THE NT EUROPE (EX-UK) EQUITY INDEX FUND

30 November 2017 EQUITIES

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Ireland						
10th December 2003						
ICVC						
UCITS						
€335.94m						
MSCI Europe (ex-UK) Index						
Daily						
10:00am Irish Time on the Dealing Day						
€500,000						
€100,000						
IE00B02L3891						
B02L389						
NTEUEQ2						
EUR						
USD/GBP/EUR						
Nick Dymond						

Inception date is indicative of funding date on initial share class

Portfolio Information					
	Fund	Index			
Forecast EPS growth	10.5	10.5			
Trailing PE	16.9	16.9			
Average Capitalisation	23,666.0	24,064.5			
P/B Ratio	1.9	1.9			
Dividend Yield***	2.9	2.9			
Return on Equity	13.3	13.1			
Number of Equity Holdings	352	336			
5-year beta	1.0	1.0			

Top Ten Holdings	
Nestle S.A.	3.89%
Novartis AG	2.78%
Roche Holding Ltd Genusssch.	2.58%
Total SA	1.95%
SAP SE	1.62%
Banco Santander S.A.	1.58%
Allianz SE	1.55%
Bayer AG	1.54%
Siemens AG	1.52%
Sanofi	1.51%

INVESTMENT MANAGER

Northern Trust Global Investments Limited has been appointed Investment Manager for the NT Europe (ex-UK) Equity Index Fund (The Fund).

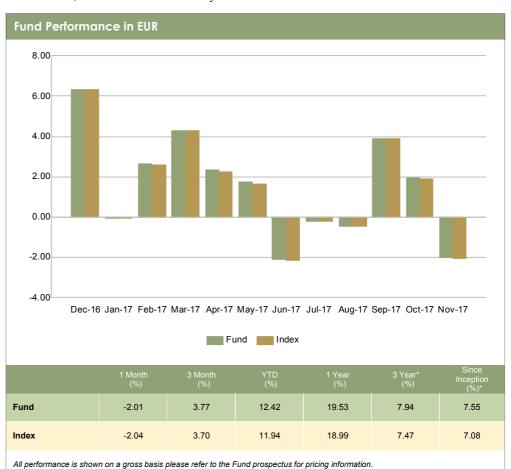
INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of The NT Europe (ex-UK) Equity Index Fund is to closely match the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI Europe (ex-UK) Index. The Fund primarily invests its assets in companies included in the index and may utilise proprietary optimisation techniques in an effort to minimise costs and reduce risks

INVESTOR PROFILE

*Performance shown annualised

Investors with a reasonable tolerance for volatility of net asset value seeking a medium to long term investment with diversified index equity exposure in Europe (ex UK) across the large- and mid-capitalisation spectrum. Designed for institutional investors including: national and multi-national corporations, pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, charities and subadvisory.



^{***} The Dividend yield is calculated by Factset as a weighted average of the gross dividend yield of the stocks within the portfolio and index

Country Breakdown	
Austria	0.56%
Belgium	2.44%
Denmark	3.90%
Finland	2.05%
France	23.07%
Germany	21.42%
Ireland	0.99%
Italy	5.00%
Netherlands	8.31%
Norway	1.40%
Portugal	0.33%
Spain	7.14%
Sweden	5.90%
Switzerland	17.35%
United Kingdom	0.13%

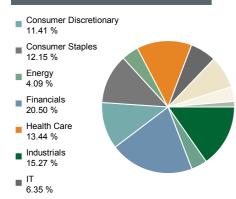
Sector Breakdown

Materials 7.93 % Real Estate 1.35 %

Telecomms

3.60 %

Utilities 3.91 %



*Country and Sector breakdowns may not sum to 100% as the fund has a small allocation to futures.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Northern Trust has a team approach to portfolio management to ensure consistency of coverage and performance. The NT Europe (ex-UK) Equity Index Fund is managed in London by the Equities Management team which is led by Nick Dymond.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

With no Monetary Policy meeting (MPC) in November, the European Central Bank's (ECB) President, Mario Draghi warned in a speech in Frankfurt that although the Eurozone economy was 'robust', recovery was still heavily reliant on stimulus from the European Central Bank. Meanwhile, on the background of some criticism from banks for keeping interest rates too low for a long time, Draghi stated that "as regards bank profitability, ECB research finds little evidence that our monetary policy is currently doing harm" and also added that "net interest income has remained quite stable over the past two years". A preliminary estimate of GDP revealed that growth remained buoyant in the third quarter of 2017, on the back of solid activity in the region's major players. Separately, the ECB cautioned banks that some of their Brexit plans are inadequate as they involve setting up "empty shell" operations in the EU that are not properly staffed.

On the economy front, the Eurozone economy continued to perform robustly in the third quarter of 2017, according to a second preliminary estimate, wherein the GDP increased 0.6% q/q and on a year on year basis was 2.5% which was above second quarter's 2.3% y/y increase. The preliminary Composite PMI came in at 57.5 in November, up from October's 56.0. The ZEW assessment of current situation further eased to 88.8 in November from October's 87.0 reading, while the IFO business climate recorded 117.5 in November from 116.7 October's print. The unemployment rate fell to 8.8% in October from 8.9% the previous month. Meanwhile, due to higher energy prices, Eurozone inflation increased in November to 1.5% y/y following October's 1.4% y/y increase. The core inflation held steady at 0.9% in November.

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