

# MERCLIN GLOBAL EQUITY

Management company: Degroof Petercam Asset Services  
Management delegated to Mercier Vanderlinden Asset Management

Date:	October 31, 2022
N.A.V. Class F CAP:	346,50 EUR
N.A.V. Class R CAP:	593,47 EUR
N.A.V. Class C CAP:	836,78 EUR
N.A.V. Class F DIS:	93,96 EUR
N.A.V. Class R DIS:	93,86 EUR
N.A.V. Class C DIS:	93,77 EUR

## Monthly Report

### FUND DESCRIPTION

MercLin Global Equity is a subfund of MercLin SICAV. The objective of the fund is to increase the value of your investment over the long term while outperforming the MSCI AC World Euro Index. The composition of the subfund's portfolio may differ significantly from that of its benchmark index. Under normal market conditions, the subfund primarily invests in a diversified portfolio of equities (at least 70% of its assets) and corporate bonds from OECD countries. The subfund may invest directly in shares or bonds or indirectly by investing in units of other investment funds. The fund is actively managed and the composition of its portfolio may differ from its benchmark. The manager invests only in sectors or companies in which it has a good command. It attaches particular importance to the quality of the company and the competitive advantage it has over its competitors. After that, the valuation of the company is obviously essential: paying too much for a good company is a bad investment. There is no magic formula for evaluating companies, each sector has its own specificities and must be analyzed in its own way.

The fund is suitable for investors who understand the risks of the fund and who have a minimum investment horizon of 3 to 5 years.

This investment policy is also mentioned in the key investor information of the fund.

### RESULTS<sup>1,2</sup>

	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Class F CAP	-14,34%	+30,85%	+1,02%	+23,07%	-11,84%	+8,01%	+10,10%	+11,03%	+19,36%	+19,55%	+7,48%	-2,01%	+14,22%	+31,06%	-27,99%	+7,33%	+10,31%	+31,55%	+12,49%	+11,90%
Class R CAP	-14,49%	+30,59%	+0,82%	+22,82%	-12,02%	+7,80%	+9,87%	+10,82%	+19,13%	+19,32%	+7,26%	-2,20%	+13,97%	+30,29%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class C CAP	-14,77%	+30,07%	+0,42%	+22,33%	-12,37%	+7,37%	+9,43%	+10,38%	+18,64%	+18,84%	+6,83%	-2,59%	+13,50%	+29,72%	-	-	-	-	-	-
MSCI AC World Euro <sup>5</sup>	-9,26%	+27,53%	+6,66%	+28,93%	-4,85%	+8,89%	+11,09%	+8,76%	+18,61%	+17,49%	+14,34%	-4,25%	+20,50%	+30,43%	-39,20%	+0,71%	+8,19%	+27,72%	+6,93%	+11,47%

<sup>2</sup> These performance numbers are based on historical data and are no guarantee of future results. YTD: Performance since the 1st of January of the current calendar year. This is a cumulative return. Performance of the MercLin Global Equity F Cap up to 18.08.2008 is that of the Athena Diversified Management Sub-fund, of which the MercLin Global Equity Sub-Fund is an identical successor.

<sup>5</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

It has proven to be a very tough Q3 earnings season for Big Tech with Meta, Alphabet and Microsoft cumulatively shedding no less than 371 bn USD in market value on the day of their results. While results for the third quarter proved to be resilient, coming in close to expectations, it is mostly the Q4 guidance that has spooked the markets. For Alphabet and Microsoft, this natural growth deceleration also comes with a bigger focus on costs. For Meta, it is rather the opposite, choosing to spend vast amounts on both the core business as well as its metaverse ambitions. Only time will tell whether this will turn out to be genius or crazy. It is extremely important, however, to take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Over the past 5 years, every single one of the three companies mentioned has more than doubled its revenues. They have gone from generating 249 bn USD in revenues cumulatively in 2017 to 555 bn USD expected in 2022. Out of this 555 bn USD in revenue they extract no less than 27% in free cash flow, or 150 bn USD. After the extraordinary business performance during COVID-19, it is only natural for growth to slow down.

