AFRICA EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Minimum disclosure document (fact sheet) as at 31 October 2018



Investment objectives & strategy

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to maximise risk-adjusted returns over the long run while preserving capital, regardless of market conditions, by investing in companies whose primary source of income is from, or whose major assets are based on, the African continent. It is anticipated that at least 80% of the Fund will be invested in companies listed on African stock exchanges and the balance on stock exchanges outside Africa. The Fund can also invest up to 10% in selected investment opportunities, such as pre-IPO opportunities or unlisted investments.

Investor profile

This Fund is designed for investors wishing to participate in capital markets and may be most appropriate for investors with a medium to long term investment horizon, as losses may occur due to high market fluctuations.

Fund activity

- African market weakness was across the board with all markets in negative territory. In Mauritius, Greenbay
 Properties was down 32.0%. Other large contributors to performance were Eastern Tobacco (-15.1%), Elsewedy
 Electric (-14.9%) and Nigerian Breweries (-10.2%). Nigerian Banks performed well in weak markets with Zenith
 Bank up 9.1%, Guaranty Trust Bank up 2.4% and Stanbic IBTC up 2.5%.
- The Fund's outperformance in the month was mainly from its underweight Morocco position, which was down 5.4% in the month, and overweight Botswana where Choppies recovered somewhat to end the month up 68.5%. Other good contributors were Citadel (22.8%) and Orascom Development Holding AG (20.6%). Some large negative contributors in the month were Nigerian oil companies, Seplat Petroleum was down 9.1% and Lekoil was down 18.7%. In Egypt, EFG Hermes was down 17.5% and Global Telecom Holding was down 16.3%.



Annual average compound rate of return: -6.07%

Source: Morningstar

The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only and is calculated on a bid to bid basis. It does not take into account initial fees, but is presented net of all other fees, including annual management charge and performance fee accrual of the R class. Income is reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Actual performance will differ based on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date and the date of reinvestment of income. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance.

Growth (%)	Fund	Benchmark
YTD	-10.97	-14.84
1 Mth	-3.38	-4.21
3 Mths	-14.16	-11.39
6 Mths	-20.73	-19.93
1 Yr	-5.06	-12.61
3 Yrs	-9.25	-14.08
Since launch	-28.87	-35.11

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Fund statistics	Beta	Sharpe ratio	Tracking error
1 Yr	1.25	-0.32	7.38
Since launch	0.27	-0.43	21.52

Sector allocation (%)

Con Discretionary
Energy
14.14
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14.23
Health Care 4.04
Cash 3.25
Industrials 2.96
Utilities 2.25
Con Staples 8.10
Financials
Materials 0.60
Telecom Services 6.58

0% 20% 40% 60%

Largest holdings (%)

	Sector	/0
SEPLAT Petroleum Development Co Plc	Energy	10.99
CITADEL CAPITAL SAE	Financials	5.38
Zenith Bank PLC	Financials	5.13
EFG HERMES HOLDING SAE	Financials	4.93
Sonatel SA	Telecom Services	4.43

International

Key facts

Lead fund manager

Paul Clark

Risk profile



General Information

 Launch date
 22/05/13

 Fund size
 \$14.43m

 Number of stocks
 30-50

 Minimum investment
 \$10,000

Benchmark MSCI Emerging Frontier

Markets Africa ex SA index

PR USD

Domicile Luxembourg

Dealing Weekly Wednesday

ISIN LU0923646409

Sedol B8DT3V1

Bloomberg ticker AISAEOR LX

 Nav price
 \$7.1132

 Yield
 N/A

Dividend policy Accumulation

Management Company MDO Management
Company S.A.

Investment manager Ashburton (Jersey) Limited

Reporting fund Yes

Administrator State Street Bank

Luxembourg S.C.A.

Fund Structure UCITS
ISA eligible Yes
FCA recognised Yes

Fee Structure (%)

Performance Fee 15.00%
Annual Management fee 2.00%
Total Expense Ratio (TER) 2.69%
Transaction Charges 0.11%
Total Investment Charges 2.80%

Initial Charges are subject to prescribed minimums. Please refer to the Fund Prospectus for full details.

** Hurdle performance fee: equal to max 15% of outperformance (subject to high watermark) of Adjusted NAV Hurdle. See Prospectus for details.

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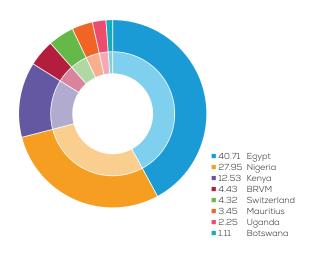
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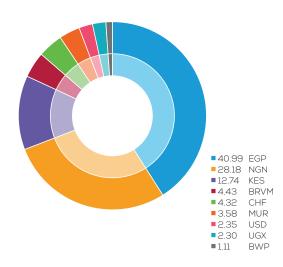
Monthly performance history (%)													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Calendar year
2018	11.34	0.85	0.35	-0.31	-6.50	-1.59	-0.45	-3.14	-7.35	-3.38	-	-	-10.97
2017	-0.80	7.73	1.10	2.24	6.03	5.37	2.22	-0.47	2.15	1.37	2.88	3.65	39.43
2016	-9.31	-0.43	2.88	5.22	0.02	-10.94	-0.68	-0.87	0.15	6.08	-16.52	3.84	-21.04
2015	-9.32	1.00	0.25	2.10	-0.71	-4.15	-4.58	-9.57	2.70	-3.69	-6.01	-1.50	-29.52
2014	-2.04	-1.49	0.94	2.20	2.51	1.02	1.32	1.88	0.67	-5.52	-4.42	-4.64	-7.75

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Geographical weighting (%)



Currency weightings (%)



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