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MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 31. 2024



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Global Microcaps

ISIN LU1329694266

Risk profile 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 -0.6% +8.1% **12.1**% Performance YTD Volatility Performance 1 vea

> Bench. Bench +5.8%

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The global equity markets continued to rally during a month of abundant newsflow. Bond yields stretched in the run-up to the US elections as polls suggested that Trump was increasingly likely to win and his programme is deemed inflationary. In the meantime, the ECB announced a 25bp cut to its key interest rates, as was expected. Last of all, the quarterly earnings season proved rather good in the USA but mixed in Europe and Japan, with a number of profit warnings making investors wary.

The MSCI World index gained +0.8% over the month, the MSCI World Smallcap index held steady and the MSCI World Microcap index shed -0.7%. The fund outperformed its benchmark index, with 64 of its 312 stocks making gains. The top contributors included Laird Superfood (+53%), a brand that is becoming increasingly popular with many of its products selling out, Profire Energy (+50%), which is to be taken over by CECO in the 13th takeover recorded by the fund in 2024, and Kuros (+39%), which was fired up by good results and active speculation about a potential takeover. On the other hand, Converge Technology (-34%) tumbled after issuing a profit warning, Secure Trust (-34%) was penalised by legal issues and Digital Value (-79%) collapsed after an investigation was launched into its boss.

The main portfolio movements included the sale of our holdings in Bonesupport, which exceeded our market capitalisation threshold of €2bn, Universal Stainless, following the takeover bid by Aperam, and Digital Value, after the corruption controversy emerged. We also initiated positions in Rezolute, an American biotech firm specialising in hyperinsulinism, ME Group, renowned for its Photomaton brand and ramping up in self-service laundry machines, and RS Technologies, a world leading recycler of wafers used to manufacture semiconductors.

### Main transactions over the month

(+) REZOLUTE

(-) BONESUPPORT

(+) ME GROUP (+) RS TECHNOLOGIES (-) UNIVERSAL STAINLESS (-) DIGITAL VALUE

(+) New holding (-) Sale

### Major contributors/detractors over the month (%)

UNIVERSAL STAIN... +0.3 | DIGITAL VALUE SPA -0.3 PROFIRE ENERGY INC +0.2 ACTINIUM PHARM... -0.3 LAIRD SUPERFOOD... +0.2 AZTECH GLOBAL LTD -0.1 Mandarine Global Microcap invests in the smallest global market capitalisations, applying a quantitative screening filter followed by fundamental stock analysis, designed to detect those stocks which offer the most favourable risk/return profile.

## PERFORMANCES AND RISKS

The data presented relates to past periods, past performance is not an indicator of future results. Statistical indicators are calculated on a weekly basis. Benchmark: MSCI World Microcap NR EUR



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### Annual performances Fund Bench. 30% +26.9 +25.2 +25.2 +12 7 +12 6 15% +5.8 +4.9 +3.1-15% -16.8-17.6-30% 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

### Rolling / annualized performances

	Rolling performances				Annualized performance				
	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Inception	3 years	5 years	Inception
Fund	-0.6%	+8.1%	+22.5%	-5.1%	+43.5%	+80.1%	-1.7%	+7.5%	+7.3%
Bench.	-0.7%	+5.8%	+19.4%	-11.5%	+35.7%	+71.1%	-4.0%	+6.3%	+6.7%
Diff.	+0.1%	+2.2%	+3.1%	+6.4%	+7.8%	+9.0%	+2.3%	+1.2%	+0.7%
Quartile*	2	2	3	3	2	2			

EAA Fund Global Small/Mid-Cap Equity

### Risk indicators

	Fund volatility	Benchmark volatility	Tracking error	Information ratio	Sharpe ratio
1 year	12.1%	11.9%	3.2%	1.1	1.6
3 years	13.1%	12.3%	3.4%	0.7	-0.3

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# PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Main holdings					
OP BANCORP	0.5%	Financials / United-States			
WILLDAN GROUP INC	0.5%	Industrials / United-States			
PREMIUM GROUP CO LTD	0.5%	Financials / Japan			
ESQUIRE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS I	0.5%	Financials / United-States			
VITA COCO CO INC/THE	0.5%	Cons.Staples / United-States			
PROFIRE ENERGY INC	0.5%	Energy / United-States			
PERENTI LTD	0.4%	Materials / Australia			
FLEXSTEEL INDS	0.4%	Cons.Discretionary / United-St			
TDC SOFT INC	0.4%	Technology / Japan			
SIGMAROC PLC	0.4%	Materials / Great-Britain			

Sector		Country	
Industrials	19.2%	United-States	25.2%
Technology	15.7%	Japan	25.1%
Financials	13.2%	Great-Britain	8.3%
Health Care	11.8%	Australia	7.5%
Cons. Discretionary	11.3%	Canada	5.0%
Materials	7.0%	Sweden	4.4%
Cons.Staples	6.0%	France	3.2%
Real Estate	3.7%	Germany	2.2%
Telecom	3.7%	Norway	2.1%
Energy	3.2%	Israel	1.8%
Utilities	0.9%	Finland	1.1%
Cash & Others	4.5%	China	1.0%
		Italy	1.0%
		Other Country	6.6%

Cash & Others

4.5%

## FUND PROFILE

### Key figures at October 31 2024

Asset under management	22.9M€
Equity exposure	95.5%
Number of holdings	312
Active share	94.0%
Average capitalisation (Bln €)	0.5
EPS growth (Next 12 M./Last 12 M.)	+14.6%
PE (Next 12 Months)	12.7x



158 Carbon footprint

\*Tonnes of CO2e/M€ invested, Direct (scope 1-2) + First tier indirect

### Capitalisation Currency > 500 mln € 42.6% USD 25.7% 300-500 mln € 26.5% JPY 25.2% 150-300 mln € 17.2% **EUR** 13.6% < 150 mln € 9.2% GBP 9.0% Cash & Others 7.5% 4.5% AUD Other Currency 19.0%

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

ISIN	Bloomberg code	Inception of the fund	Shareclass inception
LU1329694266	MGMCRAE LX Equity	12/07/2016	12/07/2016
Legal Status	Shareclass currency	Investment horizon	Management company
Sicav Lux.	EUR	5 years	Mandarine Gestion
Depositary	Valuation	Cut-Off	Settlement
BNP Paribas	Daily	13h00	D+3 (NAV D+1)
Management Fee	Performance Fee	Initial charge	Redemption Fee
1.95%	20% of the outperformance over the benchmark if perf > 0	2.00%	0%



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