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– Absolute Return Fund – Investment Process (February 2023)

- FLEXIBLE EQUITY FUND (0 > 100% net exposure) targeting 7% annual net performance with a volatility around 7%
- Mainly invested euro zone equities with a stock-picking investment approach, no geographical, market capitalisation nor sector biais
- Bottom-up investment strategy for the long positions; the global portfolio exposure is adjusted according to the internal potential of the portfolio
- We invest in high quality businesses offering attractive valuation levels, <u>with</u> <u>catalysts for rerating</u>
- Given our track record and experience, we only try to generate alpha on a limited number of long positions

#### **INVESTISSEMENT OBJECTIVE**

Delivering a long-term capital appreciation with a high degree of downside protection

## Investissement Philosophy

#### VALUE BIAIS

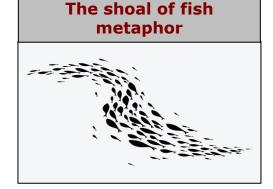
> To minimize the risk of over-paying the growth potential

> With « Value » defined as an absolute criteria – i.e. discount vs intrinsic value – while most Value Funds use it as a relative criteria

#### EARNINGS MOMENTUM

- > To avoid Value Traps
- Bottom-up selection, but top-down awareness
- Patience & long-term vision for our investments

#### STOP LOSSES



> To avoid the heavy losses related to stubbornness

#### OUR OBJECTIVE: Maintaining ourselves at the forefront of the shoal of fish

## A Concentrated Portfolio

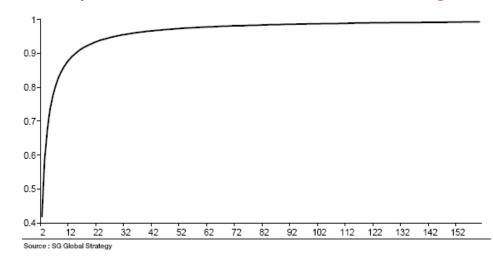
- There is no long term outperformance to be generated without accepting a certain level of tracking error
- Diversification trough an extended number of positions does not mean risk diversification
- High conviction ideas outperform the market

Holding 8 positions reduces

stock specific risk by 83%,

reduces it by 91%

whereas holding 16 positions



#### Stock specific risk elimination vs number of holdings

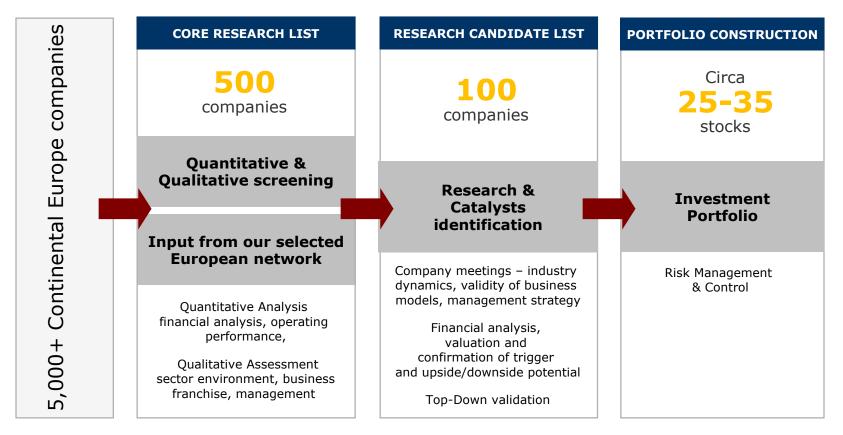
## Portfolio Construction

- Number of positions 25-35 Long positions
- Holding Size No single investment will exceed 7% of NAV Investments will be as much as possible equally weighted (mainly depending on liquidity issues)
- Concentrated book but risk diversification
- Liquidity
   Portfolio structured so that we can exit 100% in 1 day (assuming 20%-volume execution)
- Global exposure determined upon our internal valuation process

Portfolio Exposure vs Upside Potential						
Portfolio Upside		Portfolio Net Exposure				
<0 to 0%	$\implies$	0% to 30%				
0% to 5%		30% to 60%				
>5%	$\implies$	60% to 100%				

