

BlackRock European Fund

As at 30 November 2021

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A-Share Cumulative Performance in USD

	YTD	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Fund	17.8	4.4	24.1	91.0	107.5	742.2
MSCI Europe (net)	9.1	-3.8	14.2	35.7	60.0	591.0

A-Share Calendar Year Performance in USD

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Fund	31.5	29.7	-18.5	+21.4	-8.5	-0.4	-9.7	+26.9	+22.7	-13.2	+5.4	+42.6	-43.0
MSCI Europe (net)	5.4	23.8	-14.9	+25.5	-0.4	-2.8	-6.2	+25.2	+19.1	-11.1	+3.9	+35.8	-46.4

Investment Objective

The European 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 activity in, Europe.

Fund Manager's Report

Performance Overview

- Risk assets sold off globally in November as markets became increasingly concerned about resurgent Covid cases across much of the world, alongside the emergence of the new Omicron variant.
- European markets fell, led by more economically sensitive areas of the market such as the energy and financial sectors.
- The fund outperformed the market driven by stock selection.

Sectors

- The energy and financial sectors delivered the lowest returns in the index. Our underweight to energy aided relative returns although this was offset by negative stock selection. We benefitted from our underweight in the financials sector.
- The underweight to consumer staples weighed on returns as the sector fell less than the index overall.

Stocks

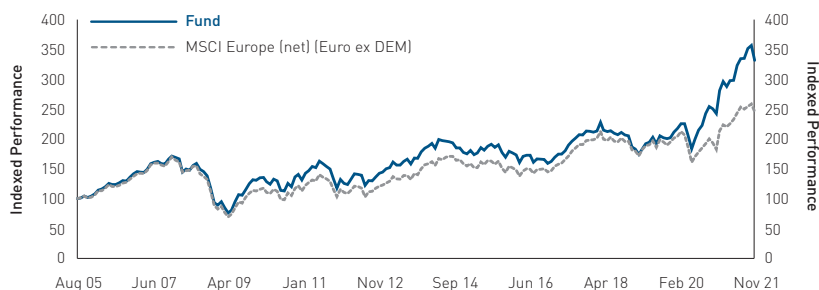
- Autotrader aided returns this month after reporting a very strong set of results, negating concerns going into the trading statement about a lack of stock in the used car market and the implications of this on dealer usage of the Autotrader platform. The company delivered revenues 13% ahead of consensus estimates, ARPA up double-digits year-on-year, and an operating profit beat driven by both higher sales and margin expansion.
- Sika rose after the company announced the acquisition of MBBC – the former construction chemicals business of BASF. We believe the deal will be c. 20% accretive in year 1, will further improve Sika's competitive position, and will bring cross-selling synergies. The deal has been financed conservatively and we expect Sika to deleverage relatively quickly.
- Our position in Electrocomponents benefited returns after the company released a well-received set of H1 results, showing sales up 24% vs the same period in 2019 with market share gains and margin expansion in all regions.
- A recent addition to the portfolio, EQT, also contributed to relative performance. The alternative asset manager is seeing strong operating momentum, with strong AUM growth and attractive fund performance, and one of its large strategies about to begin recognizing carried interest.
- Royal Unibrew weighed on returns. The company posted strong Q3 organic growth but also some margin compression as a result of higher freight costs; as a result operating profit undershot expectations.
- The news of a new Covid variant weighed heavily on the travel sector causing our position in Safran to detract. Their Q3 earnings had already shown a high hurdle would need to be met in Q4 for them to achieve the FY sales and profit guide they reiterated. With countries likely to bring in more travel restrictions from here, the airline industry recovery will be pushed further out, bringing more negative news for companies like Safran.
- Neste was another detractor despite having reported positive results in October which included a double-digit EBIT beat driven by higher volumes and stable margins. In November, we believe the market was concerned about additional capacity coming into the renewable diesel market and having a deflationary impact on margins. We do not expect this to happen.

Changes

- We made several small adjustments to the portfolio over the course of the month: aiming to further concentrate the portfolio through recycling capital into our highest conviction ideas. Through this process we exited our positions in Wizz, Alphawave, Kering, Doc Martens, and THG.
- We used the proceeds to top up our positions in core holdings Novo Nordisk and Sika: two of the global leaders in their respective businesses.
- We also added to our existing positions in Genmab where we see an interesting pipeline and balance sheet optionality, and Ferrari where the order book is looking exceptionally strong.

Positioning

- At the end of the month the portfolio's largest overweights were industrials, IT, and healthcare. The biggest underweights were in consumer staples, financials, and utilities.

