# AQR Sustainable Delphi Long-Short Equity UCITS Fund

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# **Key Information**

Share Class:

IAET (EUR)

**Fund Inception Date:** 

26 October 2018

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21 November 2019

**Fund Size:** 

\$245mm (as of 31 May. 2024)

Domicile:

Luxembourg

ISIN:

LU1842777606

Benchmark:

50% MSCI World Net Total Return hedged in EUR and 50% ESTR

**Share Price:** 

145.12 (as of 31 May. 2024)

Number of Holdings:<sup>1</sup>

3790 (2028 Long, 1762 Short)

Morningstar® Category:

EAA Fund Alt - Long/Short Equity - Global

Minimum Subscription:

100K

Investment Management Fee:<sup>2</sup>

0.60%

**Expense Cap:** 

0.26%

Performance Fee:<sup>3</sup>

15.0%

Local Lux Tax:4

0.01%

# **Fund Overview**

#### **Fund Aspects:**

The Fund employs a systematic and diversified long/short equity investment strategy that seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns through three primary investment themes.

Low-Beta: The tendency for lower-risk stocks to generate higher risk-adjusted returns. Quality: The tendency for higher-quality stocks to generate higher returns than lower-quality stocks.

Valuation: The tendency for relatively cheap stocks to outperform relatively expensive ones.

The Fund is actively managed, which means that the investments are selected at the discretion of AQR. The Fund is managed in reference to two global composite indicies which vary by Share Class (the "Benchmark"), denominated in the reference currency of the Share Class. The Fund seeks to target an average risk exposure to the Benchmark of between 0.4 and 0.6. The Fund will invest primarily in developed market large and small-cap companies, as defined by the MSCI. The Fund's portfolio will be managed by investing more or less in securities issued in countries and in currencies included in the Benchmark. AQR will use its discretion to invest in securities of issuers in industries and sectors not included in the Benchmark (including small-cap developed market companies that are not included in the MSCI) in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. Over extended periods, the Fund's performance may be correlated with that of the Benchmark. The Fund seeks negative carbon exposure and dynamically integrates climate, sustainability and environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations.

#### **Fund Overview**

The Fund seeks to outperform the equity markets over a full cycle with a moderate level of market exposure. The Fund favors higher quality and lower risk stocks and seeks capital appreciation by investing on a long basis in attractively valued, high quality and low beta assets and on a short basis in expensive, low quality, and high beta assets, where safety and risk are identified through a variety of indicators including ESG.

The resulting portfolio is a highly diversified long-short global equity portfolio of large and small cap stocks which will dynamically integrate climate, sustainability and ESG considerations through ESG-related alpha signals, active tilting, active and static screening. The portfolio will also be carbon aware seeking net negative carbon emissions. Further information about the sustainability-related aspects of the Fund is available at <a href="https://ucits.agr.com/Sustainability-Related-Disclosures">https://ucits.agr.com/Sustainability-Related-Disclosures</a>.

#### **Umbrella Fund:**

The Fund is a sub-fund of AQR UCITS Funds, a Luxembourg based UCITS of which the management company is FundRock Management Company S.A. As of February 8, 2021 the AQR Delphi Long-Short Equity UCITS Fund was renamed AQR Sustainable Delphi Long-Short Equity UCITS Fund.

#### **Risk Management:**

Risk control is built into the Fund's portfolio construction process with a focus on diversification and market beta to mitigate downside risk.

AQR's Risk Management Team and the Fund's portfolio managers actively assess risk of the Fund.

# Risk and Reward Profile:

Calculated using historical data which may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for details.

Lower Risk
Potentially Lower Rewards

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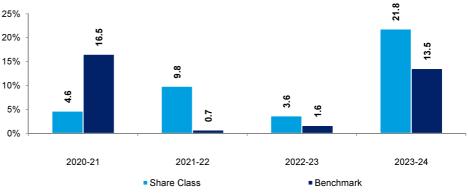




Potentially Higher Rewards

## Share Class Performance (Net) as of 31 May. 2024<sup>5</sup>

	Share Class	Benchmark
1 Month	-1.0%	2.1%
3 Months	0.8%	2.5%
YTD	11.0%	6.0%
1 Year	21.8%	13.5%
3 Year	11.5%	5.1%
Since Inception	8.6%	6.4%



Past performance results in complete 12-month periods (1 June - 31 May)

Holdings subject to change without notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fees follow a step-down structure. Fees are charged on an investor's net aggregate subscription (subscription minus redemptions) vs. a blended weighted average approach.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Please note performance fees are charged over a cash hurdle measured by the 50% MSCI World Net Total Return hedged in EUR and 50% ESTR for this share class.

