

THEAM QUANT - EQUITY  
WORLD GURU®theam QUANT  
FUNDS

FACTOR INVESTING

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## OBJECTIVE

The THEAM Quant - Equity World GURU® fund (the "Fund") aims to outperform the Global equity market (MSCI AC World Daily TR Net USD Index) over the long term\* by being exposed to the largest and most liquid Global stocks which follows the new GURU® ESG strategy's selection criteria in terms of profitability, valuation and future business prospects.

*\*Recommended investment horizon: 5 years minimum*

## KEY POINTS

- The THEAM Quant - Equity World GURU® fund is exposed to Global equity markets
- A fundamental selection process is used systematically and based on an objective and transparent framework
- All companies in the investment universe are reviewed on a monthly basis
- Provide a portfolio with high ESG standards
- The "Fund" uses an enhanced systematic and transparent investment process without any discretionary intervention which helps to minimize implementation costs and risk concentration

Source: BNP Paribas as of December 2022. Characteristics are subject to change at any time without notice and should not be construed as investment recommendations. Prospectus and KID guidelines are leading.

## THE NEW GURU® ESG APPROACH

The "Fund" leverages on a new strongly enhanced version of the GURU® methodology initially launched in 2008. The effective and rigorous investment approach remains the same: select companies based on 3 pillars (profitability, prospects and valuation) while enhancing different aspects:

SUSTAINABLE  
APPROACH

Promoting environmental and social characteristics and sustainable investing is of utmost importance as it can both mitigate investment risk and support companies taking active roles on key issues such as climate change and social justice.

TOP NOTCH  
SELECTION  
CRITERIA

Improved data quality and coverage leads to better decision-making. These enhanced indicators aim to increase the predictability of the model to pick winning stocks.

RISK  
MANAGEMENT

Careful biases management is critical to successful investing. Allocation effects are controlled to lower potential impact from systemic macro events difficult to catch through a bottom-up approach.

GREATER  
REACTIVITY

In order to rapidly respond to changes in the macro-economic environment, a stock can be withdrawn from the strategy within one month while it has to remain 1 year within the selection before.

## STRATEGY METHODOLOGY



## UNIVERSE SELECTION

Selection Universe updated on a monthly basis

## Liquidity

Selection of the World most liquid securities

## ESG INTEGRATION

- 1 **Exclusions:** Critical controversies and revenues screenings (UN Global compact, ..)
- 2 **ESG Score:** the selection ESG score needs to be above its investment universe ESG score
- 3 **Carbon Intensity:** the selection Carbon Intensity needs to be below the investment universe one



## COMPANY SELECTION

Each stock in the Selection Universe is given a composite score which is the average of the following sub-scores:

## Profitability

Is the company profitable?

## Prospects

Is the company going the right way?

## Valuation

Is the company a good bargain?



## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

Every month a portfolio is determined based on the highest ranked stocks while respecting a set of constraints:

- Sectorial, Country, Currency and Region biases control
- Portfolio diversification: Max weight per stock, up to 150% of stock weight within a benchmark portfolio
- Controlled turnover to limit market impact



# Funds' main common risks

- The following list of risk factors associated with the funds is not exhaustive. The risk factors that should be considered in connection with any investment include (but are not limited to) the following:
- An investment in the funds may involve a significant degree of risk. Investment in the funds is only suitable for those persons who are able to bear the economic risk of the investment, understand the degree of risk involved, believe that the investment is suitable based upon their investment objectives and financial needs, and have specific needs for liquidity of investment. There can be no assurance that the funds' objectives will be achieved or that there will be any return of capital.

## Economic conditions

- The success of any investment activity is affected by general economic conditions, which may affect the level and volatility of interest rates and the extent and timing of investor participation in the equity markets. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity in the markets in which the funds hold positions could impair the funds' ability to carry out their business or cause them to incur losses. None of these conditions is within the control of the funds or its management company and/or investment manager and no assurances can be given that the funds or its management company and/or investment manager will anticipate these developments.

## The funds will possess inherent risks

- These include, among other things, credit, liquidity, volatility, currency and interest rate risk, the financial condition of the underlying obligors, general economic conditions, market price volatility, the condition of certain financial markets, political events and developments or trends in any particular industry.

## Currency exchange risk

- The value of an investment may be affected by fluctuations in the currency of the country in which the investment was made, or exchange control regulations.

## Interest rate risk

- The value of an investment may be affected by interest rate fluctuations. Interest rates may be influenced by several elements or events, such as monetary policy, the discount rate, inflation, etc.

## Derivatives risk

- The use of derivatives by the funds includes various risks. Those risks are (without limitation), the lack of secondary market liquidity under circumstances, valuations risks, the lack of standardization and regulation, the risk of leverage, the risk of counterparty.

## Liquidity risk

- There is a risk that investments made in funds may become illiquid due to an over-restricted market (often reflected by a very broad bid-ask spread or by substantial price movements), or if their "rating" declines or their economic situation deteriorates.

## Credit risk

- This is the risk that may derive from the rating downgrade of a bond issuer to which the funds are exposed, which may therefore cause the value of the investments to go down. Funds investing in high-yield bonds present a higher than average risk due to the greater fluctuation of their currency or the quality of the issuer.

## Risk linked to equity markets

- The risks associated with investments in equities (and similar instruments) include significant fluctuations in prices, negative information about the issuer or market and the subordination of a company's equities to its bonds. The value of investments and the income they generate may go down as well as up and it is possible that investors will not recover their initial outlay.

## Counterparty risk

- This risk relates to the quality of the counterparty with whom the funds do business or enter into various transactions. This risk reflects the counterparty's ability to honor its commitments (payment, delivery, repayment, etc.)

*The investments in the funds are subject to market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investments in securities. The value of investments and the income they generate may go down as well as up and it is possible that investors will not recover their initial outlay. Investors are warned that the capital invested may not be fully recovered, mutual funds described in this document being in risk of capital loss and risk of counterparty. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.*

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