11.5	+16.5	+15.2
MSCI USA NTR	+1.9	+9.6	+10.6	+16.0	+69.1	+92.2	+269.6	+430.4	+19.1	+13.9	+14.0	+13.8

## Top 5 Holdings

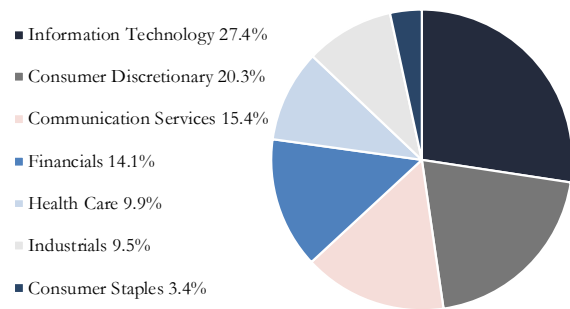
Stock	Sector	%
Nvidia	Information Technology	8.3
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	6.1
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	5.9
Alphabet Class C	Communication Services	5.3
Cadence Design	Information Technology	4.1

## Key Facts

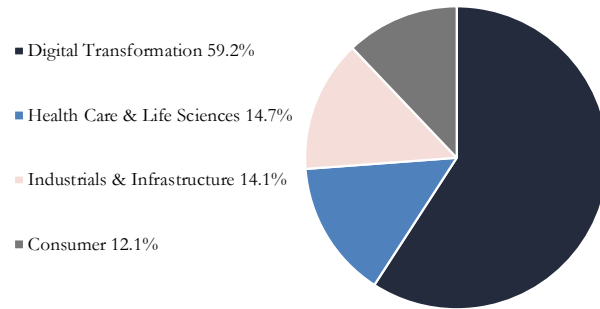
No. of Stocks	28	Median Market Cap	US\$157bn
Gross Dividend Yield	0.7%	Cash % of NAV	2.2%
Active Share ^	80.5%	5 Year Standard Deviation	19.0%
Best Month	14.0% Apr' 20	5 Year Sharpe Ratio	0.71
Worst Month	-11.7% Sep' 22	12 Month Turnover	35.9%
Average Month	1.3%	5 Year Max. Drawdown	-33.6%
% Positive Months	65.2%	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> August 2025.

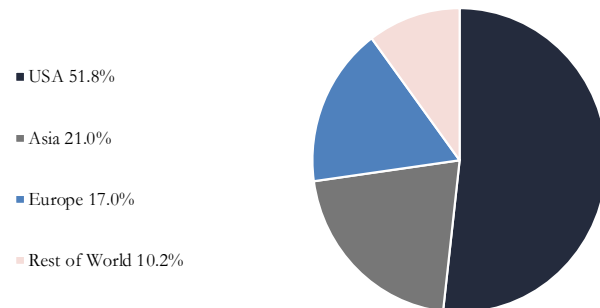
## GICS Sector Allocation



## 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	-0.4					+11.9	+10.6	+1.3

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.



## Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 and AUM is latest available at time of going to print. \* Minimum investment is stated in share class currency. Share classes currently available are set out on previous page; other classes can be made available in all currencies displayed and with alternative fee structures on request. Median market cap based on USD market cap of companies in the US Stars Global Equity Fund. 12 Month Turnover is based on the US Stars Strategy in USD which the Fund follows.

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