



# M&G (Lux) European Strategic Value Fund



Capturing mispriced opportunities

# Why value now?

In a riskier world, investors are still searching for sources of alpha. Taking on a value tilt can offer long-term alpha. We believe there are active returns to be generated from mispriced stocks, which are trading at depressed valuations due to investors' increasingly short-term horizons and their perception of risk.







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# Market volatility

## Reasons to invest in this value fund

## 1. Proven process

A three-stage investment process with a differentiated approach that aims to reduce volatility.

## 2. Truly contrarian

Uniquely positioned relative to peer group: truly contrarian with a long-term investment horizon.

# 3. Consistent expertise

Same Fund Manager since inception, with 20+ years' experience through various market cycles and crises.

# 1. Proven process - a disciplined three-stage process



## 2. Fundamental analysis



100-200 stocks

#### 3. Portfolio construction



60-100 stocks

Source: M&G, September 2024. Internal limits are subject to change.

- Screening: identifying the cheapest quartile stocks per sector
- Fundamental analysis: assessing the risk/ reward relationship and excluding value traps
- 3. Portfolio construction:

  The final portfolio consists of 60-100 companies<sup>1</sup>, selected on a bottom-up basis, diversified across sectors and market-cap and designed to reduce the volatility often associated with value investing.





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# 2. Truly contrarian

Not engaging in style drift to seek to generate returns. Value style and combined stock selection are the predominant driver of potential returns.

#### Consistent P/B discount to the broader market

#### Price to book discount: M&G (Lux) European Strategic Value relative to MSCI Europe Index



Source: Bloomberg, 31 December 2024. P/B based on 12m forward. Information shown on the above chart prior to 1 October 2018 refers to the M&G European Strategic Value Fund, a UK-authorised OEIC, which was launched on 1 February 2008 and run to the same investment strategy as the M&G (Lux) European Strategic Value Fund. It has been included for illustrative purposes only. Data from 1 October 2018 is for the M&G (Lux) European Strategic Value Fund.

# 3. Consistent expertise

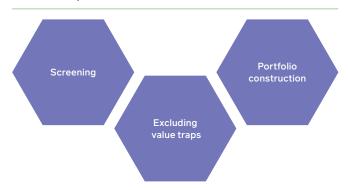
Same Fund Manager since inception, with 20+ years' experience in running European money through various market cycles and crises.

Track record of having a consistently strong value style, never deviating despite changes in the market environment.

## The advantages of an active value solution

Screening out value traps with our thorough fundamental analysis is what differentiates our active value solution from a passive approach. This process ultimately allows us to build a very well-diversified portfolio compared to the value index, which helps reduce volatility.

#### An active vs passive solution









# Fund investment policy

The fund aims to provide a combination of capital growth and income to deliver a return that is higher than that of the European stock market over any five-year period while applying ESG Criteria. The fund invests at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in the equity securities of companies across any sector and market capitalisation that are domiciled in, or conducting the major part of their economic activity in Europe.

The fund invests in securities that meet the ESG Criteria, applying an Exclusionary Approach and Positive ESG Tilt as described in the precontractual annex to the fund Supplement Prospectus. Recommended holding period (five years).

## **Key fund risks**

- The value and income from the fund's assets will go down as well as up. This will cause the value of your investment to fall as well as rise. There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective and you may get back less than you originally invested.
- The fund can be exposed to different currencies.
   Movements in currency exchange rates may adversely affect the value of your investment.
- ESG information from third-party data providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. There is a risk that the investment manager may incorrectly assess a security or issuer, resulting in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security in the portfolio of the fund.
- Further details of the risks that apply to the fund can be found in the fund's Prospectus available on our website
- Please note, investing in this fund means acquiring units or shares in a fund, and not in a given underlying asset such as a building or shares of a company, as these are only the underlying assets owned by the fund.

#### Sustainability information

- The fund promotes Environmental/Social (E/S)
   characteristics and while it does not have as its objective
   a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum
   proportion of 20% of sustainable investments
- The fund's sustainability information is available to investors on the fund page of the M&G website here.



**Richard Halle**Fund Manager
Since inception



**Shane Kelly**Deputy Fund Manager
Since 2022

# **Key fund facts**

Fund AUM: €2.7bn (as of 28 February 2025)

Inception date: 18.09.18

Benchmark:

MSCI Europe Net Return Index

ISIN: **LU1670707527** 

Ongoing charges: **1.70%** 

Please note that not all costs are disclosed here. Please refer to the fund's Prospectus for detailed information.

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