

Your Monthly Perspectives on your European Large Cap Equity Strategies

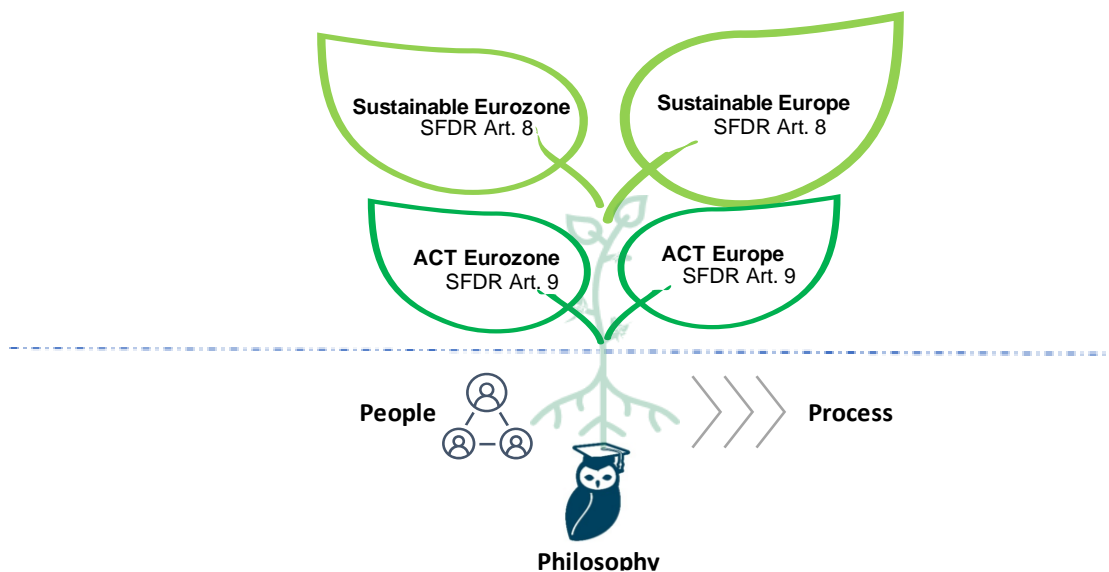
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Europe equity strategies

Dear all,

Please find attached the latest monthly perspectives for the **Europe/Eurozone Large Cap strategies**. You will also find attached a reminder of the key characteristics of our strategies to be able to propose the right strategy for your client.



Market summary:

The stock markets started the month of September on a downward trend, as was the case in August. This was due to clear signs of economic slowdown in the United States, Europe, and China. However, like the previous month, the indices rebounded strongly at the very end of the period. This can be explained first by the almost unanimous decision of the Fed to cut the benchmark rates by 50 bps instead of 25 bps, as anticipated, to better manage the risks weighing on growth. Then, a few days later, to the general surprise, China announced a stimulus plan of a scale that sharply contrasted with previous years' plans, aimed at cleaning up the real estate market, supporting financial markets, and thereby restoring consumer confidence. This led to a renewed appetite for risk among investors, particularly benefiting emerging markets, while developed markets ended the month in a more dispersed manner. Over the month, the MSCI Europe ended down 0.5% but saw highly contrasting sector performances. The winners are found both within the sectors driven by rate cuts, such as utilities and real estate, and among cyclical stocks that benefit the most from the Chinese plan. Conversely, defensive stocks, especially pharmaceuticals, are being sold off after serving as a safe haven

during the summer. The consumer discretionary sector had mixed fortunes, with luxury stocks benefiting from the China announcements, while auto stocks declined following warnings on the results of major European manufacturers.


What about next weeks ?

Over the coming weeks, the first quarterly results will undoubtedly help in understanding whether the measures to support the economy were in fact a reaction by governments and central banks to a faster and/or stronger deterioration of growth than anticipated. In any case, the uncertainty generated by the U.S. presidential election should limit the rise in stock markets, now that the effect of surprises from the announcements has been absorbed, especially as recent tensions in the Middle East contribute to complicating the analysis. In Europe, the publication of budget laws could also add some volatility to certain markets. In these conditions, it still seems appropriate to maintain a good diversification within the portfolio. Furthermore, we remain faithful to our investment strategy by focusing on companies that combine the ability to adjust prices, have visibility and/or long-term growth prospects through exposure to long-term themes, as well as a solid financial structure.

