



Summary Details

Assets under Mgmt.	€70.7m
Inception Date	30 Nov 2004
Benchmark	MSCI EMU (EUR) Net Return Index
Number of Stocks	51

Risk Characteristics

Beta (10 Yrs)	0.98
Information Ratio (10 Yrs)	0.67
Volatility	14.17

Portfolio Statistics

	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	4.1%	3.1%
Dividend Payout	75.3%	57.0%
Dividend Growth	11.1%	7.7%
Total Payout Yield	6.1%	3.5%
Price to Earnings (trailing)	16.4x	17.6x
Price to Book	3.1x	3.3x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$44.3bn	\$49.8bn
ESG Score	7.9	7.3

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/19. The risk characteristics are calculated using monthly gross returns over a 10 year period relative to the Index as at the 31/12/19. Portfolio Statistics are of a representative account and are calculated relative to the Index. The AUM listed above is Global Equity Eurozone AUM. Weighted Avg. Mkt. Cap figures are in US Dollars.

Strategy Overview

Objective	Consistency. Downside protection. Lower risk.
Style	Relative value. High quality. Multi cap. Diversified.
Products	Global, EAFE, Emerging Markets, North America, ACWI, Eurozone.

Investment Philosophy

We are "total return" investors.

Our conviction is that companies with the financial strength and discipline to maintain and grow their dividend commitments outperform.

Uniquely, we find such companies across all capitalisations, and in every sector and every region, even ones where dividends are low and not typically used as a method of analysis. By "looking where others don't look" we consistently find and exploit mispriced stocks.

The main reasons for outperformance are:

- Quality of information
- Better governance
- Plentiful positive earnings surprises
- Capital efficiency and financial discipline
- Lower volatility
- Better valuations

Annualised Performance (€)

	3Mths	YTD	1Yr	3Yrs	5Yrs	10Yrs
Fund (Gross)	6.0	21.7	21.7	7.0	8.4	8.3
Benchmark	5.1	25.5	25.5	7.2	7.1	6.6

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 31/12/19
Returns are gross of fees in Euro. Our firm claims GIPS compliance and is annually verified by an independent verification firm to be so. The verification report from our verifier and our GIPS composite presentation are available upon request. The performance record disclosed here is that of the firm's composite for this strategy. The EMU Equity composite (formerly known as the EMU Equity Dividend Plus composite) is a well diversified, all cap, strategy that invests across all 24 industry sub classifications of the EMU equity market. This strategy is constructed on a segmented basis by industry (as defined by the MSCI EMU Index) and no active currency management is undertaken. The strategy invests purely in those companies that pay above average dividends relative to their industry peer group and is managed by a dedicated, specialist team of investment professionals in Dublin, Ireland. The benchmark is the MSCI EMU Index, inclusive of net income. The Net index provides a better comparator for potential investors and representation of the investment strategy of the composite. The benchmark is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed market countries. The benchmark is market-cap weighted. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark; but not materially so. MSCI benchmark returns assume the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes. See disclaimers for further information.

Investment Process

We summarise our process into three steps

Step 1

- Create regional group segments from MSCI Index.
- Eliminate stocks below segment average yield.
- Lower yield stocks, countries, industries will qualify.

Step 2

- Eliminate stocks and segments that fail sustainability, quality and growth criteria.
- Rank remaining stocks.

Step 3

- Create portfolio preferred financial criteria and highest ranked stocks.

Current Eurozone Portfolio Characteristics

Mkt. Cap \$bn	Strategy	MSCI EMU Index	+/- %
<3 (small)	0.6	0.7	-0.1
3-5 (mid-small)	9.1	3.1	6.0
5-10 (mid)	16.8	11.4	5.4
10-25 (mid-large)	19.7	21.8	-2.1
>25 (large)	53.9	62.9	-9.0

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/19. Market Cap figures are based on a representative account relative to the Index. Market Cap figures are in US Dollars.

Investment Team

Key People	Title	Investment Experience
CIO		
Noel O'Halloran	Chief Investment Officer	32yrs
Portfolio Management Team		
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	32yrs
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	28yrs
Ian Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	29yrs
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	16yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	19yrs
Trading		
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	14yrs

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Portfolio Positioning

Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Financials	18.1	Communications	6.3
Industrials	16.9	Energy	6.3
Consumer Discretionary	14.4	Health Care	5.9
Information Technology	8.0	Materials	5.8
Consumer Staples	7.9	Real Estate	3.4
Utilities	7.0		

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
Europe	100.0

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
Siemens AG	Germany	4.9
Unilever NV	Netherlands	4.4
BNP Paribas SA	France	4.3
KERING	France	4.0
Axa SA	France	4.0
Enel SpA	Italy	3.9
Industria de Diseno Textil SA	Spain	3.4
Sanofi-Aventis	France	3.3
Deutsche Post AG	Germany	3.2
Repsol SA	Spain	3.1

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. Data as of 31/12/19

Overview

Following muted returns in the third quarter, global markets once again rose sharply in Quarter 4. The main catalyst driving market sentiment in Q4 was the massive re-expansion of liquidity in the monetary system, most notably in the US, but also in Europe and Asia.

2019 proved to be a record-breaking year for global stock markets, as they posted their best year for returns since the aftermath of the GFC. While of course welcoming such large returns its only prudent to recognise that this performance went hand in hand with declining profits and deteriorating economic sentiment (falling PMI's and economic growth downgrades).

All the return came from multiple expansion and the decade ended with indices trading at close to their highest forward valuation outside of the tech bubble.

In light of such aggressive absolute returns it is not a surprise to us that our relative performance was a challenge given the conservative and defensive nature of our dividend orientation. The magnitude of the variance in style over the year was the dominant contributor to our relative under performance over the twelve months to end December 2019.

From an investment style perspective Growth again outperformed Value by more than 10%. Growth is now almost 2 standard deviations above its long-term average at 20.6 times forward earnings.

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