



# Strategic Europe Quality Fund Strategic Global Quality Fund

April 2021 Fund Commentary



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The **Strategic Europe Quality Fund** returned +2.43%\* in April, outperforming its index by 0.36%. Stock selection was the main contributor to return, it was particularly strong for the Health Care sector. The Consumer Staples sector was also a noteworthy contributor to alpha over the month, driven both by the Fund's relative overweight to the sector and by stock selection. The main detractors for the period were the Energy and Financials sectors.

The top performing sectors for the benchmark over the period were Information Technology and Real Estate, while Energy was the bottom performing sector.

The **Strategic Global Quality Fund** returned +6.78%\*\* in April, outperforming its index by 2.13%. Similar to the European Fund, stock selection over the month delivered significant alpha, particularly from the Consumer Staples, Industrials and Information Technology sectors. The only significant detractor was the Fund's relative overweight to the Consumer Staples sector.

The top performing sectors for the benchmark over the month were the Communication Services and Real Estate Sectors, while Energy was the bottom performing sector.

There were no significant stock moves on either strategy over the month.

## Market Outlook

We expect to see a strong economic recovery in the short term as economies begin to reopen. That said, longer-term inflation is a risk; we will be watching to see how this develops. Valuations in certain parts of the market are expensive.

### Investment Approach

A valuation driven investment approach aiming to buy high-quality businesses at discounted prices. Quality being defined as companies which are market leaders, benefit from long-term structural growth, have high margins and low capital intensity. The Fund has a structural bias towards consumer, healthcare, IT and generally avoids high cost of capital sectors such as insurers, utilities and the oil and gas majors.

### Investment Objective

To achieve long term capital growth.

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\* B EUR Class. For detailed performance information based on complete 12-month periods since inception, please refer to page 2. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

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**Performance Data** As at end of April 2021

**Strategic Europe Quality Fund**

**Annualised Returns % <sup>1</sup>**

	1M	3M	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Annualised Inception
B EUR Class	2.43	10.28	11.63	7.30	6.16	10.29	10.29
Benchmark	2.07	11.43	30.16	6.38	7.55	6.95	7.38

**Calendar Year Returns % <sup>2</sup>**

	YTD 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Fund Inception
B EUR Class	8.86	-8.18	27.57	-5.86	13.73	-6.94	179.73
Benchmark	10.60	-3.32	26.05	-10.57	10.24	2.58	111.27

B EUR Share Class performance includes an extended track from Fund inception on 29 October 2010.  
Benchmark: MSCI Europe Net Total Return EUR Index.

**Strategic Global Quality Fund**

**Annualised Returns % <sup>1</sup>**

	1M	3M	1Y	2Y	3Y	5Y	Annualised Inception
B USD Class	6.78	10.83	24.14	10.10	11.12	10.46	10.32
Benchmark	4.65	10.91	45.33	18.10	14.10	14.04	10.76

**Calendar Year Returns % <sup>2</sup>**

	YTD 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Fund Inception
B USD Class	5.24	8.53	23.59	-6.24	29.74	-5.30	86.31
Benchmark	9.80	15.90	27.67	-8.71	22.40	7.51	91.04

Benchmark: MSCI World Net Total Return USD Index.

Source: Morningstar.

<sup>1</sup> Annualised Returns as of the date of the reporting over the defined period. Data less than 1 year is not annualised.

<sup>2</sup> Calendar Year Returns: Annual Performance for the stated calendar year.

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