ACT Eurozone Art. 9

- Stock selection : **Positive: Iberdrola, Seb, Allianz, – Negative: Stellantis, ASML**
- Holdings: In: - / Out -

Performance table: Past performance is not a guide to future performance

	LUXEMBOURG SICAV				
	SI (8/11/10)	YTD 30/09/2024	sept-24	2023	Fees
AXA WF ACT Eurozone Equity (Gross)	177.9	11.9	0.0	15.1	--
AXA WF ACT Eurozone Equity - A EUR (Net)	119.7	10.4	-0.1	13.1	1.77 %
EURO STOXX Total Return Net	204.4	11.4	1.0	18.5	--

Source: FactSet & Morningstar as at 30/09/2024


In this rather uncertain context, the fund's performance has been stable, underperforming the benchmark index. While the fund benefited from a positive sectoral allocation due to underweighting in energy, the stock selection was negative this month. The main positive contributors were Iberdrola due to the downward movement in interest rates, Seb due to its exposure to China, Allianz thanks to good earnings releases, Schneider, Amadeus, and Symrise. Conversely, Stellantis experienced a sharp decline following a significant downward revision of its results, while ASML also weighed on the performance. It is also worth noting that several French stocks (Edenred, Spie, Vinci, BNP Paribas) were penalized due to uncertainty about the fiscal and regulatory environment in France.

During the month, the fund increased its position in Dassault Systèmes.

ACT Europe Art. 9

- Stock selection: **Positive: Iberdrola, National Grid, Cellnex – Negative: Stellantis, ASML, AstraZenec**
- Holdings: In: Atlas Copco / Out: -

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 EUR (September 24)	LUXEMBOURG SICAV				
	SI (09/03/01)	YTD 30/09/2024	sept-24	2023	Fees
AWF ACT Europe Equity (Gross)	215.4	13.0	-1.0	15.7	--
AWF ACT Europe Equity - A EUR (Net)	113.7	11.5	-1.2	13.6	0.60%
MSCI Europe Net	176.6	11.6	-0.4	15.8	--

Source: FactSet & Morningstar as at 30/09/2024


AXA WF ACT Europe Equity underperformed its benchmark index over the month, after being penalised at the very end of the period by the sudden surge in stocks exposed to the economic cycle and the Chinese market. Sector allocation was slightly positive, mainly due to the lack of exposure to the energy sector, but stock selection had a negative impact in the healthcare and consumer discretionary sectors. Among the stocks that performed best were the big beneficiaries of lower interest rates, such as power grid operators Iberdrola and National Grid, as well as communications tower operator Cellnex. The former also organised a webinar highlighting the opportunity for Spain to become a major centre for data servers in Europe, which would generate an increase in electricity demand of 10 to 26 TWh for the country by 2030. As for the other two, they announced the sale of assets deemed non-strategic to reduce their debt: the electricity system operator (ESO) business in the United Kingdom for National Grid and the tower activities in Austria for Cellnex. Allianz, Metso and Prysmian also performed well over the month. Conversely, the fund was penalised by a further deterioration in the performance of Stellantis, as well as profit-taking on AstraZeneca and ASML. The last few weeks have seen an avalanche of warnings about the results of the major European car manufacturers. Stellantis was no exception, but its revision of financial targets for the year was larger than the industry average. The operating margin target, which was expected to be in double digits in 2024, has been lowered to 5.5%-7% and the cash position has been revised downwards sharply. The excessive level of inventory in the United States is the main cause of this deterioration and management has decided to clean up the situation as much as possible at the end of the year. ASML was the subject of sell-offs following downward revisions by some more cautious brokers on the future growth level of the leader in lithography machines. As for AstraZeneca, it is the disappointment with the Dato-DXd molecule in lung cancer that explains the decline over the month. Not all trials relating to this molecule have yet been published, but the potential sales of this drug have been revised significantly downwards.

During the month, we took advantage of the slight decline in Atlas Copco to initiate a position in this world leader in compressors and vacuum pumps. We have also made trade-offs within the financial sector by further reducing exposure to French banks, BNP Paribas and Société Générale, in favour of Julius Baer, UBS and LSE. We also took some profits on Unilever after a very good run since we entered the stock and reinvested the proceeds of the sale in Kerry. In the same way, we have reduced Informa in communication services to the benefit of Cellnex and Deutsche Telekom. Finally, the positions in Stellantis and Croda have been largely reduced.