Local Lux Tax per annum of Fund's NAV, payable quarterly.

5 Source: AQR, Bloomberg. Past performance does not predict future returns. Returns for periods over one year are annualised. For fees, refer to the Key Information section.

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## Top 20 Country Exposures\*

	Fund
United States	66.2%
Japan	22.1%
United Kingdom	6.2%
Canada	4.2%
France	3.6%
Switzerland	2.8%
Germany	2.7%
Australia	2.5%
Sweden	1.7%
Denmark	1.5%
Norway	1.4%
Singapore	1.4%
Finland	1.2%
Netherlands	1.1%
Italy	0.9%
Hong Kong	0.8%
Spain	0.5%
Belgium	0.2%
Portugal	0.0%
Austria	0.0%
Total	120.9%

#### Sector Exposure\*

	Fund
Industrials	25.7%
Information Tech	24.6%
Financials	22.2%
Health Care	16.0%
Consumer Staples	14.3%
Consumer Disc.	11.0%
Comm. Services	4.8%
Energy	1.8%
Materials	1.6%
Utilities	0.5%
Real Estate	-1.6%
Total	120.9%

# **Portfolio Statistics\*\***

	Fund
P/B	1.8
P/E (trailing)	17.5
Median Market Cap (\$M)	2,508
Average Market Cap (\$M)	84,818
Long Exposure (% of NAV)	3.2
Short Exposure (% of NAV)	2.0

## Top 5 Holdings\*

	% of Net Assets
Apple	3.54%
Nvidia	2.03%
GE	1.49%
Nintendo	1.40%
GSK	1.39%

<sup>\*</sup>All Fund holdings and exposures are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell securities.

# **Principal Risks**

Sustainable investing is qualitative and subjective by nature, and there is no guarantee that the environmental, social and governance ("ESG") criteria utilized, judgment exercised, or techniques employed, by AQR will be successful, or that they will reflect the beliefs or values of any one particular investor. Certain information used to evaluate ESG factors or a company's commitment to, or implementation of, responsible practices is obtained through voluntary or third-party reporting, which may not be accurate or complete. ESG investing can limit the investment opportunities available to a portfolio, such as the exclusion of certain securities or issuers for nonfinancial reasons and, therefore, the portfolio may perform differently than or underperform other similar portfolios that do not apply ESG factors.

The Fund may use derivatives in an attempt to reduce risk (hedging) or for investment purposes. It may be that the use of derivatives may not always be successful and cause unit prices to fluctuate which may in turn result in loss to the Fund.

The Fund is exposed to the currency markets which may be highly volatile. Large price swings can occur in such markets within very short periods and may result in your investment suffering a loss.

The Fund may enter into one or more derivatives with a counterparty. There is a risk that this party may fail to make its payments or become insolvent which may result in the fund and your investment suffering a loss.

The Fund is exposed to concentration risk as it may have increased exposure to a particular asset, reference rate or index. A fall in value of the asset, reference rate or index can result in a greater loss to the Fund which may be more than the amount borrowed or invested.

Your investment in the Fund is not guaranteed and is at risk. You may lose some or all of your investment.

The Fund relies upon the performance of the investment manager of the Fund. If the investment manager performs poorly the value of your investment is likely to be adversely affected.

The Fund is subject to the risk that environmental, social or governance conditions or events may occur that may have a material negative impact on the value of its investments.

More information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Average P/E ratios of the stocks in the portfolios exclude individual stock earnings-to-price ratios that are negative and the top and bottom 1 percentile of the remaining. Average P/B ratios of the stocks in the portfolios exclude individual stock book-to-price ratios that are negative and the top and bottom 1 percentile of the remaining. Data sources:

Compustat, Datastream, Bloomberg, XpressFeed and IBES.

