

Fund Fact Sheet

29/09/2023

Asset Class

Equities Europe, all Caps

Fund Characteristics

AUM	€ 1302,5 mn
Launch date	28/09/1990
Oldest share class (B)	LU0093570330
Turnover (2022) ¹	21%
Reference currency	EUR
Hedged share classes available in	USD / CHF
Legal structure	SICAV, UCITS
Domicile	Luxembourg
European Passport	Yes
Countries of registration	AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, IT, LU, NL, NO, SE, SG, PT
SFDR	Art. 8

Representative Market Index

MSCI Europe NR (EUR)

Fund Manager

Following two years as portfolio manager and investment advisor at Banque Degroof Luxembourg, **Ivan Bouillot** joined Banque de Luxembourg in 2000 as a financial analyst, and was appointed head of European equity investments for the Bank's fund range in 2004. Ivan has a degree in Business and Finance from the ICHEC University in Brussels. In 2000, he obtained his CEFA (Certified EFFAS Financial Analyst) diploma and he has been a CFA (chartered financial analyst) charter holder since 2006.

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Investment Policy

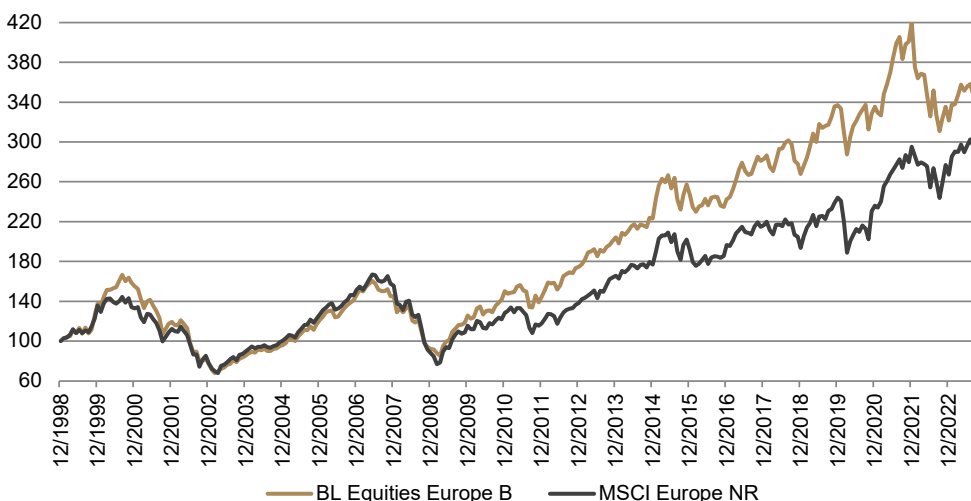
The fund's objective is to generate long-term capital gains by investing in high-quality European companies which have a sustainable competitive advantage and a sound ESG (environmental, social and governance) profile. It aims to achieve higher risk-adjusted returns than its benchmark universe over a full market cycle. A minimum of 30% of the fund's assets will be invested in sustainable assets.

Alongside these financial goals, targets have been set in terms of the portfolio's ESG performance and these are regularly monitored.

The fund manager implements an active, long-term strategy based on solid convictions.

Key Facts

- An active, fundamental, conviction-based approach (30 to 40 stocks), purely bottom-up and oriented towards the long term;
- As well as valuation, constant attention is paid to the financial and extra-financial quality of the companies in the portfolio;
- Integration of ESG factors at different stages of the investment process (exclusions, analysis, valuation, monitoring of controversies, voting policy and engagement);
- Regular review of the valuation of each stock and the average valuation of the portfolio;
- Non-benchmarked management resulting in significant deviations from the initial investment universe;
- Defined and quantifiable impact indicators on environmental, social, governance and human rights aspects;
- Low turnover.