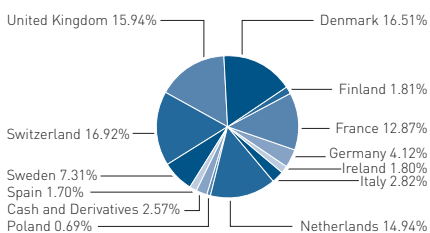


Fund Data

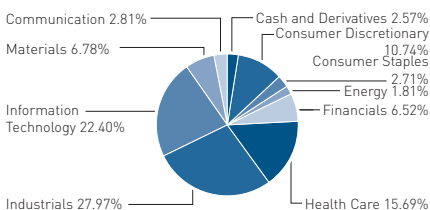
Manager	Nigel Bolton
Inception	30.11.93
Currency	US\$
Total Fund Size (m)	US \$2,266.8
Annual Management Fee	1.50%
Initial Charge	5%

Composition of Fund

Country



Sector



10 Largest Holdings (%)

LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUITTON SE	6.0
ASML HOLDING NV	5.8
LONZA GROUP AG	5.2
SIKA AG	4.5
NOVO NORDISK A/S	4.4
DSV A/S	4.1
BE SEMICONDUCTOR IND.	2.9
NETCOMPANY GROUP A/S	2.9
RELX PLC	2.9
STRAUMANN HOLDING AG	2.8
Total	41.6

The Fund investment objective was changed on 20 June 2008.

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BlackRock European Fund is the abbreviated name of BlackRock Global Funds – European Fund.

Effective 1 July 2002, Mercury Selected Trust (MST) changed its name to Merrill Lynch International Investment Funds (MLIIF). Prior to such date the Fund was known as MST European Fund.

Sources: BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited and Datastream. Performance is shown as at 30 November 2021 in US\$ on a NAV to NAV price basis with income reinvested. Fund performance figures are calculated net of fees. The above Fund data is for information only.

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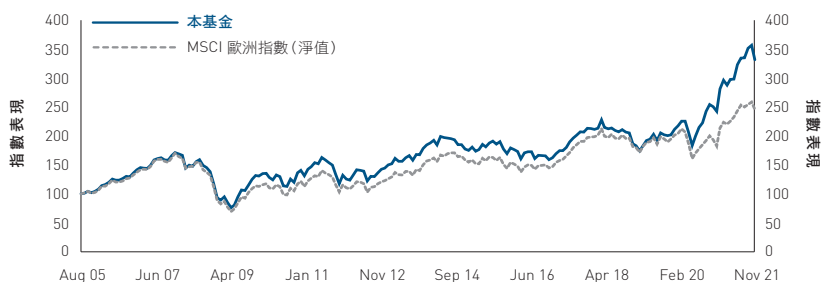
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- 投資基金可能涉及高風險，並可能不適合所有投資者。過往業績並不代表將來的表現，基金價格及其收益可升可跌，且可於短期內反覆，投資者並可能會損失所有投資金額。
- 投資者應注意投資於某些較小型及新興市場、特定市場或行業的基金為風險較高的基金。投資者請注意貝萊德全球基金章程的“特殊風險考慮因素”一節有關投資於新興市場，特定市場或行業的基金的風險。

A 股基金累積表現 (美元)

	年初至今 %	六個月 %	一年 %	三年 %	五年 %	成立至今 %
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基金資料

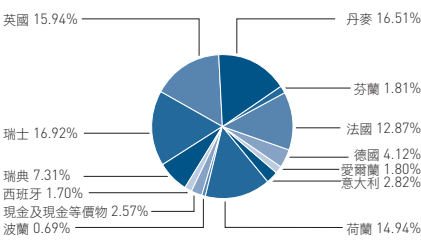
基金經理	Nigel Bolton
成立日期	30.11.93
報價貨幣	美元
基金總值 (百萬)	2,266.8
每年管理費	1.50%
首次認費	5%

十大持股比重 (%)

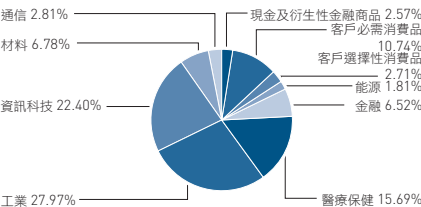
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基金投資分佈

