

## BGF European Special Situations Fund A2 USD Hedged

## FEBRUARY 2024 FACTSHEET

Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 29-Feb-2024. All other data as at 07-Mar-2024.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The European Special Situations Fund seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activities in, Europe.

The Fund places particular emphasis on “special situations” companies that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, are companies with potential for improvement that the market has failed to appreciate. Such companies generally take the form of small, mid or large capitalisation companies that are undervalued and exhibit growth investment characteristics, such as above-average growth rates in earnings or sales and high or improving returns on capital. In some cases such companies can also benefit from changes in corporate strategy and business restructuring.

## KEY FACTS

<b>Asset Class</b>	Equity
<b>Morningstar Cat.</b>	Other Equity
<b>Fund Launch</b>	20-Mar-2003
<b>Share Class Launch</b>	25-Sep-2013
<b>Fund Base CCY</b>	Euro
<b>Share Class CCY</b>	U.S. Dollar
<b>Fund Size (mil)</b>	1,271.91 EUR
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI Europe (Net)
<b>Domicile</b>	Luxembourg
<b>Fund Type</b>	UCITS
<b>ISIN</b>	LU0969580561
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	BEGA2HU

## GROWTH OF 10,000 SINCE LAUNCH



## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Stefan Gries

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

NOVO NORDISK A/S	9.24
LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS	
VUITTON SE	6.35
ASML HOLDING NV	4.93
LINDE PLC	4.64
RELX PLC	4.51
MTU AERO ENGINES AG	4.42
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	4.25
FERRARI NV	3.92
PARTNERS GROUP HOLDING	
AG	3.29
COMPAGNIE DE SAINT GOBAIN	
SA	3.20
<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>48.75</b>

## \*\*CUMULATIVE &amp; ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 years	Since Launch
Share Class	6.16	12.66	10.58	8.32	15.44	8.05	11.91	10.22
Share Class [Max. IC applied]	0.85	7.03	5.05	2.91	9.67	6.22	10.77	9.68
Base Share Class	6.02	12.24	9.57	8.11	13.22	5.73	9.66	9.15
Base Share Class [Max. IC applied]	0.72	6.63	4.09	2.71	7.56	3.94	8.54	8.89
Benchmark	1.94	7.39	8.49	3.55	10.35	10.10	8.40	7.15

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Share Class	19.69	-23.51	26.80	11.31	42.00
Benchmark	15.83	-9.49	25.13	-3.32	26.05

\*Performance shown from share class launch date to calendar year end.

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	29.77%	16.56%
Financials	15.92%	17.86%
Cons. Discretionary	14.66%	11.33%
Health Care	12.98%	15.45%
Information	10.59%	8.25%
Technology		
Materials	6.48%	6.78%
Cash and/or	3.79%	0.01%
Derivatives		
Cons. Staples	2.92%	10.92%
Communication	1.79%	3.03%
Energy	1.10%	5.22%
Utilities	0.00%	3.78%
Real Estate	0.00%	0.80%

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Weighted Average Market Capitalisation (millions)</b>	135,684.26 Euro
<b>Price to Earnings Ratio</b>	24.81x
<b>Price to Book Ratio</b>	3.73x
<b>3 Years Volatility</b>	19.70
<b>5 Years Volatility</b>	18.39
<b>3 Years Beta</b>	1.22
<b>5 Years Beta</b>	1.01

## FEES AND CHARGES\*

<b>Max Initial Charge (IC)</b>	5.00%
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.50%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	0.00%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
France	22.93%	18.54%
United Kingdom	12.12%	22.17%
Denmark	11.74%	5.48%
Netherlands	11.71%	7.62%
Switzerland	8.87%	14.79%
Italy	6.42%	4.14%
Ireland	5.42%	0.52%
US	4.64%	0.28%
Germany	4.42%	13.31%
Sweden	3.85%	4.90%
Other	7.87%	8.27%

Allocations are subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock

## MARKET CAPITALISATION (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Cash and	3.79%	0.01%
Derivatives		
Large Cap >EUR	89.71%	93.00%
10bn		
M. Cap EUR 2-10bn	6.50%	7.00%

Allocations subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock



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The Fund changed its investment policy and objective on 30 August 2022. Prior to this performance of the Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.

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MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	AA	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	7.93
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	58.81%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	99.95%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Europe	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	65.97
Funds in Peer Group	1,022		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Feb 2024**, based on holdings as of **30 Sep 2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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- Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.
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