

The Quality Growth Investor

## **US EQUITY STRATEGY**

## **GREAT AGAIN?**



SFDR classification 8

The LuxFLAG ESG label has been granted for the period starting from 01-Apr-2023 and ending 31-Mar-2024

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### **Investment policy**

The objective of the Sub-Fund ("the Fund") is to increase the value of the Fund (capital appreciation) over the long term. The Fund intends to achieve this objective through investment in a portfolio of high-quality, long-term growth companies. The Fund will invest at least two-thirds of its assets in securities issued by companies that have their headquarters in, or principally carry out their activities in America or in securities issued or guaranteed by the American government. The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only. The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more). The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only. The Fund is aimed at investors only. The Fund is aimed at investors with a long-term investment horizon (typically 5 years or more). The Fund is actively managed. The index is provided for comparative purposes only.

### Main risks

The following are the main risks relevant to the fund discussed in this presentation:

- Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal
- The value of all investments and the income derived therefrom can decrease as well as increase
- Changes in exchange rates can negatively impact both the value of your investment and the level of income received
- Because the portfolio invests in a single country, its performance could be more volatile than the performance of more geographically-diversified portfolios
- The portfolio invests in limited number of securities and may therefore entail higher risks than those which hold a very broad spread of investments
- A more detailed description of the risk factors that apply to the fund is set out in the prospectus

## **COMGEST**

### Assets under management

One style via country, regional and global equity strategies



AUM breakdown by strategy as of 31-Dec-2022 in EUR. Due to rounding, figures may not add up to the totals shown. All AUM figures are unaudited.

\* in USD: total AUM of \$29.5bn

\*\* includes Asia ex Japan and Asia Pacific ex Japan



### Managing US equities away from the noise

Experienced team of generalists based in Paris



Years of experience: (Industry/Comgest)



What we do



Source: Comgest as of 31-Dec-2022.



Top 1-2% of US equity funds on Morningstar\*

#### **RISK-ADJUSTED RETURN PROFILE\*\***



	SINCE JAN. 2009			
Comgest Ranking				
Net return	+13.2% p.a.			
Sharpe Ratio***	Top 1-2% (5/325)			

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\*\*Performance under current management team.

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### The quality growth S-curve

### Not all growth is created equal



The size of the bubbles corresponds to the size of the companies. For illustrative purposes only. The securities discussed above are provided for information only, are subject to change and are not a recommendation to buy or sell the securities. The securities discussed herein may not be held in the portfolio at the time you receive this presentation.



### Shooting star risk

### Volatility is accentuated by smaller, popular stocks



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### US Equities — Great again?

A new motto: "Doing more with less"



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### **Oracle** Reinventing productivity

ORACLE

#### **NET**SUITE Financials Overview **DEVENUE** BANK BALANCI \$5,711,744 \$3,350,722 \$431,049 SuiteAccess Budget vs Ac... **Balance Sheet** Trial Balanc Income Stat. Weekly Cash Projection TOTAL: 9 Start of Week AR Due \* AR Cash Rec'd AP Owed AP Cash Pd Net Due (Owed) Net Cash Rec'd (Pd 17,834.31 51,953.94 3/23/2020 211,351.10 0.00 212,778.71 17,834.31 -1.427.6 92.315.84 -40.361.90 4/6/2020 0.00 0.00 0.00 -76,223.19 113,578.53 4/13/2020 88,828.66 0.00 165,051.85 0.00 3/30/2020 217,863.25 104,284.72 0.00 Key Performance Indicators PAYABLES TOTAL BANK BALANCE RECEIVABLES EXPENSES ↑10.8% **↑**7.7% **^2.5% ↑**0.7% INDICATOR PERIOD CURRENT PERMONS This Month vs. Last Month \$2 045 956 \$1 844 158 10.9% 10.7% Payable: End of This Month vs. End of Last Month \$19,015,407 \$18,882,231 Receivable End of This Month vs. End of Last Month \$3,128,347 \$2,824,283 10.8% 17.7% Expenses This Period vs. Last Period \$1,702,370 \$1,580,958 1.5% Total Bank Balan This Period vs. Last Period \$3,350,722 \$3,270,265 End of This Month vs. End of Last Month \$3,711,282 \$3,477,412 16.7% Inventory

### #1 Cloud ERP in the world



"Customers want to spend less and need to stay competitive [...]. We run twice as fast, we cost half as much."

Safra Katz (Oracle CEO) and Larry Ellison (Chairman and CTO)

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### **GXO** Logistics

### Solving complexity and automation needs



Leading pure-player in contract logistics

**~1,000** Warehouse locations

1,200+

Customers worldwide

"GXO can **drive more than 10 times** return on investment through lower costs, higher revenues and faster inventory turnover."

Bill Frane, GXO Chief Commercial Officer

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## J.B. Hunt

### Powering transportation efficiency with less emissions



US leader in intermodal and owner of the "Uber of freight"

~60%

Less emissions per mile than trucks

**~1m** Trucks on the platform

"Converting freight from the highway to Intermodal reduces cost and is further supported by fuel costs and carbon emissions savings."

Darren Field, J.B. Hunt President of Intermodal

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### Portfolio composition

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN AS A RESULT OF OUR STOCKPICKING (%)



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High conviction: Top 10, circa 60% of the fund

	Sector	Weight (%)
Oracle	Information Technology	9.8
Microsoft	Information Technology	9.7
Apple	Information Technology	7.6
Eli Lilly	Health Care	6.4
Alphabet A	Communication Services	4.7
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	4.7
Visa A	Financials	4.5
Service Corp Intl	Consumer Discretionary	4.1
Meta Platforms A	Communication Services	4.0
Intuit	Information Technology	3.9

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### Resilient, concentrated, long-term growth

### PORTFOLIO PROFILE

	Fund	Index
Number of holdings	27	502
Active share	71.1%	-
EBIT Margin NTM*	19.4%	16.6%
Net Debt / EBIT NTM*	1.0	1.2×
EPS growth 5Ye*	13.1%	-
P/E NTM*	24.1x	18.3x
Weight of top 10 stocks	59.3%	31.6%
Sortino Ratio (since 2009)	1.6	1.2
Downside capture (since 2009)	72.5%	-
ROA NTM*	11.2%	4.5%

MARKET CAP. BREAKDOWN (USD)



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Index: S&P 500 - Net Return (changed from S&P 500 - Price Return on 01/01/2009). The index is used for comparative purposes only and the Fund does not seek to replicate the index.

EBIT margin NTM. Data is based on the relevant funds and represents consensus estimates which may not be in line with Comgest's own internal estimations.

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## **Comgest Growth America USD ACC**

Performance (net) since 01/01/2009

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE SINCE 01/01/2009 (%)





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#### **ROLLING PERFORMANCE (%)**

				Annualised				
	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since 01/01/2009
Fund	2.0	4.8	14.6	10.9	11.1	12.5	12.1	13.4
Index	0.4	1.9	9.4	2.4	12.4	10.4	11.4	12.8

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#### ANNUAL RETURN (CALENDAR)



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### Conclusion



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