Fund in Brief | 2024

# **Aviva Investors Global Equity Endurance Fund**



# Why Aviva Investors Global Equity Endurance Fund?

Our approach focuses on the following distinctive characteristics:



We focus on companies that offer predictable free cashflow and sustained competitive advantages, avoiding the more cyclical businesses in favour of those that we believe can continue to deliver sustained growth through the economic cycle.



### **Preservation**

We aim to protect capital through a deep understanding of ESG risks, balance sheet and valuation characteristics. We look for those businesses that can sustain their dominant market position through a variety of barriers to entry that gives them greater resilience than peers.

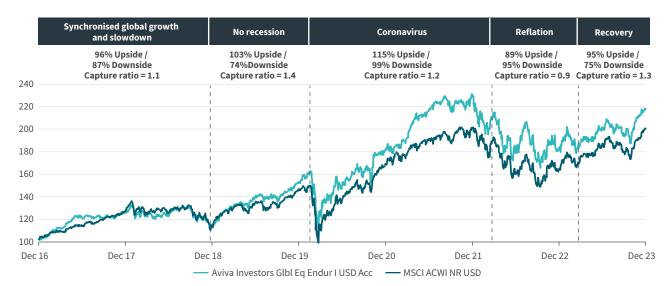


Whilst we want to find companies that offer predictability and resilience, we do not believe this should come at the expense of upside. Changes in multiples and valuation drive short-term performance which can explain why quality sectors will hold up better in a downturn. However, in the long run, share price performance is driven by the ability to grow cash flows, therefore we focus on businesses that we believe can turn their dominant market positions into sustainable cash flow growth and share price performance through market leadership and network effects.

# **Investor potential benefits**

The Fund seeks to achieve attractive, resilient total returns over the long-term while reducing the risk of capital loss by investing globally in a high-conviction, low turnover portfolio of "Endurable" businesses.

Our approach has enabled the Fund to deliver resilient returns in a variety of market conditions.



Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

Full, historical, calendar year performance for the Global Equity Endurance I USD Acc can be found towards the end of the document (before 'Key Risks').

Source: Morningstar and eVestment as of 31 December 2023. Morningstar for cumulative performance data, performance shown net of fees in US\$ terms. eVestment for capture ratio data: capture ratio dates are as follows, Since inception to December 2018, December 2018 to December 2019, December 2019 to March 2022, March 2022 to April 2023 and April 2023 to December 2023 (all as at relevant month-end, since inception uses the first full month's data). Fund inception was 21 November 2016.

# **Investment process**

The Fund's key performance driver will be bottom-up stock selection which leverages off the combined connected analytical resources of our ESG and equities investment teams.



# Screens MSCI ACWI and beyond

• Internal Baseline Exclusion Policy and specific fund criteria used to screen harmful sectors and companies



#### **Endurance characteristics**

### **Discover**

- Global universe, investible universe
- Minimum liquidity and size criteria
- · Qualitative filter for endurable\* companies



#### **Fundamental research**

#### **Debate**

- Endurable candidates identified
- Deeper research directed to most promising areas
- · Sector hubs drive research priority in the form of PM priorities, thematic and / or organic
- Fully integrated ESG research
- Common research template



#### Decide

- ~100 active watchlist
- Valuation assessed relative to existing holdings and other equities, with absolute hurdle
- · Analyst rating assigned
- · Conviction expressed at the sector hubs
- Ideas debated by PMs
- · Confirmation of investment thesis



### **Portfolio construction**

### Design

- · 20-40 'Endurables'
- · Constructing the optimal combination of business durability and intrinsic value
- Concentrated, high conviction portfolio
- Return driven by fundamental stock selection
- Turnover consistent with a 5 year investment time horizon
- After Action Review (AAR)



### Bespoke engagement

#### Bespoke company engagement

- To support sustainability practices and value creation
- Escalation pathway and potential divestment

Non-binding ESG factors are integrated into the investment process but the Investment Manager retains discretion over asset or stock selection in accordance with the Baseline Exclusions Policy and objectives of the fund or strategy.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Endurables" are businesses that we consider can survive for decades and sustain numerous economic and market cycles.

# **Portfolio characteristics**

Benchmark	MSCI ACWI
No. of stocks	20-40
Active share	90%+
Absolute stock limit	10%
Sector limits	None
Geographic limits	None
Tracking error range	3-8%

## **Fund Details**

Aviva Investors Global Equity Endurance Fund					
Fund inception date	21 November 2016				
Fund Managers	Francois De Bruin, Richard Saldanha				
UCITS/Non-UCITS	UCITS				
Fund structure	SICAV				
Domicile	Luxembourg				
Valuation frequency	Daily				
Pricing basis	Forward				
Valuation point	18:00 CET				
Dealing cut off	13:00 CET				
Settlement period	T+3				
Base currency	USD				

## **Contact us**

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## Historical Calendar Year Performance for Global Equity Endurance I USD Account

	1 Jan 14 - 31 Dec 14	1 Jan 15 - 31 Dec 15	1 Jan 16 - 31 Dec 16	1 Jan 17 - 31 Dec 17	1 Jan 18 - 31 Dec 18	1 Jan 19 - 31 Dec 19	1 Jan 20 - 31 Dec 20	1 Jan 21 - 31 Dec 21	1 Jan 22 - 31 Dec 22	1 Jan 23 – 31 Dec 23
Global Equity Endurance	-	-	-	23.28	-8.84	32.08	19.83	26.11	-21.00	20.01
MSCI ACWI	4.16	-2.36	7.86	23.97	-9.41	26.60	16.25	18.54	-18.36	22.20

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Source: Morningstar. Basis: Mid to mid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees, in the share class reference currency and net of tax payable by the Fund. The Fund's performance is measured using the I USD Acc share class against the MSCI All Country World Index net returns in USD.

### **Key risks**



**Investment Risk & Currency Risk:** : The value of an investment and any income from it can go down as well as up and can fluctuate in response to changes in currency exchange rates. Investors may not get back the original amount invested.



**Emerging Markets Risk:** The Fund Invests in emerging markets, these markets may be volatile and carry higher risk than developed markets.



Derivatives Risk: The Fund uses derivatives, these can be complex and highly volatile. Derivatives may not perform as expected meaning the Fund may suffer significant losses.



Illiquid Securities Risk: The Fund Invests in emerging markets, these markets may be volatile and carry higher risk than developed markets.



Concentration Risk: The Fund invests in a small portfolio of securities. Losses from a single investment may be more detrimental to the overall fund performance than if a larger number of investments were made.

Full information on risks applicable to the Fund are in the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

### **Important Information**

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Where relevant, information on our approach to the sustainability aspects of the fund and the Sustainable Finance disclosure regulation (SFDR) including policies and procedures can be found on the following link: https://www.avivainvestors.com/en-gb/capabilities/sustainable-financedisclosure-regulation/

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