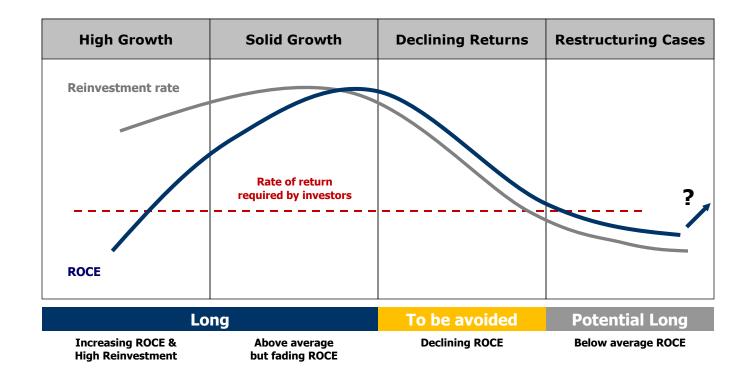
## **Investment Process**

- We invest in a universe we know i.e. Eurozone listed companies
- We highly value the input of our selected European network of fund managers and brokers in our screening process



## **Investment Process**

- We divide our universe in 4 categories: High Growth, Solid Growth, Declining Returns and Restructuring cases
- Long candidates are selected among companies offering increasing ROCE either with high reinvestment rate potential or turnaround perspectives



## Long Positions Characteristics

#### **Qualitative screening**

- We invest in stocks as we would invest in a business
- We opt for highly qualitative, stable, superior businesses with solid management track record
- Strong brands, strong negotiating power over customers & suppliers, competitive edge
- Pricing power & volume predictability. We avoid business risks
- No concept stocks, no gambling. We invest in businesses we understand
- To avoid value traps, we favour companies showing earnings acceleration, or at least predictable earnings growth
- On an opportunistic basis, we will invest on turnaround situation
- It should however match our basic principles in terms of quality

#### Catalysts

- Earnings surprise potential
- Hidden value
- Restructuring
- Break-up
- Acquisitions
- Divestments
- Management change

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#### **Financials**

- ROE > 10%
- ROCE > 10%

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FCF Yield > 5%

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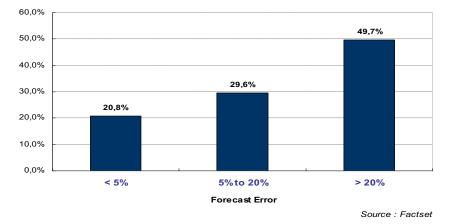
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Opportunistic Trades

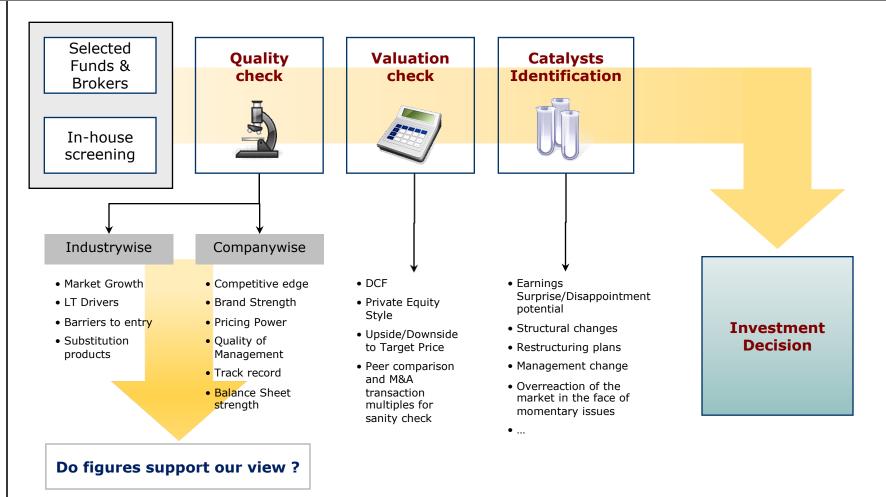
## **Stock Selection Process**

- 2 ways to source new ideas: our network of selected European funds and brokers + internal research
- Internal and external screening tools
- In-depth research
  - Own forecasts & valuation models (DCF-based & Private Equity based), determining earnings surprise potential & own target price. <u>Consensus is not reliable</u> (cf. Graph)
  - Interviews with management, industry specialists, clients, analysts...
- Strategic analysis (SWOT, Porter)
- Decisions are made on a risk-reward approach based on our internal target price
- A <u>disciplined</u> process: we exit once the target price is surpassed or the catalyst vanished – If no opportunity occurs, we will remain cash