Performance	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (B shares)	3,3%	-23,6%	25,5%	-0,6%	25,9%	-5,4%
MSCI Europe NR	8,8%	-9,5%	25,1%	-3,3%	26,0%	-10,6%

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Fund (B shares)	-4,1%	-6,8%	-4,3%	6,8%	-1,5%	11,5%	70,7%
MSCI Europe NR	-1,6%	-2,1%	0,2%	19,2%	36,6%	33,2%	86,1%

Annualised Performance	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Fund (B shares)	6,8%	-0,5%	2,2%	5,5%
MSCI Europe NR	19,2%	10,9%	5,9%	6,4%

Annualised Volatility	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Fund (B shares)	13,1%	15,5%	16,5%	15,0%
MSCI Europe NR	13,2%	14,8%	18,1%	16,3%

The market index (MSCI Europe NR) is shown in the performance chart as well as in the performance tables above for performance measurement purposes only and it should under no circumstances be considered as an indication of a specific investment style or strategy.

Investors are also invited to consult the performance chart disclosed in the key investor document of the sub-fund.

¹ min (purchases, sales) / average of net assets

² Luxembourg banking business day

Current Portfolio

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Top Holdings

Nestle	4,8%
Reckitt Benckiser	4,7%
Roche Holding	4,4%
SGS SA	4,3%
Air Liquide	4,1%
SAP	4,0%
Assa Abloy	3,8%
Unilever	3,8%
Legrand	3,7%
LVMH	3,5%

Summary Statistics

Weight of Top 10	41,0%
Number of holdings	41
Active Share vs MSCI Europe	71,9%

New Investments in September

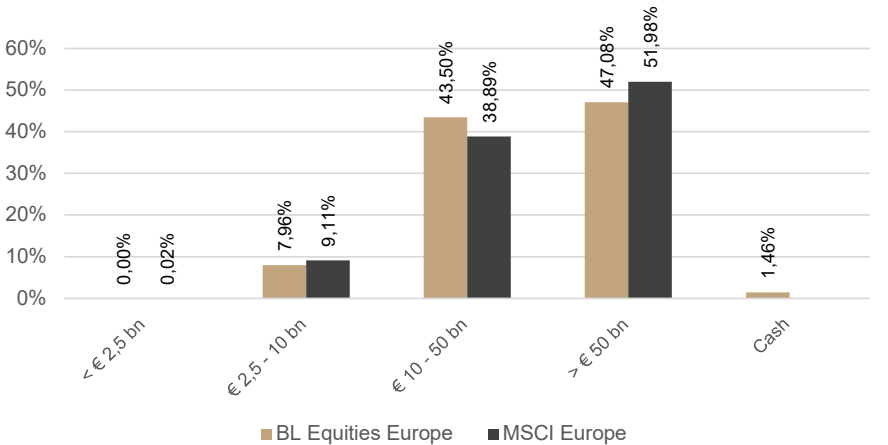
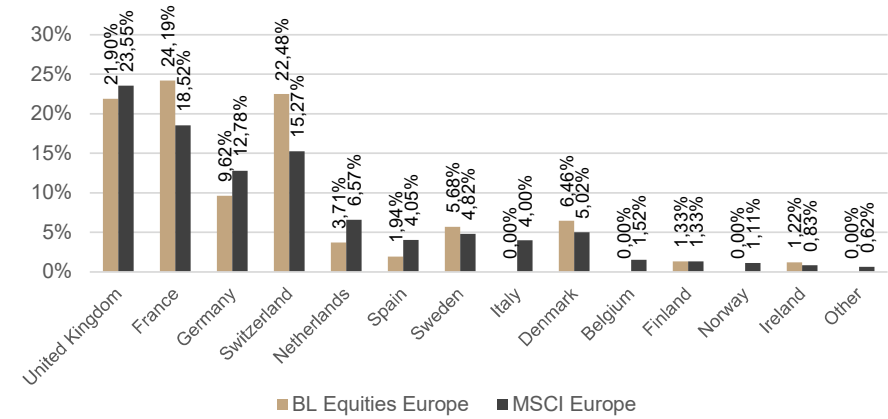
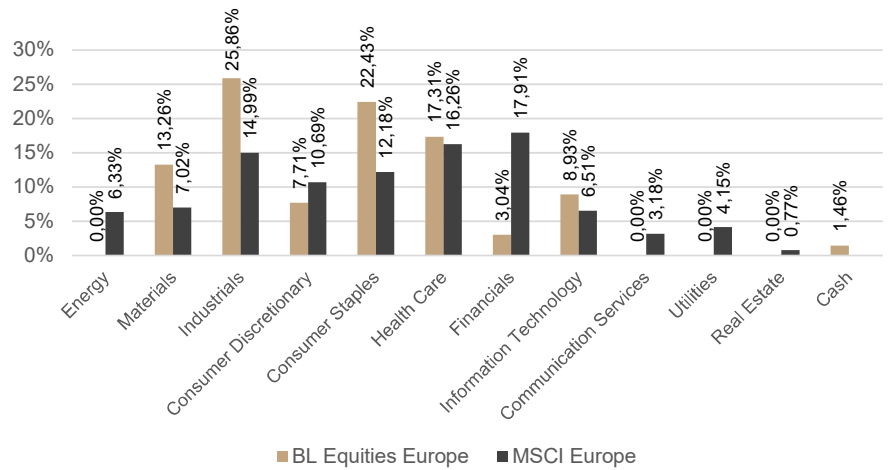
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Investments sold in September

