

Monthly Report

FUND DESCRIPTION

MercLin Institutional Equity Fund DBI-RDT (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^{2,3}

	YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
MercLin DBI/RDT R	+14,84%	+0,02%	+24,93%	-10,14%	+5,74%	+8,74%	+12,98%	+20,14%	+22,74%	+7,97%	+1,53%
MercLin DBI/RDT F	+14,93%	+0,22%	+25,18%	-10,01%	+5,95%	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI AC World Euro ⁶	+10,93%	+6,66%	+28,93%	-4,85%	+8,89%	+11,09%	+8,76%	+18,61%	+17,49%	+14,34%	-4,25%

³ 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.

⁶ 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

The Q1 results season so far has offered numerous insights related to the various themes present in the fund. Digital advertising, represented by Facebook and Alphabet, was again the standout performer. Both companies demonstrated yet again that they were able to grow revenues at accelerating speeds while able to convert this to hefty bottom-line growth due to good cost control. Other technology names such as Microsoft, Amazon, TSMC, NXP and Texas Instruments also performed well and largely beat expectations, further thriving in the current environment. As for the defensive part of the portfolio, fortunes are more mixed. On the one hand, consumer staples are doing very well, posting one of their highest organic growth rates of the last decade, with Nestlé and Unilever posting 7.7% and 5.7% organic growth, respectively. Other companies benefitting from consumer spending, such as Mohawk and LVMH, also posted record results. On the other hand, the pharmaceutical sector is still in the doldrums given the limited access to hospitals, physicians, and treatments due to COVID limitations. Finally, the financial sector also recorded stellar performance, with banks helped by higher rates and the release of COVID loan loss provisions, while the insurance sector benefitted from strong premium growth and excellent combined ratios.

TOP 10 STOCKS

1	Berkshire Hathaway	6,49%
2	Facebook	5,78%
3	Alphabet	5,35%
4	Microsoft	5,27%
5	Goldman Sachs	4,24%
6	Stellantis	3,79%
7	Fairfax Financial	3,79%
8	KKR	3,39%
9	Medtronic	2,83%
10	Philips	2,83%
		43,76%

RETURN²

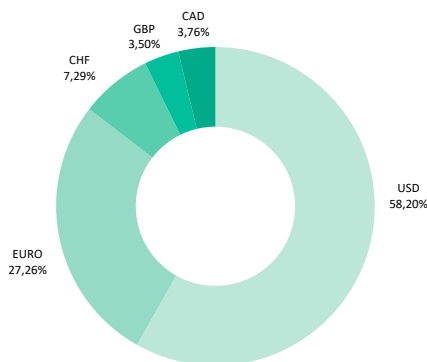
Annualized Returns ⁴	MercLin DBI/RDT R	MercLin DBI/RDT F	Benchmark ²
1 year	+33,68%	+33,95%	+32,61%
3 years	+9,29%	+9,49%	+13,46%
5 years	+8,70%	+8,92%	+12,36%
Ann. since inception	+9,97%	+8,54%	+10,73%
Cum. since inception	+167,26%	+54,58%	+187,02%

⁴ 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.

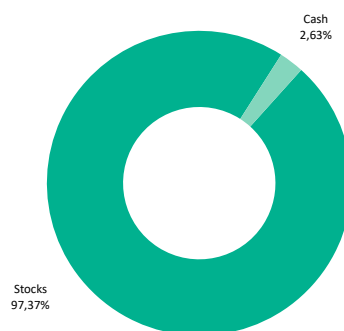
NAV GRAPH^{3,4}



CURRENCY



ASSET ALLOCATION



GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE

USA	56,79%
Euro Zone	24,63%
Switzerland	7,29%
Great Britain	3,50%
Other	6,38%
Emerging Markets	1,41%
Japan	0,00%

SECTOR EXPOSURE

Technology	28,35%
Healthcare	18,07%
Consumer Goods	12,38%
Financials	17,03%
Holding Companies	9,87%
Consumer services	5,91%
Industrials	4,01%
Other	2,63%
Basic Materials	1,76%

LAST BUY - SELL

BUY



INCREASE

Prosus	Stellantis	▲
Syneos	Microsoft	
Ageas	Johnson & Johnson	

SELL



REDUCE



TECHNICAL DATA

Fund Name:	MerLin 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:	553,0 m EUR
Inception:	17/11/2010

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



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.

² Source data: Bloomberg, Morningstar & Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg.

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

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