Sustainable Eurozone Art. 8

- Stock selection: **Positive**: Iberdrola, Schneider - **Negative**: ASML, STMicroelectronic, Technoprobe
- Holdings: In: - / Out: Stora Enso

Performance table: Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

 EUR (30/09/2024)	LUXEMBOURG SICAV				
	SI (15/10/08)	YTD 30/09/2024	sept-24	2023	Fees
AXA WF Framlington Sustainable Eurozone (Gross)	325.6	10.1	0.2	20.5	--
AXA WF Framlington Sustainable Eurozone - I EUR (Net)	278.6	9.5	0.1	19.6	0.77%
EURO STOXX Total Return Net	204.4	11.4	1.0	18.5	--

Source: FactSet & Morningstar as at 30/09/2024


Over the month, the DJ Eurostoxx dividend reinvested rose 1.01%, mainly thanks to the utilities and real estate sectors driven by rate cuts and cyclical stocks which benefited from the announcement of the Chinese plan. Conversely, the energy and technology sectors ended lower, penalised respectively by the fall in oil prices and by concerns about semiconductors. The consumer discretionary sector experienced mixed fortunes, with luxury stocks benefiting from the effects of the announcement on China, while auto stocks fell following profit warnings from the main European manufacturers.

The fund recorded a quasi-stability mainly penalised by the declines of semiconductors Asml, Stm and Technoprobe, but also by the declines recorded by a number of French stocks, Spie, Edenred, Vinci, BNP, Veolia for fear of a possible increase in tax rates.

Sustainable Europe Art. 8

- Stock selection: **Positive**: Asthead, National Grid, Iberdrola, Cellnex – **Negative**: ASML, Stellantis, AstraZeneca
- Holdings: In: TotalEnergies, Atlas Copco / Out: BP

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 EUR (September 24)	LUXEMBOURG SICAV				
	SI (15/10/08)	YTD 30/09/2024	sept-24	2023	Fees
AWF Framlington Sustainable Europe (Gross)	341.4	11.5	-1.0	15.1	--
AWF Framlington Sustainable Europe - I EUR (Net)	293.6	10.8	-1.0	14.2	0.60%
MSCI Europe Net	238.3	11.6	-0.4	15.8	--

Source: FactSet & Morningstar as at 30/09/2024

The fund underperformed its benchmark index over the month after being penalised at the very end of the period by the sudden surge in stocks exposed to the economic cycle and the Chinese market. Sector allocation was neutral, while stock selection had a negative impact in the healthcare and technology sectors. Among the stocks that performed best were the big beneficiaries of lower interest rates, such as power grid operators Iberdrola and National Grid, as well as communications tower operator Cellnex. The former also organised a webinar highlighting the opportunity for Spain to become a major centre for data servers in Europe, which would generate an increase in electricity demand of 10 to 26 TWh for the country by 2030. As for the other two, they announced the sale of assets deemed non-strategic in order to reduce their debt: the electricity system operator (ESO) business in the United Kingdom for National Grid and the tower activities in Austria for Cellnex. Allianz, Ashtead and Saint-Gobain also performed strongly over the month. It should be noted that the largest positive contributor to performance, the industrial equipment rental company Ashtead, announced the change of its CFO, which will now be based in the United States and no longer in England, which could suggest a change in the main listing position. Conversely, the fund was penalised by a further deterioration in the performance of Stellantis, as well as profit-taking on AstraZeneca and ASML. The last few weeks have seen an avalanche of warnings about the results of the major European car manufacturers. Stellantis was no exception, but its revision of financial targets for the year was larger than the industry average. The operating margin target, which was expected to be in double digits in 2024, has been lowered to 5.5%-7% and the cash position has been revised downwards sharply. The excessive level of inventory in the United States is the main cause of this deterioration and management has decided to clean up the situation as much as possible at the end of the year. ASML was the subject of sell-offs following downward revisions by some more cautious brokers on the future growth level of the leader in lithography machines. As for AstraZeneca, it is the disappointment with the Dato-DXd molecule in lung cancer that explains the decline over the month. Not all trials relating to this molecule have yet been published, but the potential sales of this drug have been revised significantly downwards.

During the month, we made a significant change in the energy sector by replacing our BP position with a TotalEnergies line. Since its change of management, the Anglo-Saxon group's transition strategy has been greatly watered down, unlike its French counterpart, and its higher level of debt puts its shareholder return policy at greater risk. However, we remain underweight on the sector. We also took advantage of the slight decline in Atlas Copco to initiate a position in this world leader in compressors and vacuum pumps. At the beginning of the month, we also continued to sharply reduce our exposure to the automotive segment and therefore to Stellantis, which remains our only position in this sector which is facing many headwinds. We also took some profits on Unilever after a very good run since we entered the stock and reinvested the cash in Roche and Heineken.

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