no transactions

Currency Allocation

EUR	44,6%
CHF	22,5%
GBp	19,3%
DKK	6,5%
SEK	5,7%
Cash	1,5%



Investor Type	Clean Share	Eligibility Restrictions	Share class	Currency	Currency Hedging	Income	Mgmt fee	On-going Charges	SRI	ISIN	Bloomberg Ticker
Retail	No	No	A	EUR	No	Dis	1,25%	1,41%	4	LU0439765081	BLEQEU LX
Retail	No	No	B	EUR	No	Cap	1,25%	1,41%	4	LU0093570330	BLE4725 LX
Retail	No	No	B CHF Hedged	CHF	Yes	Cap	1,25%	1,40%	4	LU1305477884	BLEQBCH LX
Retail	No	No	B USD Hedged	USD	Yes	Cap	1,25%	1,40%	4	LU1273297371	BLEQEUC LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	AM	EUR	No	Dis	0,85%	1,01%	4	LU1484141491	BLEQAMD LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	BM	EUR	No	Cap	0,85%	1,00%	4	LU1484141574	BLEQEBM LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	BM CHF Hedged	CHF	Yes	Cap	0,85%	1,00%	4	LU1484141657	BLEQBMC LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	BM USD Hedged	USD	Yes	Cap	0,85%	1,00%	4	LU1484141731	BLEQBMU LX
Institutional	No	Yes	BI	EUR	No	Cap	0,60%	0,72%	4	LU0439765321	BLEQEIC LX

Management Report

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September was the weakest month of the year for global equities. A multitude of headwinds, including a new wave of inflation fears due to rising oil prices, relatively cautious central banks reiterating their 'higher for longer' stance on interest rates, sharply higher bond yields and persistent tensions in the Chinese property sector, drove the MSCI AC World down by 4.3% over the month.

Fears of stagflation in Europe continue. Stagflation looks increasingly likely for the European economy, as growth data for the region are deteriorating while inflation remains high. Several recent data releases in Europe point to the economy's continuing slowdown. For example, the manufacturing and services PMIs for September came in below 50 (43.4 and 48.4 respectively), suggesting that the economy is contracting. As regards inflation, although September's headline CPI fell by 70 basis points, from 5.2% to 4.5%, CPI is still well above ECB interest rates (4%), while rising oil and gas prices are causing additional problems for the region.