Yet, looking 5 years out, one can again expect profits, free cash flow and revenues to be much higher than they are today.

### TOP 10 STOCKHOLDINGS

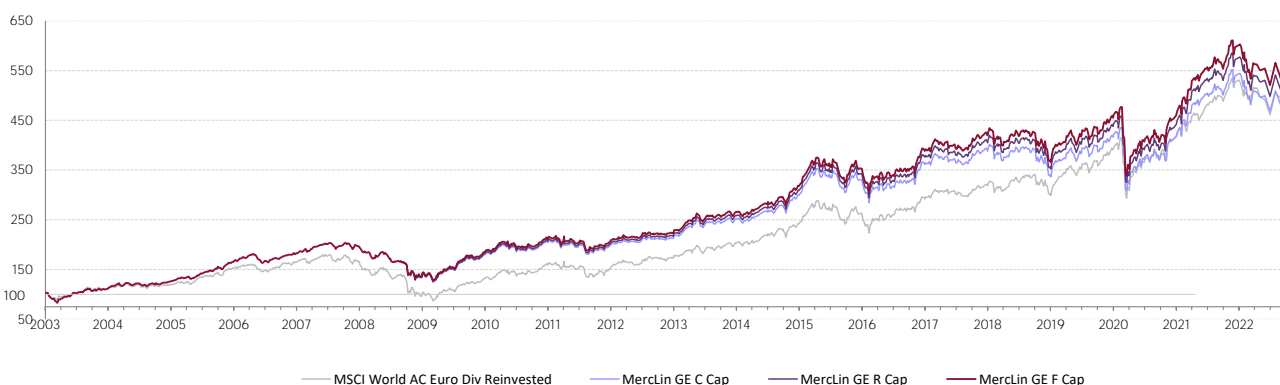
1	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	5,41%
2	MICROSOFT	5,30%
3	ALPHABET	5,08%
4	FAIRFAX	5,05%
5	STELLANTIS	4,62%
6	MERCK	3,86%
7	KKR	3,33%
8	GOLDMAN SACHS	3,12%
9	NXP SEMICONDUCTORS	3,11%
10	NOVARTIS	2,86%
		<b>41,74%</b>

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

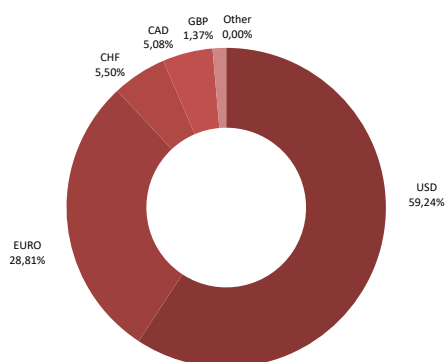
Annualized Returns <sup>3</sup>	MercLin GE F CAP	MercLin GE R CAP	MercLin GE C CAP	Benchmark
1 year	-12,34%	-12,52%	-12,87%	-6,28%
3 years	+6,08%	+5,86%	+5,44%	+9,17%
5 years	+4,40%	+4,19%	+3,77%	+8,99%
10 years	+8,82%	+8,65%	+8,22%	+10,94%
Since inception	<b>+8,61%</b>	<b>+7,97%</b>	<b>+7,50%</b>	<b>+8,25%</b>

<sup>3</sup> The return figures indicated above do not include commissions eventually linked to the issuing and redemption of shares, nor stock exchange turnover tax. Based on historical data, which offer no guarantee of future returns and can even be misleading. Performance is calculated on a cumulative basis for periods under one year and on an actuarial basis for periods of over one year. Performance of the MercLin GE F Cap up to 18.08.2008 is that of the Athena Diversified Management Sub-Fund, of which the MercLin Global Equity Sub-Fund is an identical successor. Previous performance is audited by Deloitte.

