

# 2 Degree Global Equity Fund

## OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity securities of companies located worldwide.
- Constructs a portfolio of global companies that the Sub-Adviser believes are well positioned for a transition to a de-carbonized economy by investing in companies within the MSCI All Country World Index that are identified as being aligned with an average global temperature increase of 2 degrees Celsius or less.
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks
- Employs a “quantamental” investment approach, utilizing a combination of quantitative methods and fundamental analysis to identify companies based on valuation, quality and momentum characteristics
- Seeks to achieve positive excess returns relative to the MSCI All Country World Index

## KEY RISKS

**ESG risk:** applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers, ESG screens are dependent on third party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security. **Market risk:** securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally, and equity securities generally have greater price volatility than debt securities. **Smaller company securities risk:** securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. **Global investment risk:** securities of certain jurisdictions may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value and may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which an investment may be made. **Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may be more sensitive than more mature markets to a variety of economic factors and may be less liquid than markets in the developed world.

## Calendar-year performance (%)

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

	2023	2022
Class I (USD) (20 Jul 2021)*	26.97	-17.14
MSCI ACWI Index (Net) <sup>1</sup>	22.20	-18.36

## Performance (%)

	Annualized							
	1 Month	3 Months	Year to date	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since incep.
Class I (USD) (20 Jul 2021)*	-4.27	5.33	7.92	25.61	—	—	—	7.34
MSCI ACWI Index (Net) <sup>1</sup>	-3.30	4.02	4.63	17.46	—	—	—	3.87

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on a NAV-to-NAV basis (with income re-invested). Performance shown is for class and currency indicated and returns may increase/decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. \*Share class inception date.

1. Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All Country World Index (ACWI). The Fund uses the MSCI All Country World Index as a reference for selecting investments and for performance comparison. The investments of the 2 Degree Global Equity Fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.



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## FUND INFORMATION

**Fund managers:** Robert M. Wicentowski, CFA; Justin Carr, CFA  
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**Fund inception date:** 20 July 2021  
**Asset class:** Global equity  
**Financial year-end:** 31 March  
**Fund size:** \$27.26m (USD)  
**Base currency:** USD  
**Benchmark:** MSCI ACWI Index (Net)<sup>1</sup>  
**Minimum investment (or equivalent value):**  
 Class I: \$1,000,000 (USD)  
**Management approach:** Actively managed  
**Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation:**  
 Article 8<sup>2</sup>

## GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION (%)

Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>			
North America	60.60		-5.38
Europe	20.38		+4.67
Asia/Pacific ex-Japan	8.68		-2.04
Japan	5.86		+0.43
Other	3.79		+3.79
Africa/Middle East	0.00		-1.17
Latin America	0.00		-0.97
Cash & equivalents	0.69		+0.69

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Sector weights (%)

Compared to benchmark <sup>1</sup>			
Information technology	25.74		+2.57
Financials	20.41		+4.33
Health care	13.08		+1.98
Communication Services	9.11		+1.42
Consumer discretionary	8.81		-2.03
Industrials	8.33		-2.52
Consumer staples	3.54		-3.01
Utilities	2.99		+0.41
Real estate	2.57		+0.45
Materials	0.95		-3.33
Cash & equivalents	0.69		+0.69

Based on ending weights as of month-end. Source: FactSet.

## Portfolio characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Weighted average market cap	US\$343.32bn	US\$509.86bn
Weighted median market cap	US\$61.53bn	US\$109.63bn
Dividend yield	2.15%	1.97%
EPS growth (3- to 5-year forecast)	13.65%	13.52%
P/E ratio (trailing 12-month)	14.50x	20.62x
P/B ratio	2.34x	3.05x
P/S ratio	1.91x	2.68x
Number of equity holdings	87	2,840

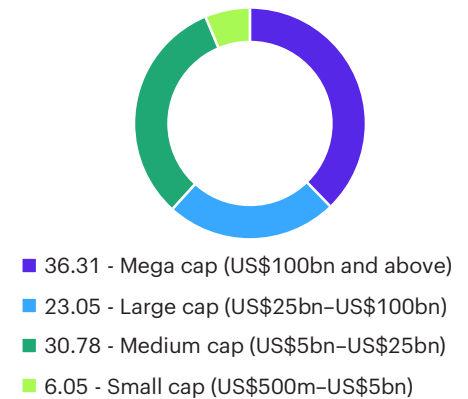
Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments.