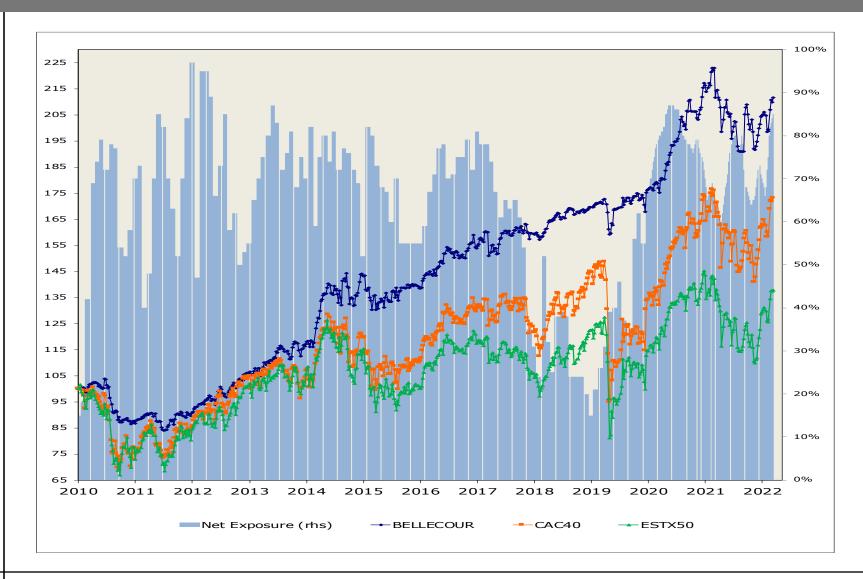
#### HSBC Smaller European Companies Index: « Estimates vs actual earnings (2009-2019) »

## **Stock Selection Process**



- Cash flow generation
- Margins
- ROCE, ROE Levels

## Gross Historical Performances (February 28th, 2023)



## **Performance Characteristics**

# PERFORMANCE & VOLATILITY DATA AS OF FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Gross performance since inception (4Q 2010): +120.8% Net performance since inception: +52.8% (impacted by higher performance fees between 2010 and 2015) <u>Weekly Volatility</u> ("A" Share): 1Y: 6.6% / 2Y: 9.6% / 3Y: 16.5% / 4Y: 17.8%

Gross Performances	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Bellecour Capital	+8.1%	-10.2%	+24.3%	+4.3%	+8.0%	-0.2%	+8.3%	+3.7%	+17.4%	+10.6%
CAC40	+12.3%	-9.5%	+28.9%	-7.1%	+26.4%	-11.0%	+9.3%	+4.0%	+9.5%	+1.3%
ESTX50	+11.7%	-11.9%	+21.2%	-5.1%	+24.8%	-14.3%	+7.1%	+0.6%	+4.8%	+0.8%

## **Risk Control**

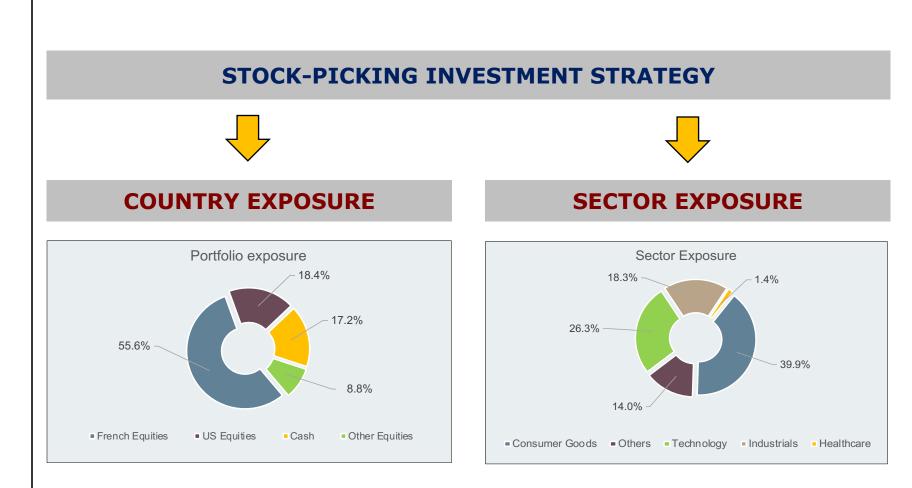
#### > 3 Key Words: Risk diversification, Discipline, Liquidity

