

## **ANIMA Star High Potential Europe - Class I**

Data as of 29/08/2025

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### **Fund Objectives:**

- Achieve long-term capital appreciation
- Limit drawdowns and volatility
- These objectives with a top down approach, managing dynamically net equity exposure between -10% and +60% (investment guideline)



3 "performance engines" activated according to market outlook and volatility conditions

- A. Core Book
- B. Dynamic Hedging
- C. Pair Trades



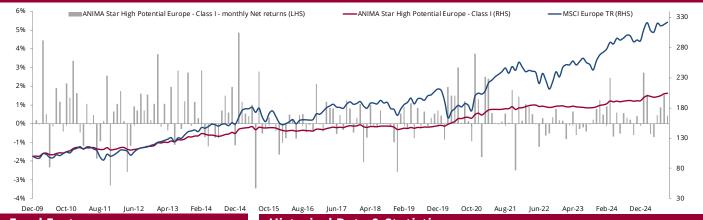
Universe: European Mid & Large caps

FX Risk: Fully Hedged

Approach: Top-down / macro / thematic



### **Historical Net Performance**



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Fund Facts	
Asset Class	Absolute Return
Inception	26/11/2009
Fund Base Currency	EUR
Fund Size (EUR mln)	608
Total Strategy Size (EUR mln)	2.127
Domicile	Ireland
Fund Type	UCITS
ISIN	IE0032464921
Bloomberg Ticker	AIEURSI ID Equity
Distribution Policy	Accumulation
SFDR	Art.6
Max Initial Charge	Up to 3%
Exit Fee	None
Ongoing Charges (2024)	0.81%
Management Fee	0.60%
Performance Fee	15% Abs. HWM
Settlement	T+4
Liquidity / NAV Calculation	Daily
Minimum Initial Investment	EUR 100,000

### Portfolio Manager(s)

**Lars Schickentanz** Lead PM

# **Historical Data & Statistics**

Summary (since inception)	
Return Annualized	4.7%
Standard Deviation (avg. rolling vola 1 yr)	5.1%
Average Monthly Gain	1.1%
Average Monthly Loss	-0.8%
Percent of Month postive	61.7%
Percent of Month negative	38.3%
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Statistics vs MSCI Europe Total return (since inception)	
Alpha	2.7%

Trailing Returns	Fund	MSCI Europe Net TR
Last month return	0.4%	1.1%
3 Months	2.8%	0.6%
6 Months	2.0%	0.2%
1 Year	6.4%	7.1%
2 Years (Annualized)	6.5%	12.3%
3 Years (Annualized)	4.0%	12.6%
5 Years (Annualized)	4.5%	11.5%

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Calendar Years	Fund	MSCI Europe Net TR
2024	4.2%	8.6%
2023	0.6%	15.8%
2022	1.7%	-9.5%
2021	5.1%	25.1%
2020	13.8%	-3.3%
2019	4.3%	26.0%

Comparison to the market is for illustrative purpose only - Relevant as mainly focused on European equities. Past performance of the market is not a reliable indicator of the future performance of the fund.



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Monthly Net Performances														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	Index
2025	2.7%	1.6%	-0.5%	-0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	1.5%	0.4%					6.4%	10.6%
2024	0.5%	0.9%	2.5%	-0.7%	0.6%	-0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	-0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	4.2%	8.6%
2023	0.1%	-0.8%	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.6%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	1.3%	0.6%	15.8%
2022	0.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	-1.2%	0.3%	-0.6%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.8%	0.2%	1.7%	-9.5%
2021	-1.8%	2.5%	2.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	1.8%	-2.5%	1.4%	5.1%	25.1%
2020	0.4%	-0.8%	2.0%	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.1%	-0.9%	3.8%	1.3%	13.7%	-3.3%
2019	0.5%	0.9%	-0.3%	1.1%	-0.8%	0.9%	-0.2%	0.6%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%	4.4%	26.0%
2018	1.1%	-2.1%	-0.7%	1.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	-1.0%	-2.6%	-4.0%	-10.6%
2017	0.0%	-0.4%	1.2%	0.8%	0.8%	-0.6%	0.4%	-0.3%	1.3%	0.8%	-0.5%	0.3%	3.9%	10.2%
2016	-1.7%	-1.0%	-0.8%	0.5%	0.2%	-0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.4%	2.1%	-1.3%	2.6%
2015	4.9%	1.2%	0.5%	0.4%	1.0%	-3.5%	2.8%	-0.5%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	-0.4%	6.4%	8.2%
2014	0.3%	2.8%	-0.7%	-1.2%	0.1%	-0.8%	-0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.6%	2.0%	-1.2%	3.3%	6.8%
2013	3.7%	-0.2%	1.1%	-0.4%	2.0%	-1.1%	2.9%	-0.3%	1.2%	2.7%	-0.1%	1.2%	13.3%	19.8%
2012	1.1%	1.8%	0.1%	-2.6%	-1.2%	0.9%	0.7%	1.6%	0.7%	1.5%	0.2%	1.1%	6.0%	17.3%
2011	1.6%	-0.5%	-1.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%	-1.9%	-0.9%	0.2%	2.6%	-3.3%	0.6%	-1.4%	-8.1%

