

Schroder ISF* EURO Equity

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Performance overview

- Eurozone equities fell in the quarter. The fund outperformed the MSCI EMU index.

Drivers of fund performance

- The fund posted a positive absolute return, outperforming the index due to positive stock selection across several sectors.
- Medical equipment firm **Philips** was the leading individual contributor. Shares surged on news that the group has reached a settlement over litigation in the US related to its sleep apnoea machines. The US\$1.1 billion deal is less than the market had expected. The settlement removes a significant overhang from the stock and highlights the value of the medical technology franchise when compared to peers.
- Also within the healthcare sector, generics and biosimilars producer **Sandoz** was a leading contributor. Demand for Sandoz's biosimilar Hymiroz jumped after pharmacy benefit manager CVS Caremark removed the branded version, Abbvie's Humira, from its listings. We anticipate more deals like this to come, especially given the imperative for governments to cut healthcare costs.
- Among industrials, **Siemens Energy** supported relative performance. The stock is bouncing back from the quality issues that have affected its offshore wind turbine business. Demand for its grid infrastructure continues to be robust. The break-up of rival GE into three parts – energy, healthcare and aerospace – highlights how a business like Siemens Energy is valued in the US.
- In the consumer discretionary sector, not owning LVMH was advantageous. The luxury sector is facing tough year-on-year comparisons in the US and China although this will ease later in the year.
- Our semiconductor equipment holdings **ASML Holding** and **ASM International** added value. Both companies are enablers of the artificial intelligence revolution offering advanced solutions for the manufacture of memory chips. Momentum looks set to accelerate into 2025 and 2026.
- **Henkel** was another positive contributor. The adhesives side of its business is performing better as inventory destocking eases and group margins have been guided higher.

- Among financials, our holdings in **Intesa Sanpaolo** and **Bank of Ireland** both performed well. The European Central Bank has cut interest rates but it remains unclear when or whether there will be further cuts. Shareholder returns remain a key attraction for investors in banks.
- On the negative side, **Airbus** was the main individual detractor. Airbus had to cut its forecast for 2024 aircraft deliveries because of supply chain bottlenecks affecting interiors and landing gear. This also resulted in a downgrade to earnings guidance.
- Defence electronics specialist **Hensoldt** also weighed on relative returns amid some profit-taking.

Portfolio activity

- We initiated a new position in Norwegian bank **DNB**. Core eurozone banks have performed well, while DNB has lagged partly due to the weak krone. Nordic central banks have already cut interest rates and so the position in DNB adds exposure to this "higher for longer" trend in the Nordics.
- We have initiated a new position in diversified financial group **Deutsche Boerse**, owner of the equity and derivatives exchanges as well as offering trading and clearing services. The shares had de-rated following the acquisition of SimCorp last year, in a deal that is dilutive to earnings in the near-term. Low market volatility has also meant less demand for hedging. However, we think Deutsche Boerse offers good secular growth and should benefit from any rise in volatility that may be generated by upcoming elections this year, as well as a supportive rate environment.
- Another new position in **Iveco** which makes both light commercial vehicles and heavy goods trucks. It also has a defence business making armoured vehicles. Of the European truckmakers, we see Iveco as the most attractively valued and strategically well placed, with the greatest potential to improve margins from current low levels.
- We exited the remaining small position in **Carrefour**.

Outlook/positioning

- The news of the French parliamentary elections took markets by surprise. Some French domestic stocks in particular saw weak performance in June amid uncertainty over the business agenda of the *Rassemblement National* who look likely to gain seats. We do not invest on a country basis but instead focus on stock specifics. The portfolio is underweight France. The question will be whether any further selling of French equities results in opportunities that look attractively undervalued.
- Elsewhere, the Q1 reporting season came to a close in June. This was largely positive outside the energy

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Calendar year performance (%)

	Fund	Target	Comparator
2023	6.3	18.8	17.0
2022	-14.3	-12.5	-13.4
2021	22.3	22.2	22.0
2020	-0.7	-1.0	-1.7
2019	24.7	25.5	23.8
2018	-17.0	-12.7	-13.9
2017	16.2	12.5	11.8
2016	2.3	4.4	3.3
2015	14.7	9.8	11.4
2014	7.2	4.3	3.1

and materials sectors. There is recognition that Q1 was the trough for earnings and sales and profits should pick up from here.

- While the European Central Bank has cut interest rates (as of early June), it is unclear how many more cuts may be coming. A shallow cutting cycle could mean rate support for sectors like financials remains intact.
- Our Blend strategy draws the best ideas from both value and growth parts of the market. We continue to maintain our diversified approach, with limited tilts to any particular investment style.

Source: Schroders, as at 31 December 2023. Fund performance is net of fees, NAV to NAV with net income reinvested, EUR C Acc. Please see factsheet for other share classes.

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