

Equity Long/Short

Share classes	ISIN	NAV / Unit	MTD	Performance, YTD
EUR - S	LI057918 4016	1082,98	6,18%	16,91%
EUR - T	LI057918 3992	1088,75	6,22%	17,21%
CHF - S	LI057918 4024	1041,56	5,94%	14,20%
CHF - T	LI057918 4008	1059,68	5,98%	14,55%

Direction	Performance, gross	Exposure*	# Positions	Average pos. size
Long	8,47%	96,59%	15	6,4%
Short	-1,22%	-34,48%	12	-2,9%

* excludes fixed income linked investments

Dear Friends and Investors,

The KEN European Growth Champions Fund achieved a performance of +6.21% in December. The average net exposure stood at 62.11%, with the long positions gaining +8.47% and the short positions incurring a cost of -1.22%.

Market Review: December witnessed strong performance in the stock market, fueled by the anticipation of a decline in interest rates throughout 2024. The DAX rose by +3.3%, MDAX by +3.6%, and TecDAX by +4.2%. The economic discussion revolved around the delicate balance between economic growth and inflation, with the oil price maintaining a constructive level between USD 70 and 80, conducive to economic growth.

Portfolio Review: In the last month of the year, we benefited again from the recovery of real estate investments such as Vonovia (+12.35%), LEG (+13.61%), and Deutsche Pfandbriefbank (+10.15%). The travel company Tui also continued its recovery with a gain of +27.36%. The short positions did not provide support in this environment.

Investment Decisions: Towards the end of the month, we increased our short positions, with the average net exposure standing at 62% throughout the month. As December came to a close and the new year began, the "higher-for-longer" theme gained popularity, suggesting that potential interest rate cuts had been overly priced in. A correction seemed imminent.

Year in Review: Our long positions achieved a gross performance of +23.6% in 2023, benefiting from a robust overall market. We generated alpha compared to SMI (+3.8%), MDAX (+8.0%), TecDax (+14.0%), and SDAX (+17.1%) as well as in the short book, which achieved a gross performance of +2.6%. Particularly in challenging market months like March, August, September, and October, the short portfolio contributed a total of 12.4% to performance. The top 10 underperformers in the fund cost us -17.39%, while the top 10 contributors collectively added +30.19% to gross performance. Individual stock selection, weighting, and risk management played crucial roles. The most significant loss position was Embracer, resulting from an unexpected profit warning. Communication with management at a previous meeting had provided contrary indications.

On another note, positions in LEG and Vonovia were more stable, contributing strongly to the long side for many months throughout 2023 as we have mentioned earlier in previous fact sheets. We purchased these stocks at low levels, anticipating a potential interest rate trend reversal.

Both companies also exhibited a) decent price upside based on valuation key indicators like P/B, dividend yield, and FFO yield, b) a secure balance sheet relative to peers in the same sector, and c) positive macro prospects for the whole sector due to our conviction in the upcoming interest rate trend reversal. Together, both companies contributed well over 5% to the long side of the portfolio.

In hindsight, it became evident that we had prematurely anticipated an interest rate turnaround, resulting in a performance hit in late summer and early fall (Aug-Oct). We stuck to our conviction. In November, when weak labor market data and declining inflation expectations pushed down interest rate forecasts, we regained all performance. Many of our stocks reflected this with strong momentum, and the fund closed the year with a gain of +17.21%.

Outlook: Currently, we envision a scenario where interest rates in Europe and the US have peaked. For 2024, we believe in at least three interest rate cuts in the US, as announced by FED President Jerome Powell in December. We also anticipate declining interest rates in Europe throughout the year. These measures should stimulate the stock market, particularly in the small and midcap sectors. We expect the unclear timing of any interest rate cuts to become a recurring theme leading to volatility events this year.

The three-year-long underperformance of small and midcaps compared to large caps is likely to ease in a declining interest rate environment. We see good prospects for our long/short strategy in 2024 as small and midcaps gain more focus on highly attractive valuation levels.

Wishing all investors a happy and successful New Year 2024.

Best regards,

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Interested in more information about the fund? Click here to [request](#) the fund's presentation.

