

## Monthly Report

### FUND DESCRIPTION

MercLin Institutional Equity Fund RDT-DBI (sub-fund of MercLin Institutional Fund) meets the requirements imposed by the applicable regulations to benefit from the Definitively Taxed Income regime (DBI-RDT): the sub-fund distributes at least 90% of the received income, after deducting salaries, commissions and charges. The company-shareholder can – as of income year 2018 – deduct 100% from the taxable basis of the income distributed by the sicav resulting from dividends or from capital gains on shares, which meet the requirements of the DBI-RDT deduction. The fund follows the equity strategies of the MercLin Global Equity fund.

### RESULTS<sup>2,3</sup>

	YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
MercLin DBI/RDT R	-11,65%	+24,93%	-10,14%	+5,74%	+8,74%	+12,98%	+20,14%	+22,74%	+7,97%	+1,53%
MercLin DBI/RDT F	-11,54%	+25,18%	-10,01%	+5,95%	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI AC World Euro <sup>6</sup>	-6,30%	+28,93%	-4,85%	+8,89%	+11,09%	+8,76%	+18,61%	+17,49%	+14,34%	-4,25%

<sup>3</sup> It concerns annual (except YTD) performance numbers based on historical data and which are no guarantee of future results. YTD is a cumulative return over a period from the 1st of January of the current year till a given date (see above) in the current year.

<sup>6</sup> MSCI AC World Euro Net dividend reinvested. The investment policy of the subfund does not include a tracking error objective with the benchmark. Performances of the subfund may therefore vary from the performance of the benchmark.

### MANAGER'S COMMENT

Many market spectators today are understandably puzzled by the strength of the financial markets in the face of economic distress and severe GDP corrections. The truth is that the link between economic indicators such as GDP and stock market performance has consistently been very poor historically, mainly because there is a whole set of factors affecting the market other than merely GDP. First of all, share prices are primarily driven by corporate profits, which are not necessarily the same as GDP. Second-quarter earnings have demonstrated the remarkable resilience of corporate earnings in a difficult period. Companies are agile, adapting their cost structures and the markets they serve in order to maintain profits. Aside from the "internal" fact of companies adapting well to a challenging backdrop, markets have received a lot of "outside" help from central banks. Around the world, central banks have acted promptly and briskly to support financial markets no matter what. This liquidity boost, coupled with low-interest rates, is extremely important to understand the resilience of financial markets and is probably far more instrumental than GDP. If there is one lesson that this exceptional situation has again driven home, it is that timing the market is a loser's game. Investors who have chosen to revert to the sidelines given the increased uncertainty now find themselves with cash to invest, but markets at higher levels. As no-one can predict what markets will do in the short-term, there is no reason at all to feel reassured that they will, in fact, be able to reinvest their cash at lower levels, with a market grinding ever higher and the question of when to re-enter only becoming more and more difficult.

### TOP 10 STOCKS

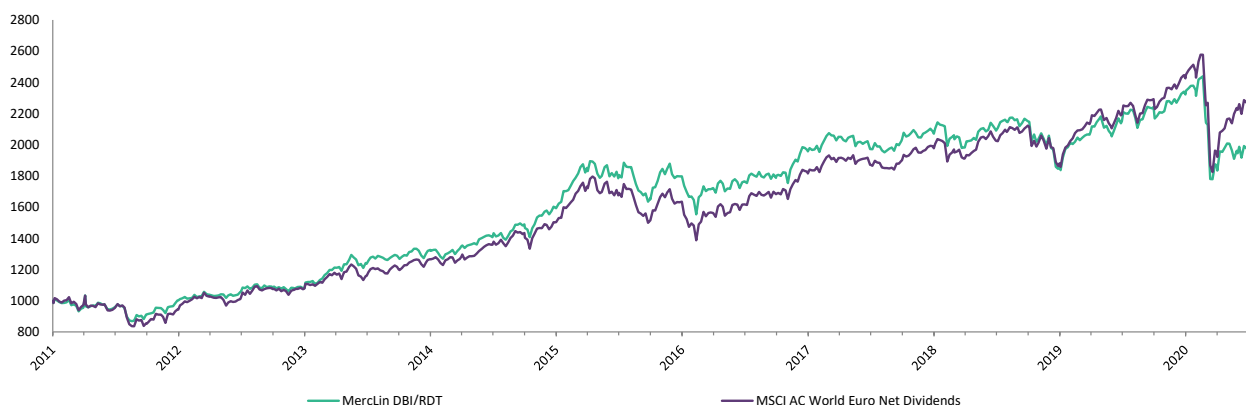
1	Berkshire Hathaway	6,99%
2	Microsoft	6,15%
3	Facebook	5,79%
4	Alphabet	4,32%
5	Roche	3,82%
6	Novartis	3,65%
7	Merck	3,55%
8	Goldman Sachs	3,41%
9	KKR	3,27%
10	Fairfax Financial	3,21%
		44,16%

