

# Boston Partners Global Long/Short UCITS Fund



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#### **UCITS FUND**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Long-term growth of capital with reduced exposure to general equity market risk.

#### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Bottom-up security selection that establishes an all-cap diversified long portfolio primarily targeting developed-market company stocks possessing attractive valuations, strong fundamentals, and positive business momentum, as well as a diversified short portfolio of companies that do not possess these characteristics.

#### **KEY STATS**

| Investment style      | Long/Short             |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Benchmark             | MSCI World Index (net) |
| Fund assets           | \$73 M                 |
| Total strategy assets | \$421 M                |
| Total firm assets     | \$125.8 B              |
| Long holdings         | 88                     |
| Short holdings        | 104                    |
| Inception             | 28 November 2017       |

# RISK MEASURES (most recent three year period)

| Beta             | 0.32   |
|------------------|--------|
| Alpha            | 8.70   |
| Std. Deviation   | 7.64   |
| Sharpe ratio     | 1.50   |
| Upside capture   | 44.56% |
| Downside capture | 8.55%  |

| CHARACTERISTICS     | Long      | Short    |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Wtd Avg Mkt Cap     | \$113.2 B | \$59.5 B |
| Price/Earnings FY1* | 12.9x     | 17.0x    |
| Price/Book          | 1.8x      | 2.1x     |
| ROE (Trailing 5 Yr) | 16.0%     | 14.6%    |

<sup>\*</sup> P/E weighted harmonic mean excludes negative values. ROE: Return on Equity.



Sector: Analysis based on market exposure as a percentage of Total Fund Size excluding currency contracts.

## **LARGEST HOLDINGS SHORT (%)**

| Occidental Petroleum Corp.  | -1.1 |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Fastenal Company            | -1.1 |
| Zurich Insurance Group Ltd. | -0.9 |
| Aozora Bank, Ltd.           | -0.9 |
| Tesla, Inc.                 | -0.8 |

## **LARGEST HOLDINGS LONG (%)**

| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.   | 3.0 |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Bae Systems plc                 | 2.4 |
| The Weir Group plc              | 2.3 |
| Walt Disney Company             | 2.2 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Financial, Inc. | 2.2 |

Holdings represent 16.9% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

# A time-tested approach to investing

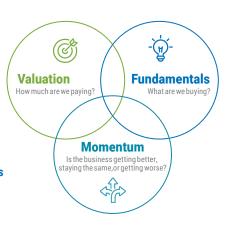
# We buy stocks that exhibit:

- Attractive value characteristics
- Strong business fundamentals
- Positive business momentum

# We sell stocks based on:

- Valuation: appreciation to price target
- Weakening business fundamentals
- Reversal of momentum

In our experience, portfolios with all three characteristics tend to outperform over time.



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# **Performance commentary**