國家



行業



基金的投資目標於 2008 年 6 月 20 日已被更改。

於 2008 年 4 月 28 日，美林國際投資基金已更名為貝萊德全球基金。在上述日期前，此基金名為美林歐洲基金。

貝萊德歐洲基金乃貝萊德全球基金、歐洲基金之簡稱。

於 2002 年 7 月 1 日，水星 MST 基金已更名為美林國際投資基金。在上述日期前，此基金名為水星 MST 歐洲基金。

資料來源：BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited 及 Datastream。基金表現截至 2021 年 11 月 30 日為止，以美元按資產淨值比資產淨值基礎計算，將收入再作投資。基金表現數據的計算已扣除費用。上述基金表現僅作參考之用。

投資涉及風險。過往業績並不代表將來的表現，基金價格及其收益可升可跌，並不能保證。投資收益以歐元計算。因此，以美元 / 港元作出投資的投資者，需承受美元 / 港元 / 歐元兌換率的波動的風險。投資者可能無法取回原本投資金額。個別股票價格並不代表本基金的回報。香港投資者欲知有關詳情，請參考貝萊德全球基金章程，包括風險成份。資料由貝萊德 (香港) 有限公司所發佈。

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投資目標

貝萊德歐洲基金以盡量提高總回報為目標。基金將總資產至少 70% 投入於在歐洲註冊或從事大部分經濟活的公司之股權證券。

基金經理報告

表現表現概述

- 隨著市場日益憂慮全球多個地區疫情升溫，加上 Omicron 新型變種病毒的出現，令環球風險資產於 11 月被拋售。
- 歐洲市場下跌，其中能源及金融業對經濟表現較敏感的市場領域錄得最大跌幅。
- 在選股帶動下，基金表現優於大市。

行業

- 能源及金融業對指數回報貢獻最少。基金對能源業持偏低比重，但被選股失利的負面影響所抵銷。基金受惠於對金融業持偏低比重。
- 由於基本消費品業的跌幅小於指數整體跌幅，因此對該行業持偏低比重令回報受惠。

股票

- Autotrader 的業績表現相當強勁，釋除投資者對銷售報告中關於二手車市場存貨不足的憂慮，以及其對代理商使用 Autotrader 平台的影響，因此該股於月內為回報帶來進展。該公司的收入較市場普遍預期高 13%，每零售商平均收入按年錄得雙位數增長，而銷售上升及利潤率擴張亦令營運溢利優於預期。
- Sika 的股價於宣佈收購前巴斯夫 (BASF) 化學建材公司 MBCC 後上漲。我們認為收購交易在首年將為 Sika 帶來約 20% 的增值，並將進一步提升其競爭地位，以及帶來交叉銷售的協同效應。收購交易的融資方式保守，預計 Sika 可以相對較快步伐降低槓桿。
- 市場對 Electrocomponents 的上半年業績感到滿意，銷售與 2019 年同期相比上升 24%，所有業務地區的市場佔有率及利潤率均有所提升，因此有關持倉利好回報。
- 基金為投資組合新增的另類資產管理公司 EQT 亦利好相對表現。該公司的營運動力強勁，管理資產規模大幅增長，基金表現吸引，而且其大型策略將錄得業績分成。
- Royal Unibrew 的表現削弱回報。該公司於第三季錄得強勁內部增長，但由於運費成本上漲，利潤率略為收窄，營運溢利因此遜於預期。
- 新型變種病毒的的消息大幅削弱旅遊業表現，令 Safran 的持倉拖累回報。該公司的第三季盈利已表明，若要達到其重中的財政年度銷售及利潤指引，將需於第四季跨越重大障礙。隨著各國可能開始實施更多旅遊限制，航空業的復甦將進一步延遲，為 Safran 等旅遊業公司帶來更多負面消息。
- 儘管 Neste 於 10 月公佈錄得優秀業績，銷量上升及利潤率保持穩定，帶動息稅前利潤錄得優於預期的雙位數增長，但有關持倉仍利淡基金回報。我們認為市場於 11 月擔憂可再生柴油市場的新增產能或會對利潤率產生通縮影響，但我們預期這情況不會發生。

變動

- 我們於月內稍微調整投資組合的若干配置：透過運用沽售所得資金轉投最具信心的意念，以進一步提升投資組合的集中度。過程中我們沽清 Wizz、Alphawave、開雲集團 (Kering)、Doc Martens 及 THG 的持倉。
- 我們以沽售所得資金增持諾德 (Novo Nordisk) 及 Sika 的核心持倉，該兩家公司是各自行業的環球翹楚。
- 我們亦增持現有的 Genmab 倉盤，因為該公司擁有前景可期的研發中產品及資產負債表具有靈活性；也增持法拉利 (Ferrari) 的持倉，因其訂單量顯得異常強勁。

配置

- 投資組合於月底對工業、資訊科技和醫療保健業持最大偏高比重。我們對基本消費品、金融和公用事業持最大偏低比重。

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