# **WORLD WINNERS**

March-20

Monthly factsheet A Share Class

Preval Funds SICAV - World Winners is invested in a selection of 30 to 50 market-leading international companies with a contrarian investment approach.

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### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Stock-picking based on fundamental analysis (Private Equity approach)
- Investing in temporarily disliked listed companies (Value/Contrarian approach): a focused approach on longstanding knowledge of leading high-quality companies (a reduced selection of approx. 700 companies), undervalued by the market (growth either underestimated or restructuring of a company having undergone a fall in earnings), in order to minimize risk
- Seeking returns over a 3 to 5 year horizon: unconstrained and benchmark agnostic approach
- Build a high-conviction but diversified portfolio (30 to 50 holdings)

#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY**

Dear Investors.

During the month of March, your fund was down -19.6%, while its benchmark index dropped -13.4%.

The decline came about because a large portion of the world's population is on lockdown (even if Asia seems poised to re-open its economy). The drop was sudden and, as is always the case in this kind of situation, indiscriminate.

It has been accompanied by significant volatility in share prices. On the days the market declines sharply, it is because investors are gripped by the fear of a deep recession; when it spikes upwards, it is because they are hopeful that the unprecedented support undertaken by the various governments and central banks will lead to an economic recovery.

In this time of great uncertainty, it is our responsibility to remain calm and rational. This means accepting the reality as it presents itself (even if it doesn't please us) and thinking about the concrete impact on our companies, depending on their businesses fundamentals. We must, of course, avoid giving in to our extreme emotions, which might prompt us to make impulsive decisions.

Our humble opinion is as follows: on the negative side, we think that the economic consequences resulting from the Covid-19 crisis will in all likelihood be more serious than the 2007-08 recession. Twelve years ago, the economy suffered a big slowdown. Today, around a third of the world's population is sheltering at home; the economy is literally at halt. On the positive side, however, we think that technological and medical advances and the rapid, massive and better coordinated response of governments and central banks – better than in 2008 – will steer us clear of a worldwide economic collapse. Humans have always known how to adapt to the most adverse circumstances, and even if we are unable to put an end date to this crisis, we have no doubt that we will get through it.

Viewed from this angle, current share prices are very depressed in every respect. They reflect the recession underway. We are paying very close attention, on a daily basis, to each portfolio company's financial resilience and their ability to manage their current difficulties so that they emerge stronger from the crisis. Recovery of their share prices will follow naturally.

The members of our team are all in good health and are following the announcements and decisions of our companies very closely. Accordingly, we have decreased our holdings in certain mid-cap and more heavily-indebted companies in favour of more liquid and more resilient ones, showing more robust balance sheets so as to improve the portfolio's potential over the coming months.

Thierry Flecchia and the management team

#### **PERFORMANCE IN EUROS\***

31/03/2020	World Winners - A	MSCI ACWI
Since inception **	-8,4%	8,5%
2016	10,4%	11,1%
2017	28,5%	8,9%
2018	-22,9%	-4,8%
2019	20,7%	28,9%
2020	-27,4%	-19,6%
Month	-19,6%	-13,4%

\*\* On 10/04/2015

## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION\*



\*Past Performance is not Indicative of future results. Performance is not constant over time.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS		
58.COM INC-ADR (CHINA, Media & Entertainment)	7,1%	
JD.COM INC-ADR (CHINA, Retailing)	6,1%	
CRH PLC (IRELAND, Materials)	4,1%	
DALI FOODS GROUP CO LTD (CHINA, Food, Beverage & Tobacco)	4,1%	
HEALTH AND HAPPINESS H&H (HONG KONG, Food, Beverage & Tobacco)	3,6%	
YANDEX NV-A (RUSSIA, Media & Entertainment)	3,4%	
NINE DRAGONS PAPER HOLDINGS (HONG KONG, Materials)	3,4%	
LAFARGEHOLCIM LTD-REG (SWITZERLAND, Materials)	3,3%	
VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT (FRANCE, Utilities)	2,9%	
HUYA INC-ADR (CHINA, Media & Entertainment)	2,8%	

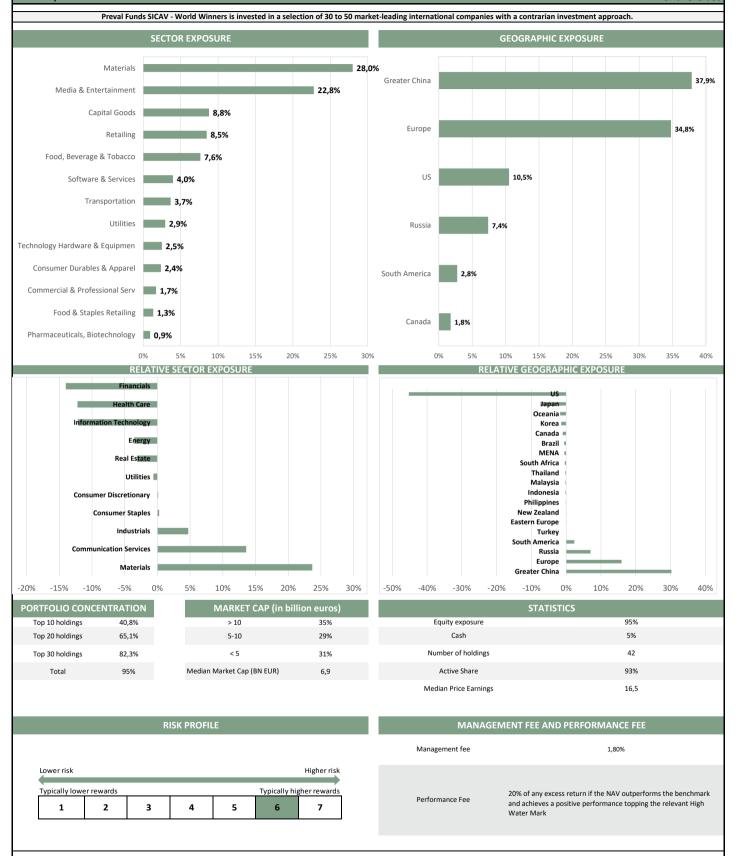
FUND FACTS AND TERMS		
Launch date	10 avril 2015	
Isin	LU1132346872	
Bloomberg Ticker	PREWWAE LX	
Fund size (EUR)	117 Millions	
Currency	EUR	
Nav calculated	91,62 EUR	
Benchmark	MSCI World AC Total return net Euros	
Custodian	Crédit Suisse Luxembourg	
Nav Calculation	Daily	
Cut-Off	3pm	
Fund structure	UCITS 5	



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