### **Investment Approach**

### **Philosophy**

The Fund employs a diversified alternative strategy that seeks total returns similar to equity markets, while taking less market beta, through three primary investment themes: low beta, quality and value. We take fundamental investing concepts (e.g. Price to Book ratio) and other economic indicators to obtain relative views on securities. These systematic investing concepts are known as signals or factors. We combine many similar or correlated signals into themes (e.g., Value) and combine themes to create our overall model. On any given day, the signals in our model create a list of aggregate relative rankings or preferences for security over-weights and under-weights known as a model view. We align client portfolios to this model view through a process called rebalancing (which to us implies optimization), where we are conscious of trading costs, risks and other limitations (also known as constraints). Throughout the process, our guiding principles are using sound and comprehensive research to inform our judgment around signals, implementing that judgment in a systematic fashion, with a strong focus on diversification and efficiency.

#### **Investment Process**

Determine strategy risk allocations: Based on liquidity, correlations and forecasted model efficacy.

Select investment universe for each strategy: The investment universe is based on liquidity considerations and screens to exclude certain stocks

Evaluate attractiveness of stocks: Rate each stock relative to their peers, rate each peer group, and combine into final rating.

Portfolio construction: The modified optimization process seeks to mitigate some optimization pitfalls. There are constraints imposed based on live trading experience.

Trading and rebalancing: Conditional rebalancing based on alpha decay. A research-based trading approach to help minimize transaction costs.

#### Reasons to Invest

Consistent Exposure to Main Themes: A significant portion of the alpha generated by many investors, like Warren Buffett, has come from maintaining exposure to selected investment theme<sup>6</sup>. The Strategy implements this principle through its focus on the low beta, quality and value themes.

Disciplined Investment Process: The Strategy uses a systematic, rules-based approach to select securities, which are evaluated based on historically-proven drivers of return.

Absolute Outperformance: While incorporating low beta and quality signals into model, the Strategy utilizes leverage seeking to translate better risk-adjusted returns into absolute outperformance.

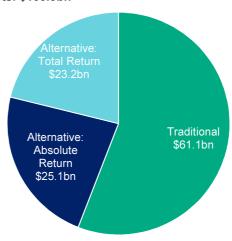
# **Company Profile**

#### At a Glance:

AQR is a global investment management firm dedicated to delivering results for our clients. At the nexus of economics, behavioral finance, data and technology, AQR's evolution over two decades has been a continuous exploration of what drives markets and how it can be applied to client portfolios. The firm is headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut, with offices in Bangalore, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Munich and Sydney.

## **Assets Under Management**<sup>7</sup>

Total Assets: \$109.3bn



# **Portfolio Managers**



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Buffett's Alpha, Frazzini, Kabiller, and Pedersen (2013). Through using Berkshire Hathaway stock regression statistics on data from January 1997 – August 2017, we find that Buffet's 18.0% returns can be composed into 4.0% Alpha, 2.3% Low Beta, 3.1% Quality, 1.2% Value and 7.3% Market returns. Market is defined as the U.S. equity market factor from Kenneth French's data library. Low Beta is the "Betting-Against-Beta" (BAB) factor as defined in Frazzini and Pederson (2014) from AQR's data library. Quality is the "Quality-Minus-Junk" (QMJ) factor as defined in Asness, Frazzini and Pederson (2015) from AQR's data library. Value is defined as the HML factor from Kenneth French's data library. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Please read important disclosures at the end of this document.

Approximate as of 31 May. 2024. Includes assets managed by AQR and its advisory affiliates.

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Definition: The MSCI World Net Total Return hedged in EUR is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of 23 developed markets' country indices throughout the world. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

Definition: (ESTR) Euro Short Term Rate is an effective overnight interest rate computed as a weighted average of all overnight unsecured lending transactions in the interbank market in euros.

Where the benchmark is not being used in reference to the management and/or implementation of the investment policy of the Fund, the referenced benchmark is used for the calculation of performance fees and/or as a point of comparison.

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