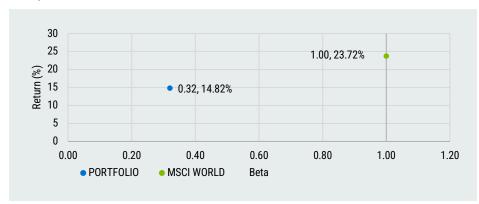
- Global stock markets advanced during the third quarter of 2025, propelled by subsiding trade tensions, continued investor optimism around artificial intelligence (AI), and the anticipation of a new central bank easing cycle in the United States. The risk-on trade tended to outperform, while emerging markets generally outpaced developed markets.
- The Boston Partners Global Long/Short strategy posted a gain for the quarter but underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI World Index. Long positioning within the Consumer Staples and Information Technology sectors dragged on relative results, as did the strategy's short positioning overall. Long holdings in Materials and Energy contributed positively to returns.
- Among detractors, Nomad Foods reported weaker-than-expected Q2 organic sales, with management pointing to the effects of negative weather in Western Europe. That said, we believe the setup for Q3 looks appealing given more favorable comparisons with the prior year's results. Elsewhere, Tokyo Electron's management surprisingly reduced forward guidance despite a supportive demand backdrop for semiconductor capital equipment. Our long positions in both companies trended lower during the guarter.
- As for contributors, Alphabet received a favorable antitrust ruling from a federal judge that did not force the company to sell off its
  Chrome browser business, removing a valuation overhang. The company continued to enjoy strong advertising trends, managed
  its costs well, and saw supportive trends in its cloud business. Meanwhile, Oracle reported a backlog nearly three times higher than
  expectations as the company signed a few large contracts with Al customers for its cloud infrastructure business. Its current cloud
  business grew 27% in the past quarter and now comprises 48% of the company's revenue.
- Over the year-to-date period, the strategy outperformed its benchmark. Long positions in Industrials and Materials were the biggest contributors to performance, while long positioning in Consumer Staples and short exposure in Financials were the biggest drags on relative results.
- The strategy's largest net exposure at the end of the period was in Materials, where we added several new long positions, including Rio Tinto and Constellium, a mining company and an aluminum products manufacturer, respectively. Real Estate was the smallest net exposure, and as of quarter end, we held three short positions: Aroundtown, Fastighets AB Balder, and Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield.
- Despite this quarter's market gains, we expect volatility to remain elevated in the coming months. Tariff news in the United States, geopolitical tensions, and uncertainty regarding the degree of central banks' capacity for easing could all affect investor sentiment. Nonetheless, we believe there continue to be ample opportunities for stock picking in this environment, and we look forward to providing you with updates in the coming months.

|                                   |                           |          | Total      | Contribution  |                     |                           |          | Total      | Contribution  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| Security name                     | Sector                    | Position | return (%) | to return (%) | Security name       | Sector                    | Position | return (%) | to return (%) |
| Alibaba Group<br>Holding Ltd.     | Consumer<br>Discretionary | Long     | 62.60      | 0.93          | Tokyo Electron Ltd. | Information<br>Technology | Long     | -23.70     | -0.50         |
| Oracle Corporation                | Information<br>Technology | Long     | 28.90      | 0.84          | Nomad Foods Ltd.    | Consumer<br>Staples       | Long     | -21.70     | -0.49         |
| Century Aluminum<br>Company       | Materials                 | Long     | 62.90      | 0.73          | Heineken N.V.       | Consumer<br>Staples       | Long     | -9.20      | -0.31         |
| Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.     | Information<br>Technology | Long     | 35.50      | 0.72          | Centene Corporation | Healthcare                | Long     | -37.80     | -0.30         |
| Beetaloo Energy<br>Australia Ltd. | Energy                    | Long     | 54.10      | 0.63          | Salesforce, Inc.    | Information<br>Technology | Long     | -12.90     | -0.28         |



#### RETURN VERSUS MARKET EXPOSURE

Three-year annualized return versus beta



#### **EXPOSURE BY REGION (%)**

| Continental Europe United Kingdom Japan North America | Portfolio<br>Outer ring<br>-0.2<br>11.2<br>4.1<br>19.8 | Benchmark<br>Inner ring<br>13.1<br>3.8<br>5.4<br>74.9 |
|---|--|---|
| ■ North America<br>■ Emerging Markets                 | 19.8<br>12.8   | 74.9<br>0.1   |
| Pacific   | 2.6  | 2.6   |

# **ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (%)**

|  | September<br>2025 | Q3   | YTD   | 1 YR  | 3 YR  | 5 YR  | Since<br>inception <sup>1</sup> |
|--|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Global Long/Short UCITS -<br>Net of Fees | 4.57              | 5.37 | 24.51 | 15.94 | 14.82 | 16.00 | 7.73                            |
| MSCI World Index (Net)                   | 3.21              | 7.27 | 17.43 | 17.25 | 23.72 | 14.41 | 11.63                           |