<b>Risk diversification</b>	Discipline	Liquidity
<ul> <li>Sectors</li> <li>Countries</li> <li>Currencies</li> <li>Commodities</li> <li>Mkt caps</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quality businesses only</li> <li>Target prices defining entry and exit levels</li> <li>Gradual building of positions</li> <li>Catalysts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Portfolio structured so that we can exit 100% in 1 day (assuming 20%-volume execution)</li> <li>Liquidity is key when it comes to sizing positions (ideally equally weighted)</li> </ul>

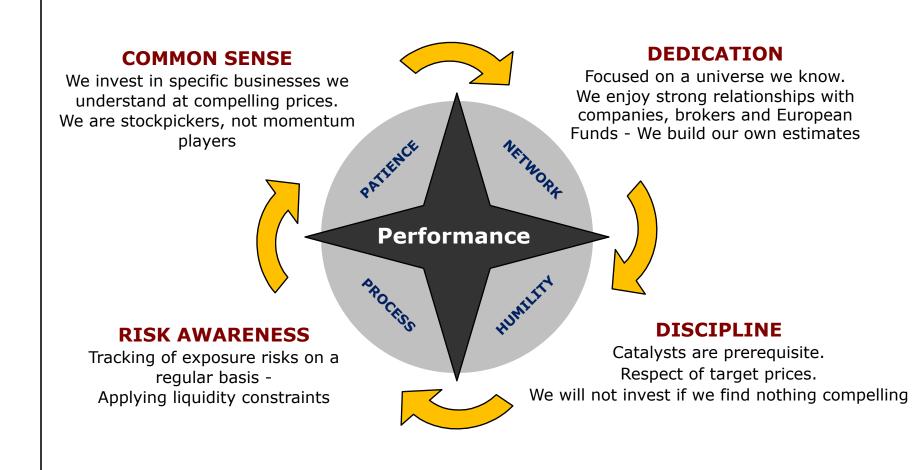


Each parameter is tracked on a daily basis by the Fund Manager as well as on a monthly basis as part of the Board of Directors' meeting

## Country & Sector Exposure



## Conclusion



Team



#### NICOLAS FAURE Fund Manager

Before founding Bellecour Capital in 2010, Nicolas Faure had spent 4 years at Pictet Asset Management as a Senior Investment Manager in the Small Cap Equities team (managing  $\leq 0.5$ bn vs  $\leq 1.5$ bn total product A.U.M.), responsible for France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Finland & Norway. In parallel to his role within the Small Cap team, Nicolas also was the co-lead on Pictet's European Small Cap Hedge Fund ( $\leq 35$ m under management).

Before joining Pictet, Nicolas had spent three years as a fund manager/buy-side analyst for the European Midcap fund at Pascal Advisers S.A. (€250m under management) and three years as a sell-side analyst for Crédit Lyonnais Securities Midcaps, focusing on French midcap companies.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- > Guy Knepper Independent Administrator
- > Vincent Neurrisse External Wealth Manager & Investment Counsel
- > Nicolas Faure President & Fund manager

## Fees & Dealing Terms

- Legal structure: Luxembourg Special Investment Fund (S.I.F.)
- Entry fee: 0% by default (max 1%)
- Exit fee: 0% by default (max 1%)
- Management Fee: A-Share: 2% ; I-Share: 1% ; S-Share: 1%
- Performance Allocation: 10% above 5% net performance for A & I Shares
- Daily NAV / 1-day redemption notice
- Minimum Investment: EUR 0.125m
- Transfer Agent: DEGROOF PETERCAM Luxembourg
- Domiciliary Agent: DEGROOF PETERCAM Luxembourg
- Auditors: DELOITTE Luxembourg
- ISIN code > A-Share: LU0508759890 / Bloomberg code: BELLEUR LX
- ISIN code > I-Share: LU2128045684 / Bloomberg code: BEUROPI LX
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