### NAV GRAPH<sup>2,3</sup>



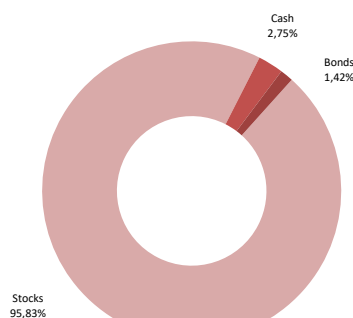
## CURRENCY



## GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE

USA	54.71%
Euro Zone	27.96%
Emerging Markets	3.44%
Switzerland	5.36%
Canada	5.05%
Great Britain	0.73%
Other	2.75%

## ASSET ALLOCATION



## SECTOR EXPOSURE

Technology	23.18%
Healthcare	18.74%
Consumer Goods	10.31%
Holding Companies	8.73%
Banks	8.63%
Insurances	10.81%
Consumer services	9.03%
Other	7.44%
Industrials	3.13%
Basic Materials	0.00%

## LAST BUY - SELL

### BUY



### INCREASE



### SELL



### REDUCE



## TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Fund Name:</b>	<b>MerLin SICAV</b>
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Degroof Petercam Asset Services
<b>Domicile:</b>	Luxembourg
<b>Legal Status:</b>	SICAV subject to Part I of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010
<b>Type of shares:</b>	Capitalisation & Distribution
<b>Belgian Financial Service Provider:</b>	Banque Degroof Petercam S.A.
<b>Custodian:</b>	Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg S.A.
<b>Transfer Agent:</b>	Degroof Petercam Asset Services
<b>Management company:</b>	Degroof Petercam Asset Services
<b>Manager:</b>	Mercier Vanderlinden Asset Management
<b>Auditor:</b>	KPMG-audit
<b>Maturity:</b>	Not determined
<b>N.A.V. publication:</b>	De Tijd, L'Echo, www.merciervanderlinden.com and www.beama.be/en/nav
<b>Minimum subscription:</b>	1 share
<b>Subscription fee:</b>	Class F and R : 0% (Mercier Vanderlinden) Class C : Max. 3%
<b>Swing pricing:</b>	No
<b>Redemption fee:</b>	0%
<b>TOB on exit:</b>	1,32% / max € 4000 for Class CAP, 0% for Class DIS
<b>Taxes on Sicavs with &gt; 10% in fixed income:</b>	No
<b>Withholding Tax:</b>	30%
<b>N.A.V. calculation:</b>	Daily
<b>Subscription/Redemption:</b>	Before 11am
<b>Performance fee:</b>	No
<b>Assets under Management:</b>	1.852 m EUR
<b>Inception:</b>	31/12/2002

The prospectus, the KIID and the periodic reports are available free of charge from the Belgian representative of the financial agent: Bank Degroof Petercam S.A., 44 rue de l'Industrie, B-1040 Brussels or on [www.merciervanderlinden.com](http://www.merciervanderlinden.com). Every investor took note of the prospectus and/ or KIID and any subscription should be made on the basis of these documents.

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MerLin SICAV is a 'société d'investissement à capital variable' (investment company with variable capital), subject to the Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment and to the European Savings Taxation Directive.

	Management Fee	Ongoing Charge <sup>4</sup>	ISIN	Bloomberg
Class F CAP:	0.70% annual	0.94%	LU0379632754	MERLSIF LX
Class R CAP:	0.90% annual	1.14%	LU0379621559	MERLSIR LX
Class C CAP:	1.30% annual	1.53%	LU0379615668	MERLSIC LX
Class F DIS:	0.70% annual	0.94%	LU2470615332	MESGEFD LX
Class R DIS:	0.90% annual	1.14%	LU2470615415	MESGERD LX
Class C DIS:	1.30% annual	1.53%	LU2470615258	MESGECD LX

Risk Indicator: Please consult the KIID and/or the Prospectus for more details.



### 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>1</sup> Source data: Bloomberg, Morningstar & Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg.

<sup>4</sup> Ongoing charge: charges taken from the subfund over a year (including management fees), as published in the KIID.