### RETURN<sup>2</sup>

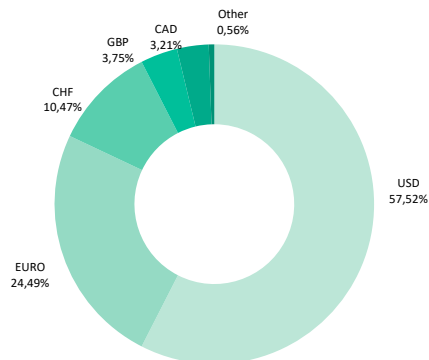
Annualized Returns <sup>4</sup>	MercLin DBI/RDT R	MercLin DBI/RDT F	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
1 year	-5,94%	-7,39%	+0,97%
3 years	+1,14%	+1,32%	+6,46%
5 years	+2,05%	-	+5,77%
Ann. since inception	+7,96%	+4,01%	+8,93%
Cum. since inception	+108,60%	+19,67%	+127,30%

<sup>4</sup> The return figures indicated above do not include commissions eventually linked to the issuing and redemption of shares. These are annualized returns based on historical data, which offer no guarantee of future returns.

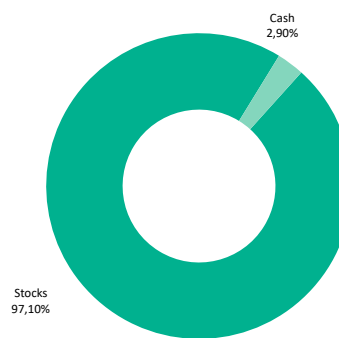
### NAV GRAPH<sup>3,4</sup>



## CURRENCY



## ASSET ALLOCATION



## GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE

USA	59,24%
Euro Zone	22,24%
Switzerland	10,78%
Great Britain	3,86%
Other	3,88%
Emerging Markets	0,00%
Japan	0,00%

## SECTOR EXPOSURE

Technology	27,12%
Healthcare	22,23%
Financials	15,30%
Consumer Goods	14,29%
Holding Companies	11,14%
Consumer services	5,70%
Industrials	3,11%
Basic Materials	1,11%
Other	0,00%

## LAST BUY - SELL

### BUY



### SELL



### INCREASE



### REDUCE



## TECHNICAL DATA

Fund Name:	MercLin Institutional Fund
ISIN MerLin DBI/RDT R:	BE6213770470
ISIN MerLin DBI/RDT F:	BE6282942588
Bloomberg:	MERCINS BB
Domicile:	Lange Lozanastraat 254, 2018 Antwerp, Belgium
Legal status:	Belgian institutional SICAV with sub-funds in financial instruments and liquid assets
Type of shares:	Distribution
Management company:	Cadelam S.A.
Financial Agent:	KBC Bank S.A.
Depository:	KBC Bank S.A.
Delegation of the administration:	Cadelam S.A.
Delegation of intellectual management:	Mercier Vanderlinden Asset Management
Distributor:	KBC Bank S.A.
Auditor:	PwC
Maturity:	Not determined
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Minimum subscription amount MerLin DBI/RDT F:	50.000.000,00 EUR
Subscription fee:	Class F and R : 0% (Mercier Vanderlinden)
TOB on exit:	No
Withholding Tax:	30%
Tax on UCITS investing more than 10% of their assets in debt claims:	No
Performance Fee:	No
Anti-Dilution Protection:	0,08% at Subscription, 0,08% at Redemption
N.A.V. calculation:	Weekly on Thursday
Subscription/Redemption:	Before Thursday 1:15 PM
Assets Under Management:	344,0 m EUR
Inception:	17/11/2010

	Management Fee	Ongoing Charge <sup>5</sup>	ISIN
Class R	0,8% annual	0,90%	BE6213770470
Class F	0,6% annual	0,69%	BE6282942588

Risk indicator:



The value of an investment in a sub-fund increases or decreases over time. At the time of resale, the price of your shares may be less than the original price, representing a loss. If you invest in a sub-fund whose currency is different from your own, exchange rate fluctuations can also reduce your gains or increase your losses.

The above risk level is calculated on the basis of the sub-fund's volatility over the medium term (i.e. on the basis of actual changes in its value over the last five years or on a simulation, if the subfund was created within that period). The volatility of the sub-fund may increase or decrease over time, which may change its risk level.

### The subfund's risk level reflects the following factor(s):

- Equity investments have greater volatility and higher risk than investments in bonds and money market instruments. The risk level does not reflect the potential impact of unusual market conditions or unforeseen events that may increase risk or trigger other risks such as:
  - Counterparty risk: the subfund can lose money as a result of the failure of a market player with which it does business.
  - Credit risk: risk associated with bonds becoming worthless when the issuer of the bond is not able to repay its debt on maturity.
  - Liquidity risk: some financial securities may be impossible to sell quickly at a given time or may have to be sold at a discount.
  - Management risk: under abnormal market conditions, the usual management techniques may be ineffective or unfavourable.
  - Operating risk: in any market, and especially in the emerging markets, the subfund may lose some or all of its money if there is a failure in the custody of assets or in case of fraud, corruption, political actions or any other adverse event.

<sup>2</sup> Source data: Bloomberg, Morningstar & Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg.

<sup>5</sup> Ongoing charge: charges taken from the subfund over a year (including management fees).

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