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
NVIDIA Corporation	4.59
Alphabet Inc. Class C	3.93
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.97
Visa Inc. Class A	2.12
Unum Group	2.06
KB Financial Group Inc.	1.93
Publicis Groupe SA	1.77
Flex Ltd.	1.67
Citigroup Inc.	1.66
NEC Corp.	1.65

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## Holding market capitalisation (%)



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<sup>2</sup> Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.



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## Share class information (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	Inception date	Distribution type	ISIN code	Bloomberg ID	NAV	Annual Mgmt Fee	Ongoing charges/TER (%)**
Class I (USD)	20 Jul 2021	Accumulating	LU2332864789	WE2DEII LX	121.74	0.55	0.650

\*\*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

## ESG metrics

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### MSCI ESG SCORE

	Fund		Benchmark	
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage
MSCI Overall Score	7.0	100%	6.8	100%
MSCI Environmental Score	6.9	100%	6.6	100%
MSCI Social Score	5.3	100%	5.1	100%
MSCI Governance Score	5.8	100%	5.7	100%

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 – 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.61
Oil Sands	0.00	0.24
Small Arms	0.00	0.11
Thermal Coal	0.00	1.06
Tobacco	0.00	0.64
UNGC violators	0.00	1.47

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### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	Value	Coverage
Fund	20	100%
Benchmark	21	99%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 – 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund		Benchmark		% above/below benchmark
	Value	Coverage	Value	Coverage	
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	31	99%	73	99%	-58%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	49	99%	174	99%	-72%

\*Carbon emissions includes operational and first-tier supply chain greenhouse gas emissions. Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.



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## ESG metrics (continued)

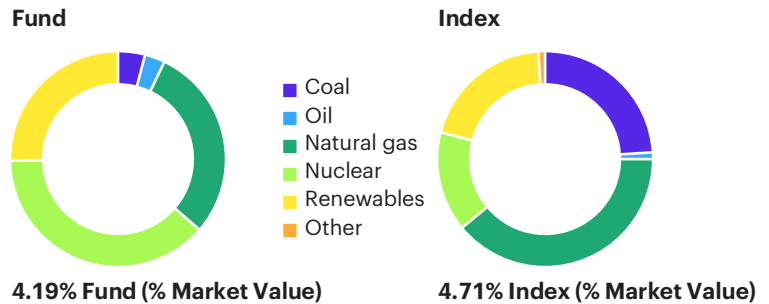
### FOSSIL FUEL RESERVE EMISSIONS

	Fund	Benchmark
Coal (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)	0	75686
Gas (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)	0	7449
Oil (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)	0	20784

Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.

### ENERGY GENERATION MIX

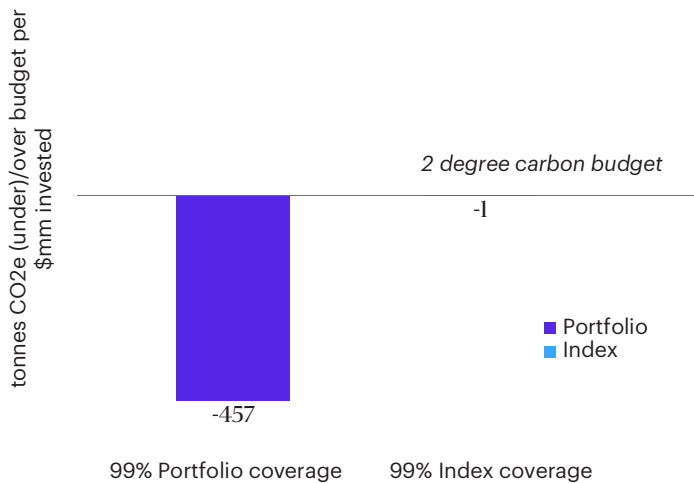
Proportion of total energy generation by primary energy source



Data sourced from S&P Trucost Limited.

### TWO DEGREE ALIGNMENT

Based on realized and forecasted carbon reductions from 2012 - 2025



Data source: S&P Trucost. S&P Trucost’s approach is described as a transition pathway assessment, which assesses the adequacy of emissions reductions over time in meeting the needs to reduce emissions in line with a 2°C carbon budget. Their methodology tracks company emissions and activity levels, including forward-looking indicators over a medium-term time horizon. Their transition pathway approach is adapted from methodologies highlighted by the Science Based Targets Initiative (which represents a collaboration by the non-governmental organizations CDP, UNGC, WRI, and WWF). Values below zero are aligned, while those above zero are misaligned.



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