The MSCI Europe Net Total Return index fell for the second month running, down 1.66%. BL Equities Europe fell by 4.09% over the month. Although subject to changes in the global economy, the portfolio was ravaged by the renewed rise in long-term interest rates, particularly as real interest rates reached fresh highs.

Among the main detractors from the month's performance were Pernod Ricard (France, spirits), LVMH (France, luxury goods), Diageo (UK, spirits), Croda (UK, speciality chemicals) and SGS (Switzerland, certification and inspection). Pernod Ricard, Diageo and LVMH were hit by fears about the trend in global consumption. Croda was affected by a lack of visibility on the state of destocking by its customers. SGS suffered from uncertainties over global trade and hence concerns over its business volume. The valuations of these companies are not high, but they are stuck in a negative trend. Novo Nordisk (Denmark, healthcare), AstraZeneca (UK, healthcare), Wolters Kluwer (Netherlands, media), Atlas Copco (Sweden, manufacturing) and Reckitt Benckiser (UK, consumer goods) were the main contributors to the month's performance.

The positions in Novo Nordisk, Air Liquide and EssilorLuxottica were pared back during the month. The positions in Croda, Deutsche Boerse, AstraZeneca, ASML, Alcon and Richemont were slightly increased.

	BL Equities Europe	MSCI Europe
ESG Score	6,2	6,0
Environmental	6,4	6,4
Carbon Emissions Intensity	71,1 (100%)	93,5 (100%)
Climate Change Theme Score	9,4 (100%)	8,9 (100%)
Social	5,4	5,3
Human Capital Theme Score	5,7 (100%)	5,4 (100%)
Severe Labor Management Controversies	3,44% (100%)	7,94% (100%)
Governance	6,7	6,4
Corporate Governance Theme Score	7,7 (100%)	7,6 (100%)
Global Norms		
UN Global Compact Signatories	86% (100%)	87% (99%)
UN Global Compact Watchlist	8,8% (100%)	15,9% (100%)
UN Global Compact Fail	0,00% (100%)	1,00% (100%)

Scores / 10

(%): Data Coverage

The fund excludes the 20% worst performing companies in terms of ESG from its investment universe

The objectives in terms of impact indicators are to outperform the relevant market index over the long term.

ESG Methodology

PRE INVESTMENT

Exclusions (BLI's general policy):

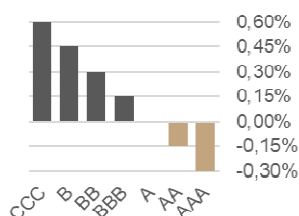
- Companies
 - Active in the production of **controversial weapons**
 - Included in the **Global Coal Exit List**
- Companies not complying with the Principles of the **UN Global Compact** (*)
- Companies involved in **highly severe controversies** (red flag) (*)

Reduction of the universe by 20%: exclusion of companies with an ESG rating below BBB *

INTRA INVESTMENT

ESG Integration

- **Integration of ESG factors in the valuation process**
 - Increase / Reduction of Cost of equity depending on ESG rating (*)



POST INVESTMENT

Voting policy

- As an active investor, BLI votes at the annual meetings of invested companies

Engagement policy

- BLI initiates an active engagement policy with invested companies.
- Focus is on defined impact factors as well as wider ESG topics.

Controversies follow-up: Ongoing monitoring of analysed controversies to assess realised progress

monthly and annual **monitoring of impact indicators** on E, S and G factors and on respect for human rights (UN GC)

(*) ESG ratings and data are sourced from the specialised MSCI ESG Manager database

Investment Approach

Investment Principles

Limit investment losses

The value of an investment that has lost 50% must double to recover incurred losses
Avoiding losses is more important than generating extraordinary gains

Control company specific risk

Risks arise when the parameters of an investment are not properly understood
We avoid investing in companies we do not fully understand

Valuation monitoring

The price paid for an investment determines its potential return
We monitor the margin of safety to minimize the likelihood of suffering losses on our investments

Consideration of an entire market cycle

Foregoing part of potential gains in strongly rising markets pays dividends in falling markets
Our objective is to outperform the relevant benchmark through an entire market cycle.

