


# Auris Investment Fund

## Auris Institutional Evolution Europe Fund Unit I

REPORT  
MARCH 2018

EUROPEAN EQUITIES MULTICAPS

### UCITS EUROPEAN UNION EQUITIES

ISIN Code	FR0013157344
Bloomberg	NA
Launch Date	10/08/2016
Minimum investment	10M€
Subscriptions / Redemptions	Daily Cut off, 11.00 am Paris Time
Pierre Fournier : 3 years : 105th / 341 5 years : 59th / 269	
Reference Index	DJ STOXX 600 € NRT (dividends reinvested)
Subscription Fees	5% (maximum sales commission)
Management Fees (max)	1.25% (tx. incl.) + 20.00% (tx. incl.) of the outperformance above the DJ STOXX EUROPE 600 NRT (if performance > 0)
Redemption fees	None
Sources	Internals
Fund managers	Pierre Fournier Alexis Arquié
Custodian	CIC
Statutory auditor	Deloitte & Associés
Legal status	UCITS
Domicile	France
Countries of distribution	France
NAV / Assets	€103,258.80 / €22M
Mean/Median capitalization	€23 718M / €6 029M
Nb of holdings	43
Net equity exposure	91.36%

### OBJECTIVES

- The fund's investment universe is the European Community's equities.
- The objective is to outperform its reference index over a period exceeding 5 years, with volatility below its index and a source of alpha derived primarily from stock picking.

### PERFORMANCES

	Monthly	YTD
Auris Institutional Evolution Europe Fund Unit I	-3.93%	-7.86%
Reference Index	-1.99%	-4.16%



	Cumulative performance (%)				Annualized performance (%)		
	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
Auris Institutional Evolution Europe Fund Unit I	-3.27%	NA	NA	3.26%	NA	NA	1.98%
Reference Index	-0.15%	NA	NA	12.03%	NA	NA	7.21%

### KEY FIGURES / PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	Auris Institutional Evolution Europe Fund	Reference index
Volatility 3 years	10.51%	11.35%
Nb positive months	10	11
Nb negative months	10	9
Max. monthly gain	4.39%	5.75%
Max. monthly loss	-4.40%	-3.81%
Average weekly perf. (with positive index)	0.80%	1.07%
Average weekly perf. (with negative index)	-0.89%	-1.03%

The fund is exposed to the following risks : risk of capital loss, equity risk, liquidity risk, risk linked to investing in equities in emerging markets, interest rate risk, credit risk, risks related to the use of speculative (high-yield) securities, exchange rate risk, counterparty risk, risk associated with the use of derivatives and risk associated with the subordination of certain debt securities.

For the investors residing outside the Eurozone, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

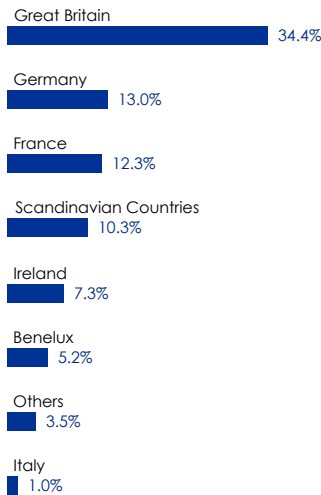
Risk and reward profile **1 2 3 4 5 6 7**

## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE % (NET OF FEES)

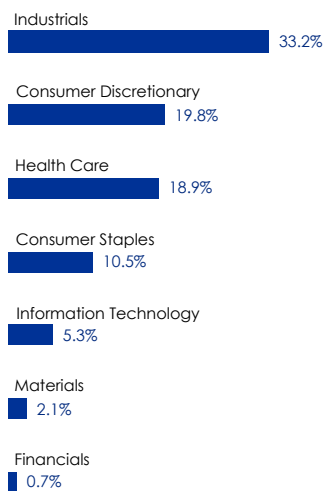
	jan.	feb.	mar.	apr.	may	june	july	aug.	sept.	oct.	nov.	dec.	Annual/YTD
2016 Fund								-0.33%	0.80%	-3.51%	-0.55%	3.63%	-0.09%
Reference index								0.06%	-0.11%	-1.03%	1.05%	5.75%	5.71%
2017 Fund	-0.53%	4.39%	2.90%	3.30%	2.79%	-1.91%	-0.90%	-1.44%	2.51%	2.27%	-2.99%	1.47%	12.17%
Reference index	-0.31%	3.05%	3.32%	1.98%	1.45%	-2.53%	-0.35%	-0.79%	3.90%	1.91%	-2.02%	0.72%	10.58%
2018 Fund	0.33%	-4.40%	-3.93%										-7.86%
Reference index	1.66%	-3.81%	-1.99%										-4.16%

\*Reference index STOXX EUROPE 600 € NR

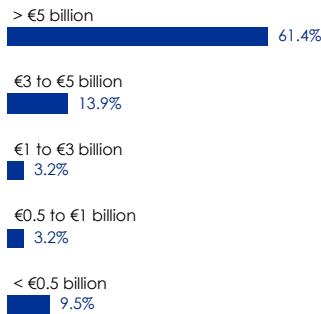
## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN



## INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN



## BREAKDOWN BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION



## TOP HOLDINGS

RYANAIR HOLDINGS  
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE  
ELIS  
SHIRE  
THALES

## RISK INDICATORS (3 YEARS)

Sharpe Ratio 0.16  
Beta 0.82  
Jensen's Alpha NA

## MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

In March, with the market favoring bond proxies (utilities, real estate) while banks are struggling (-6.44%), Evolution Europe underperformed its benchmark mainly because of the sharp decrease in the share price of Micro Focus (UK, software, £6bn), which remains a strong conviction of ours. Such an event is thankfully extremely rare in the history of the fund (only 2 such intraday drops in the 10 years of its existence), but tough to completely avoid. This is exactly why the fund has never invested and will never invest more than 5% of its assets in one company.

In this particular case, the good news is that we believe the market was too harsh in punishing the last earnings release that was mostly impacted by temporary issues with the integration of the large 2017 acquisition (Hewlett Packard Enterprise Software). This does not impact the value that should be created by this operation or the objectives of annual shareholder value creation stated long ago – and repeatedly achieved – by the current management team. Also, let's note that the company has a healthy balance sheet, without any issues with covenants on their debt.

Among our best performers, let's note **Shire plc** (UK, healthcare, £33bn), which, after a disappointing performance, is up 17% on the month. Indeed, after a drop of more than 35% of its value since the Baxalta acquisition in January 2016 – notably because of new entrants in its hemophilia segment and downward revisions from previously bullish analysts – the stock now trades at a large discount to peers. We continue to like this company specialized in rare diseases, segment with high barriers to entry and better pricing power than most of the pharmaceutical space.

Despite the fact that we are quite cautious in making our forecasts, our estimate of intrinsic value was a lot higher than the market value. It seems we were not the only ones as Takeda has said that it is evaluating a bid for the company (though, no figures have been communicated yet). Takeda would thus benefit from the market disinterest for the company to buy high-quality assets which are a good fit for the existing business and would increase its exposure to the US market, a relative weakness of the Japanese group.

We took advantage of the recent decline in markets to invest in companies that became good value like **AB Inbev** (Belgium, beer, €180bn), as well as some reinvestments in **Thalès** (France, defense, €20bn) and **Unilever** (Netherlands, staples, €134bn) earlier this year. We also added to our position in **Philips** (Netherlands, healthcare, €30bn), whose undervaluation should be highlighted by the Siemens Healthineers IPO.

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