

# New Star Global Equity Fund

UK authorised OEIC, UCITS III compliant

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## Fund manager



Hitesh Thakrar

Hitesh Thakrar took over as fund manager on 01/05/2008

## Fund statistics

Most of the information in this factsheet refers to the £ retail share class in order to ease the comparison with other funds and indices.

### NAV (per share)

£ class £0.76  
€ class† €2.97  
US\$ class† US\$3.31

† Launch date EUR and USD share class: 29.01.07

Fund size £32.4m

### Market capitalisation

Mega (>£25bn) 64.9%  
Large (>£5bn & <£25bn) 29.8%  
Mid (>£1bn & <£5bn) 4.0%  
Small (<£1bn) 1.3%

## Fund at a glance

### Fund aim

Long-term growth in both capital and income at a higher rate than the MSCI World Index.

### Investment style

Key insight is that stock prices vary much more than a company's underlying fundamentals, and the investment process is designed to exploit this phenomenon.

Launch date 14.07.1998

Base currency Sterling

Minimum investment and holding €5,000 or US\$5,000

Management fee 1.5% per annum

Subscription fee 5%

Redemption/switching fees Nil

Valuations Daily

Subscriptions/redemptions Daily

NAV Publications FT, Morningstar, www.newstaram.com  
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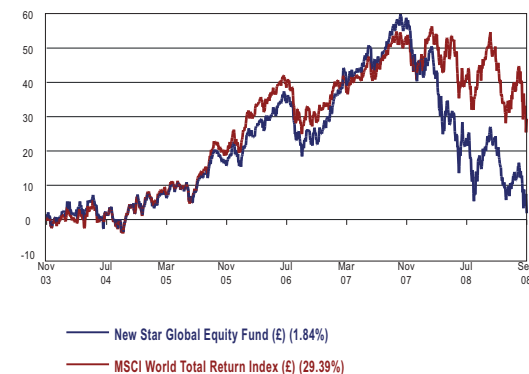
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## Performance since launch \* (%)



## Performance overview (%)

	September 2008	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since launch*
£ class	-11.89	-21.48	-30.55	-16.57	4.21	1.84
MSCI World Total Return Index (£)	-9.80	-14.95	-14.98	3.08	36.08	29.39
€ class †	-5.82	-22.73	-34.77	n/a	n/a	-37.36
MSCI World Total Return Index (€)	-7.61	-20.73	-24.69	-10.86	21.04	-23.72
US class †	-8.25	-24.35	-33.75	n/a	n/a	-30.25
MSCI World Total Return Index (US\$)	-11.85	-23.84	-25.62	3.85	45.99	-17.55

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
£ class	-9.32	12.16	19.07	4.79	17.13	-29.67
MSCI World Total Return Index (£)	7.72	5.83	23.04	7.46	20.29	-27.26
€ class †	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
MSCI World Total Return Index (€)	-1.18	7.93	26.78	6.95	11.28	-31.73
US class †	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
MSCI World Total Return Index (US\$)	9.57	20.65	10.02	15.25	33.76	-19.54

\*Since transfer from Edinburgh to New Star on 03.11.03 † Launch date EUR and US\$ share class: 29.01.07

## Risk characteristics

	Alpha	Beta	Tracking error*	Correlation	Sharpe ratio*	Standard deviation (%)*
New Star Global Equity (£)	-0.41	1.05	6.71	0.88	-0.34	13.90
MSCI World Total Return Index (£)	0.00	1.00	-	1.00	0.05	11.62

\*Annualised figures

## Top 10 holdings (%) Top 10 sectors (%)

JPMORGAN CHASE & COMPANY	2.31	BANKS
PROCTER & GAMBLE	2.28	PHARMACEUTICALS & BIOTECH
AMGEN	2.11	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & EQUIPMENT
ASTRAZENECA	2.07	OIL & GAS PRODUCERS
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP	2.01	SOFTWARE & COMPUTER SERVICES
ROCHE HOLDING	2.00	FINANCIAL SERVICES
NOVARTIS	1.92	MEDIA
ITT INDUSTRIES	1.91	HOUSEHOLD GOODS
WAL MART STORES	1.81	GENERAL RETAILERS
MCDONALDS	1.79	TRAVEL & LEISURE

TOTAL HOLDINGS 80

## Top 10 countries (%)

18.82	UNITED STATES	53.00
13.07	UNITED KINGDOM	12.60
6.97	JAPAN	6.04
6.47	SWITZERLAND	5.92
4.92	CANADA	4.95
4.01	FRANCE	4.01
3.96	GERMANY	2.15
3.30	SPAIN	1.37
2.69	CHANNEL ISLANDS	1.37
2.69	BERMUDA	1.23

CASH & OTHER 3.96%

## Fund management commentary

Global equity markets were particularly hit hard in September, with the MSCI World Total Return Index (£) falling by 9.80%. The underlying characteristics and prospects of companies were ignored as concerns about tight credit availability, worsening economic data and the insolvency of Lehman Brothers dominated investor sentiment. The New Star Global Equity Fund (£) fell by 11.89% over the month. With global economic conditions deteriorating rapidly, the oil price fell a further 13.13%, leading to a 29.79% drop in the basic resources sector. The most resilient sectors were healthcare and retailing, which both fell 7.97% and 8.00% respectively.

The fund continued last month to reduce its weighting in energy stocks and increase its exposure to healthcare in response to analysts' earnings revisions. Among the fund's holdings, BHP Billiton, the world's largest mining company, received clearance from the Australian regulator for its proposed acquisition of Rio Tinto. Bank of America agreed to acquire Merrill Lynch as the credit crisis threatened another of America's oldest financial institutions. Amgen, meanwhile, presented some strong trial data for its new drug for osteoporosis. The study showed that the drug could safely prevent spine and hip fractures. This data added to expectations that the drug could become a blockbuster.

The third quarter earnings season opens in October, with investors focusing on the outlook for the remainder of 2008. Amid signs of global economic slowdown, the attention is likely to be on the speed at which companies' profits are declining.

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