Benchmark agnostic

The market reference is solely used for performance measurement principles
Owing to the active investment approach of our portfolio management, the portfolio structure deviates strongly from that of the benchmark.

Equity Investment Approach: Business-Like Investing

We consider an equity investment as a long-term participation in a business. The companies we target enjoy a sustainable competitive advantage that differentiates them from their competitors. They need to show an attractive return profile and generate high and consistent levels of free cash-flow.

Quality

In the first step of our investment process, we perform an in-depth review of the targeted company's business model in order to identify its competitive advantage. Differentiation through a competitive advantage creates entry barriers against competitors and enables a company to better execute its strategy. In the second step we analyse whether the competitive advantage translates into high ROCE and whether the company generates consistent cash-flow. We analyse the maintenance capex requirements of the targeted companies to make sure that the generated cash-flow is not absorbed by investments needs to sustain its current business operations. We emphasize the analysis of the balance sheet and look for companies with a low level of gearing through the cycle. In the third step, we analyse how the targeted company has used and will use its capital. The company's management faces the following options: investment in current business activities, development of new activities, takeovers, dividend payments, stock buybacks or debt repayments. Only companies that meet our investment criteria are considered for inclusion into our portfolios, which may lead to significant deviations from the market benchmarks.

Valuation

Investments may lead to important capital losses if the price paid for the investment is too high. To avoid this pitfall, we derive a fair value for each targeted company prior to investing. This fair value is based on the company's normalised free cash-flow and serves as reference point for our buy and sell discipline. We invest in a company, when its stock price offers the most attractive margin of safety, taking into account its development prospects.

Portfolio characteristics

BL-Equities Europe invests in a focused selection of European companies. Targeted companies are typically among the top-3 in their respective markets and offer favourable development prospects. We construct a concentrated portfolio of approximately 35 positions, which allows us to have a good handle of each individual investment, to express our convictions and to minimise errors. Our investment process singles out companies that stand out against their competitors - through an added value product or service, through a good corporate strategy and production process, which underscores high levels of profitability and a healthy financial situation. Portfolio candidates need to enjoy favourable sales growth and / or margin progression prospects.

Our investment choices lead to significant and structural deviations from the fund's relevant market (MSCI Europe NR). We do not invest in all sectors that are represented in the market index. We identify most investment opportunities in the consumer, industrial, health care, chemical and technology sectors. Conversely, there are sectors like financials, utilities or telecom, where we find few - if any - companies that meet our investment criteria. The fund's geographical focus is biased towards Switzerland, Germany, France, Sweden, Denmark and the UK. In terms of market capitalisations, 3/4 of the portfolio are usually invested in companies with a market cap between € 2 and 50 bn.

Our investment strategy has a long-term orientation: our investment cases are constructed with a 3 to 5-year investment horizon. When implementing our bottom-up investment strategy, we do not consider any short term macroeconomic views. Owing to this approach, portfolio turnover rate is low: 25% annual turnover rate is to be expected on average. When making an investment, we are wary of valuation levels of each individual company: at investment, the market price needs to offer a discount against the company's fair value (margin of safety). The average valuation level of the portfolio is also closely monitored.

Portfolio construction rests on three main pillars: the stable core portfolio consists of well-established companies. It is complemented by pockets consisting of growth franchises (focus on growth prospects) and of special situations (focus on turnaround of fundamentals). The portfolio structure is the outcome of individual bottom-up investment opportunities without consideration of the fund's relevant benchmark structure. The weight given to each security in the portfolio is a function of their valuation level, stock liquidity and our level of conviction in the investment thesis. We are mindful of a sound diversification of the

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