EUR-T	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Mai	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	8.14%	-1.45%	4.75%	-0.41%	-8.90%	3.12%	6.83%	-5.78%	-2.24%	-5.27%	13.34%	6,22%	17.21%
2022	-4.61%	-4.27%	3.18%	-7.25%	-3.12%	-8.97%	0.87%	-1.80%	-2.51%	3.66%	6.38%	-0.92%	-18.70%
2021	1.88%	2.09%	0.32%	1.73%	3.36%	1.82%	5.67%	-0.52%	0.74%	-0.84%	-3.53%	0.59%	13.82%
2020												0.38%	0.38%

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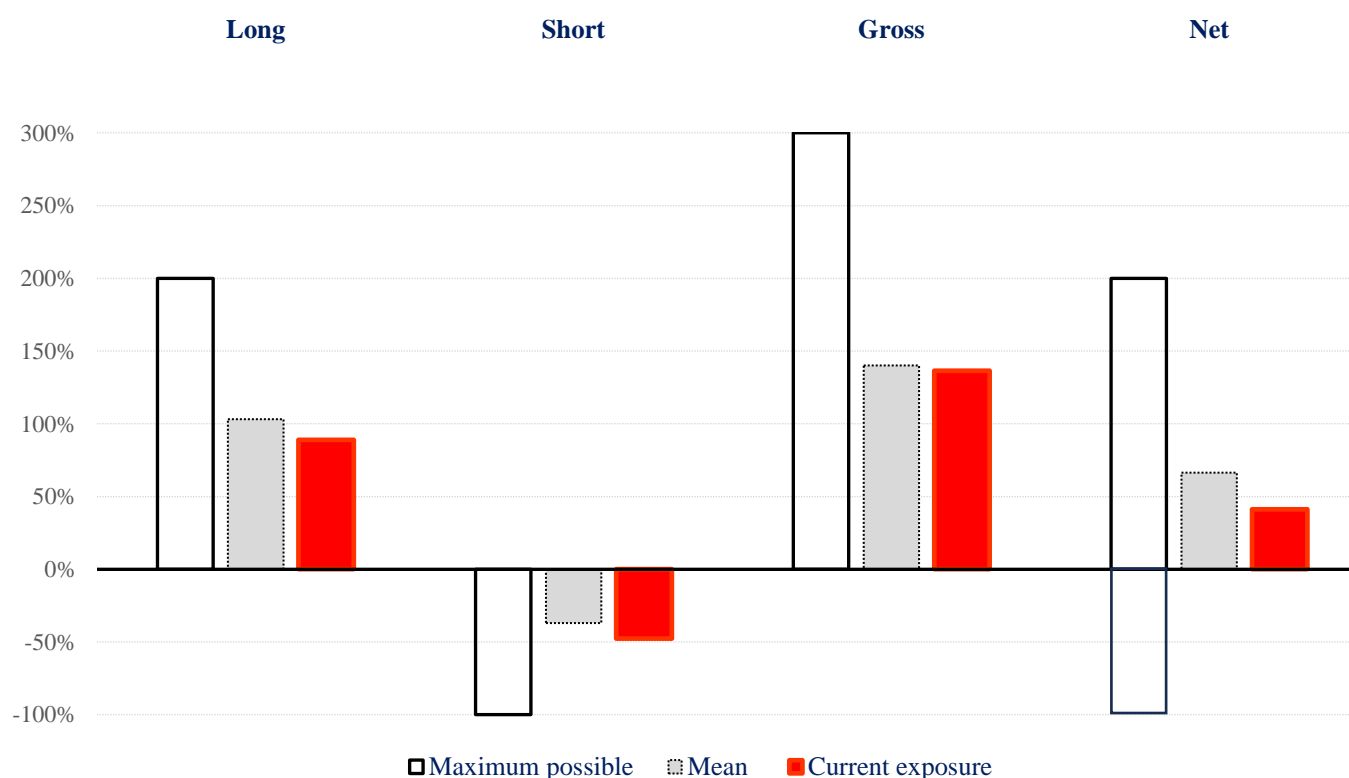
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KEN European Growth Champions Fund - Weekly Exposure



Inception	Dec 21, 2020		Legal form	AIF, Liechtenstein Mutual Fund, Kollektivtreuhänderschaft
Strategy	Absolute return		Fund type	Investmentunternehmen (investment undertaking)
Investment universe	Europe		Investors	Qualified investors
Currency	EUR, CHF hedged		Fund administrator	VP Fund Solutions
Min. subscription	1 unit		Fund manager	MRB Fund Partners AG
Subscription	weekly		Custodian bank	LLB Liechtensteinische Landesbank, Vaduz
Redemption	weekly, 14 days notice		Auditor	KMPG
Lock-up period	None		ISIN	LI0579183992 (EUR), LI0579184008 (CHF)
Management fee	1.5% p.a.		Valor (securities no.)	57918399 (EUR), 57918400 (CHF hedged)
Performance fee	15% with HWM		Contact	info@kencapital.ch

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