Advance Eastern Europe Class A

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund implements an active investment policy by investing mainly in shares of large cap companies included in the main stock indices of the regulated markets in Eastern Europe. The fund's strategy is mainly based on a top-down approach where the main decision is regarding the allocation of assets among the different markets. For class A, the main markets for the fund's scope at the moment are Greece, Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria.

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT

Global equities remained relatively stable in September, despite a series of events and factors that called into question the resilience of risk assets. Attacks on critical energy infrastructure in the Middle East temporarily intensified the global energy shock, worsening the inflation outlook. Long-dated government bonds sold off, with yields rising sharply in the US, Japan and Europe (particularly France), threatening equity markets. Mid-month, leading AI labs called for a slowdown in the technology's development over safety concerns, triggering a flash crash in certain segments of the market linked to data center infrastructure spending. Against this backdrop, the MSCI World Index gained 0.9% in euro terms, with divergent performance between US equities (+1.6%) and European stocks (-2.5%). The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 1.4%, led by Taiwan and Brazil, while the regional MSCI EFM Europe + CIS slightly underperformed (-0.6%) following a disastrous performance in Turkey.

The Greek ASE Index rose 2.3%. Energy once again led the market (+16.9%), as refineries continued to operate with record-high refining margins. Banks also outperformed the broader index (+7.1%), while consumer stocks were the weakest performers (-7.9%).

Turkey was rocked by a severe liquidity crisis after several investment funds with assets exceeding TRY 500bn (approximately USD 11bn) suspended investor withdrawals. The root of the problem lay in aggressive speculation, excessive leverage and the artificial inflation of prices in illiquid stocks. In response, the financial regulator froze 131 funds managed by seven asset management companies and ordered their liquidation, while authorities launched investigations and arrested fund managers. The crisis sent the BIST 100 Index plunging by more than 16.7%, severely undermining confidence among nearly half a million domestic investors and prompting adverse action by global index provider MSCI. Foreign investors also retreated from the market, with combined net outflows from equities and bonds approaching USD 1bn.

Romania's BET Index extended its correction, falling 7.9% amid an ongoing parliamentary crisis. In contrast to the strong sector performance at the European level, energy stocks declined again (-5.0%), while banks fell 5.2%. Utilities were the weakest-performing sector (-10.2%).

Class A fund shares gained 0.2%. Bulgarian and Greek holdings contributed equally to the positive return. Although Romanian and Turkish holdings declined, they outperformed their respective local indices. Sector-wise, financials made the largest contribution, followed by healthcare and energy. Meanwhile, industrials and consumer stocks weighed most heavily on the Fund's performance.

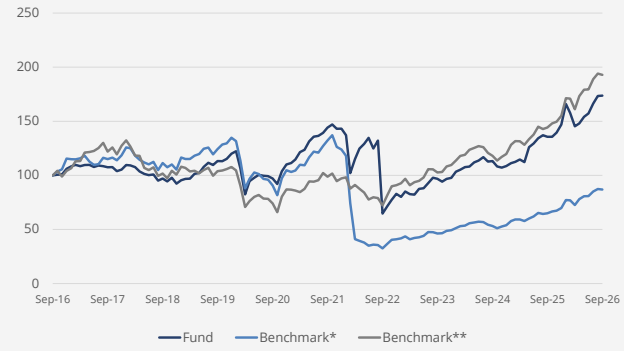
FUND FACTS

Fund Type	open-end
Fund Manager	Georgi Raykov
Fund Size	EUR 3.08 M
NAV per Share	EUR 1.2746
Fund Launch Date	04.10.2006
Benchmark*	MSCI EFM Europe&CIS
Benchmark**	MSCI EFM Europe + CIS ex RU
Currency	EUR
Subscription Fee	up to 1.50%
Management Fee	1.5 % NAV p.a.
Redemption fee	none
Minimum Investment	none

FUND IDENTIFIERS

ISIN	BG9000016063
Bloomberg Code	ADVEAEU.BU
Reuters Lipper	65095316
Valor	3079269
WICN-German	AOMXVY

10-YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)



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PERFORMANCE*	Fund	Benchmark*	Benchmark**
1 month	0.21%	-0.60%	-0.60%
YTD	18.16%	24.46%	24.46%
1 year	28.00%	33.75%	33.75%
3 years p.a.	21.48%	23.39%	23.39%
5 years p.a.	3.80%	-8.07%	14.32%
10 years p.a.	5.68%	-1.40%	6.79%
Since Inception p.a.	1.22%	-3.56%	0.63%

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COUNTRY ALLOCATION

Bulgaria	45.68%
Greece	35.77%
Romania	9.81%
Cash	5.47%
Turkey	3.24%
Other	0.03%

SECTOR ALLOCATION

Financials	31.63%
IT	17.81%
Energy	13.31%
Industrials	11.63%
Consumer discretionary	7.14%
Cash	5.47%
Health care	3.77%
Consumer staples	3.75%
Utilities	2.08%
Real estate	1.94%
Materials	1.43%
Other	0.03%
Communication services	0.00%

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE*	Fund	Benchmark*	Benchmark**
2025	35.38%	29.43%	29.43%
2024	11.08%	9.27%	9.27%
2023	20.64%	20.55%	20.55%
2022 (indicative)	-42.12%	-66.97%	-6.49%
2021	30.09%	18.34%	11.71%
2020	-8.31%	-22.29%	-19.20%
2019	29.88%	27.68%	6.91%
2018	-12.25%	-10.96%	-20.91%
2017	-0.73%	2.66%	22.39%
2016	11.90%	24.40%	-1.29%

**Annual performance since 03.01.2023 when class A was started*

**The calculated yield is based on net asset value per unit and does not include issuance and redemption costs, according to the Fund's Rules and Prospectus.*

The risks of investing in shares of the contract fund are market, interest, liquidity, currency, operational, settlement risk, legislative, concentration risk, etc. More information about the risks can be found in the fund's prospectus.

TOP 5 HOLDINGS

Holding name	Sector	Country
Shelly Group AD	IT	Bulgaria
Motor Oil Hellas Corinth Refineries S.A.	Energy	Greece
EUROBANK SA	Financials	Greece
HR Capital AD Sofia (bonds)	Financials	Bulgaria
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