### **Monthly Fund Manager Comment**

The Fund had a net performance of +0.43% in August (vs Stoxx600 Europe c +0.74%) amid an average c.33% net equity exposure that was increased from c.30% to c.38% towards the end of the month. Global equities extended their rally in August, with the S&P 500 (+1.9%) and Nasdaq (+1.6%) posting further gains while the Russell 2000 outperformed strongly, a sign of improving market breadth. The broadening of the rally was fueled above all by growing expectations of a Federal Reserve pivot, after Chair Powell's dovish remarks at Jackson Hole reinforced the prospect of imminent rate cuts. This shift in monetary policy outlook, combined with resilient consumer spending and solid earnings growth, helped extend risk appetite beyond the usual large-cap tech leaders. At the same time, markets began to show signs of profit taking in some of the most crowded segments, particularly Al-related names. Nvidia, in spite of reporting another quarter of record revenues and profits, delivered slightly weaker datacenter growth than expected, which triggered bouts of selling across the broader Al complex. Despite escalating political pressure on the Fed from the U.S. administration, volatility remained muted, with the VIX near multi-year lows. In Europe, the Stoxx 600 ended slightly higher, but performance was uneven across countries. France's CAC was among the main laggards, penalized by renewed political uncertainty: the fragile government majority and the prospect of a confidence vote heightened concerns over policy gridlock at a time when markets remain sensitive to fiscal and reform agendas. At portfolio level, positive contribution came from stock picking in TMT (Mondodb, Reddit, partly offset by the negative contribution from Amazon, Snowflake and Microsoft) and industrials (Crh, Voestalpine, partly offset by Siemens Energy). On the other hand, negative contribution came from hedging (Put option on Stoxx50), stock picking in healthcare (Alcon), and from the sell-off in French banks (Societe Generale). Equity markets have rebounded more strongly than anticipated from their early April lows. This recovery has been supported by several key factors: the 90-day pause in tariff implementation, the stabilization of US Treasury yields below 4.5%, and tighter credit spreads. Moreover, the renewed appetite for the Al-thematic, an uptick in soft data, and the growing expectations of a FED Pivot, have further fueled the momentum in equities, in particular in the US market, with improving market breadth. In Europe, the German fiscal stimulus package—unveiled in early 2025—marks a historic shift from decades of fiscal prudence to aggressive spending aimed at modernizing infrastructure, defense, and energy systems. However, the European stock market continue to maintain a lateral behavior for the time being, as the political turmoil in France and in the UK, combined with a mixed reporting season and a lack of short-term catalysts, represent temporary headwinds. Looking ahead, we believe that the Fed's pivot will continue to broaden market participation, with laggards increasingly joining the rally, particularly in the US, and with European markets likely to follow by year-end. As a result, we increased exposure to selected laggards, most notably within consumer discretionary (luxury), while taking some profits in consensual Al names and reallocating capital into laggards within the Al theme. In addition, we slightly reduced exposure to banks and to French equities, while increasing our allocation to industrials, with a particular focus on defence.

Portfolio Analysis						
Gross & Net Exposure by Book			Country Breakdown			
	Gross	Net		Long	Short	Net
Core Book	42.0%	35.6%	France	13.1%	-3.3%	9.8%
Dynamic Hedging Book	4.0%	4.0%	United Kingdom	9.3%	-3.2%	6.1%
Pair Trades Book	35.1%	-1.7%	Germany	9.0%	-3.0%	6.0%
Total	81.2%	37.9%	United States	8.3%	-4.1%	4.2%
Iotai	01.270	37.370	Italy	4.9%	-1.9%	3.0%
Core Book Themes Breakdown			Switzerland	4.0%	-2.1%	1.9%
Fiscal Policy Beneficiaries		17.7%	Belgium	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%
Trumponomics		14.7%	Austria	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%
Total shareholder return		14.5%	Canada	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%
Structural growth		13.8%	Netherlands	2.1%	-1.1%	0.9%
Artificial Intelligence		13.3%	Other	4.8%	-2.9%	1.9%
Corporate restructuring & rerating		12.7%	Total	59.6%	-21.6%	37.9%
Rate Cut Beneficiaries		7.9%	Sector Breakdown			
European peace deal		5.3%		Long	Short	Net
Total		100%	Industrials	12.6%	-2.8%	9.8%
			Financials	9.8%	-1.8%	8.0%
Number of Positions			Consumer Discretionary	9.6%	-2.2%	7.4%
Single Names Long		95	Health Care	7.8%	-1.0%	6.8%
Single Names Short		62	Materials	5.6%	-0.5%	5.1%
			Information Technology	6.9%	-5.2%	1.7%
Top 5 Longs		4.520/	Consumer Staples	2.7%	-2.2%	0.5%
Siemens		1.52%	Communication Services	2.1%	-1.7%	0.3%
Microsoft Corp		1.49%	Utilities	1.8%	-2.4%	-0.6%
Airbus		1.37%	Energy	0.2%	-1.7%	-1.5%
Amazon.com		1.34%	Other	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Societe Generale		1.28%	Total	59.6%	-21.6%	37.9%
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