# **CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)**

|   | YTD<br>2025 | 2024  | 2023  | 2022   | 2021  | 2020  | Since<br>inception <sup>1</sup> |
|---|-------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Global Long/Short UCITS <sup>2</sup> -<br>Net of Fees | 24.51       | 3.71  | 6.43  | 15.18  | 17.98 | -0.50 | 7.73                            |
| MSCI World Index (Net)                                | 17.43       | 18.67 | 23.79 | -18.14 | 21.82 | 15.90 | 11.63                           |

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Inception date of the M-share is 28 November 2017. The performance figures quoted above represent the (net of fees) performance of the Boston Partners Global Long/Short (UCITS) Fund M USD share class since launch on 28 November 2017 until 31 December 2019. Performance figures after 31 December 2019 represent the performance of the Institutional E USD share class. The M share class is closed to new investors.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

| Investment Manager          | Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.    |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Fund Type <sup>1</sup>      | ICAV                                      |
| Regulatory Framework        | Alternative UCITS                         |
| Domicile                    | Ireland                                   |
| Subscriptions <sup>2</sup>  | Daily                                     |
| Redemptions <sup>2</sup>    | Daily                                     |
| Trade Cutoff                | 5 PM GMT                                  |
| Global Distributor          | Boston Partners Global<br>Investors, Inc. |
| Depositary<br>Administrator | European Depot Bank                       |
| Management Company          | FundRock                                  |
| Auditor                     | Apex Fund Services<br>(Ireland) LTD       |
| ISIN                        | IE000BZXDB85                              |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sub-Fund of Fundrock UCITS Platform LICAV

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Calendar performance returns for Boston Partners Global Long/Short (UCITS) Fund, show performance returns net of fees in 2018 and 2019 for MUSD share class. Performance shown after those periods are for the EUSD share class. The E Share Class management fee has been applied to all returns shown on this page. See page 4 of this marketing document for the risk considerations. Past performance does not predict future returns.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Please see the Fund's prospectus for more information on how full and limited portfolio business days are defined. Please visit www.fundrock.com/funds for all documents.

| SHARE CLASS CATEGORY      | E .  | '  | ĸ  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Investor Type             | Early Bird*  | Institutional  | Retail   |
| Min Initial Investment    | 100,000<br>USD, EUR, GBP, CHF  | 500,000<br>USD, EUR, GBP, CHF  | 10,000<br>USD, EUR, GBP, CHF   |
| Investment Management Fee | 0.9% p.a.  | 1% p.a.  | 1.75% p.a.   |
| Performance Fee Rate      | No   | 15%  | 15%  |
| Performance Hurdle        | N/A  | 70% of MSCI World Index (Net) return calculated annually                         | 70% of MSCI World Index (Net) returncalculated annually                          |
| ISIN codes                | EUR: IE000PATQWR0<br>USD: IE000BZXDB85<br>GBP: IE000UQET4A9<br>CHF: IE000898DIZ1 | EUR: IE000LPLF423<br>USD: IE000NZLX403<br>GBP: IE000RDP8605<br>CHF: IE0007ZYDFA3 | EUR: IE00050PQ548<br>USD: IE00085VD5N0<br>GBP: IE000LP7PA82<br>CHF: IE000GG1YE82 |

<sup>\*</sup>The Early Bird Share class will close when the UCITS fund reaches 100 million in assets.

#### **Important Information**

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**Alpha:** A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a product and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the product relative to the return of the benchmark index is the alpha. **Price-to-Book (P/B):** The price per share of a stock divided by its book value (net worth) per share. For a portfolio, the ratio is the weighted average price-to-book ratio of the stocks that it holds. **Price/Earnings Ratio:** A method of valuing stocks, calculated by dividing the closing price of a company's stock by its annual earnings per share. A higher multiple means investors have higher expectations for future growth and have bid up the stock's price. P/E FY1 is simple measure of one-year earnings per share growth from the prior fiscal year (FV0) to the current fiscal year. **Return on Equity:** A measure of a corporation's profitability that reveals how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.

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