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Inception Date	October 2006	
Benchmark	MSCI World Net Return Index	
Innovator Fund Assets Under Management	€67.2m as at 31.12.21	
Objective	> 3% p.a. on rolling 3 Years v MSCI World Index	
Annual management fee	0.59%	

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The investment objective of the Innovator Fund is to provide investors with exposure to alternative, 'innovative' investment themes to which they would not already have exposure. The Fund seeks to capture the major investment themes and trends of current and future investment markets.

KBI Global Investors has identified the following longterm secular trends which we believe offer attractive investment opportunities for our clients and which underpin the Fund's investment philosophy:

- •The spiralling global demand for scarce resources such as food, energy, water, commodities.
- •The needs for the global economy to adapt to reduce carbon emissions.
- •The impact of population growth, urbanisation and emergence of new consumers in developing economies.

The Fund is designed to generate high alpha and has a relatively high tracking error.

# **FUND STRUCTURE**

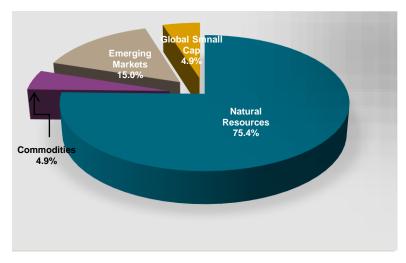
# Core Long Term Holdings (Max 100% & Min 50%)

To provide access to a diversified group of alternative themes which we hope will generate outperformance over an investment horizon of 3-5 years.

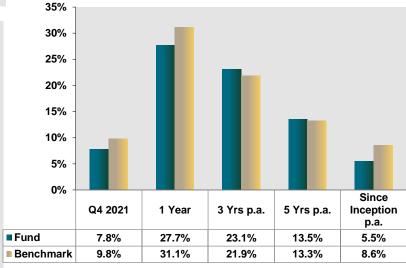
The current Long Term Themes are:

- Natural Resources
- Commodities
- Emerging Markets

# **ASSET DISTRIBUTION**



#### **PERFORMANCE**



Source: KBIGI/Datastream/Bloomberg/MSCI. Benchmark: MSCI World Net Return Index. Returns are gross of fees in euro to 31/12/2021. See Disclaimers for further information.

# PERFORMANCE OF COMPONENTS Q4 2021

Natural Resources	Water Energy Solutions Global Sustainable Infrastructure	11.38% 7.04% 11.06%
Emerging Markets	KBIGI Emerging Markets	2.28%
Global Small Cap	KBI Global Small Cap Equity	-2.80%

Source: KBI Global Investors. Data as of 31/12/2021 in euro gross of fees.

# **INVESTMENT THESIS**

To provide investors with exposure to the components of economic growth that are largely ignored, i.e. innovation, entrepreneurial businesses, emerging industries and regions.

**Energy Solutions:** Companies active in producing, manufacturing, providing equipment or supplying power from sources such as wind power, solar power, as well as companies involved in the area of energy efficiency. This industry is growing rapidly with demand increasing on the back of the focus on renewable energy (fossil fuels are a limited resource) and climate change.

Water: Companies active in the water sector, including water treatment technology, engineering/consulting, environmental control, water/wastewater utility, miscellaneous equipment. The limited supply of water is coming under increasing pressure as global demand for water has more than trebled in the past 50 years.

**Agribusiness:** The investment opportunity exists due primarily to the long term supply/demand imbalance for food globally. We take advantage of this by investing in companies active across the entire food supply chain ('from farm to fork'). Agribusiness companies range from seed producers to agricultural producers (large scale farmers) to agricultural equipment suppliers to agricultural services companies.

**Emerging Markets:** Companies operating in emerging market economies such as Brazil, China, India, Korea, Russia, EU accession states, South Africa, Latin America, etc. The superior economic growth rates in these economies provide the opportunity for better returns. The continued rise of China & India as global manufacturing and servicing centres, the enlargement of the European Union, the outsourcing of cheaper labour, the growth of intra-Asian trade & the emergence of Russia as a major energy supplier are all key long-term trends in this asset class.

Commodities: Exposure is provided to a significant amount of commodities, including Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Gold, Silver, Copper, Aluminium, Lead, Zinc, Wheat, Cocoa, Corn, Live Cattle, etc. Commodities are real assets and therefore tend to react to changing economic fundamentals. The asset class is historically seen as a hedge against inflation and geopolitical risks, whilst being an ideal diversification tool in a multi-strategy fund.



## **OVERVIEW**

Stock markets rallied over the last quarter of the year. The broadly positive earnings season and the declining impact of COVID more than eclipsed the rising fear of inflation and consequently tighter monetary policy, and the MSCI World Index gained 9.8%. The KBI Innovator Fund rose by 7.8% over the quarter, underperforming the MSCI World, and matched the performance of the blended benchmark\*.

Amongst the 3 Natural Resources, Water and Agribusiness outperformed the broader market and the S&P Global Natural Resources Index with Energy Solutions achieving solid positive absolute returns but underperforming on a relative basis. Performance over the period was led by a combination of the more cyclical segments (Water Infrastructure and to a lesser extent Energy Efficiency), more defensive water and energy utilities and commodity sensitive Agri Inputs.

The MSCI Emerging Markets index rose by 0.6% underperforming developed markets, weighed down by the retreat of overvalued growth stocks, the headwinds of a stronger US dollar and tighter financial conditions as central banks sought to rein in inflationary pressures as well as to pre-empt any tightening by the Federal Reserve to mitigate risks of capital flight.

The Bloomberg Commodities Index marginally increased by 0.3%.

\* Blended Benchmark Composition:

MSCI Emerging Markets 25% Bloomberg Commodity Index 20% FTSE ET50 Index 55%

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