LHV World Equities Fund

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Comment from the fund manager

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In September, after a nine-month pause, the U.S. Federal Reserve cut interest rates again. On the back of lower rates, all major stock markets rose. The fund's unit value increased by 3% over the month. The biggest contributors to the gain were this year's top performers so far—shares of Chinese companies and mining firms linked to precious metals.

We had a negative surprise in Freeport-McMoRan, where a landslide at one of the world's largest copper mines owned by the company pushed the share price down. Since the accident has a major impact on global copper supply, the more diversified copper-miners index fund, Global X Copper Miners ETF, rose. During the month we trimmed our positions in Barrick and Pan American Silver. We also sold the shares of the German chemical company Lanxess from the portfolio, as our investment thesis did not play out. We added to positions in the Swedish companies Lifco and Atlas Copco. Both are high-return-on-capital businesses in their fields, with strong histories of capital allocation and cyclical upside potential.

This year we have made several new investments that will benefit from the German government's plan to spend hundreds of billions of additional euros on infrastructure renewal. In September, LHV equity research team attended an investment conference in Munich, Germany, where we met with nearly a hundred German companies.

Among the fund's investments, we met with the CFO of Vossloh. The company is one of the world's leading producers of rail fasteners and sleepers, with Germany's state rail company Deutsche Bahn as a major client. Germany's rail network has long been underinvested, but as a first priority the new government is channeling tens of billions of euros into rail modernization. At Deutsche Bahn, members of the supervisory board were replaced, a new chief executive was appointed, and most importantly, the new German government allocated finally larger sums for rail investments. Bechtle, the German reseller of IT hardware and software services in which we have invested, confirmed that public-sector IT services orders are improving. Nothing overly positive stood out to us regarding Bechtle, but the company will benefit from the digitalization trend. For now, we are holding the position, as the company is a direct beneficiary of growth in public-sector IT spending.

By positioning for the growth of German public infrastructure investments, we are early investors. We are satisfied with our Germany-focused selections and see that, if needed, we can adjust our positions around a couple of ideas. Meetings with German companies and the investor base confirmed to us that there are well-managed companies trading at reasonable valuations. We also noted interesting turnaround cases which, by their nature, are riskier but could offer us attractive short-term opportunities.

ISIN	EE3600092417
FOUNDED	27.04.2007
START OF OPERATION	13.08.2007
ASSET CLASS	Equities
FUND SIZE	8 896 430 EUR

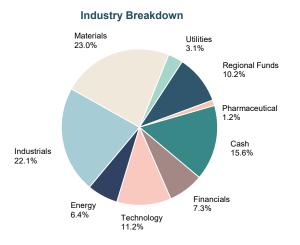
TOP10 INVESTMENTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF INVESTMENTS	30
VALUE OF TOP 10 INVESTMENTS	41.83 %
PAN AMERICAN SILVER	3.18 %
LIFCO	3.35 %
BARRICK MINING CORP	3.38 %
FREEPORT-MCMORAN	3.55 %
STORA ENSO	3.66 %
ISHARES MSCI CHINA ETF	4.22 %
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING	4.59 %
AMUNDI EURO STOXX BANKS UCITS ETF	4.61 %
GLOBAL X COPPER MINERS ETF	5.33 %
INVESCO MDAX UCITS ETF	5.96 %

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Cash 15.6% Latin America 2.5% North America 18.9%



Historical Results

	1 month	12 months	36 months	2023-2024 average	2022-2024 average	2020-2024 average	YTD
Fund	2.96%	5.34%	31.70%	3.19%	-2.73%	3.33%	11.85%



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