# **Vontobel International Equity Fund**



**Cumulative** 

**Class A Shares - VNIAX** 

Annual Shareholder Report: December 31, 2024

This annual shareholder report contains important information about Class A Shares of the Vontobel International Equity Fund (the "Fund") for the period from April 22, 2024 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at https://am.vontobel.com/en/strategies/mutual-funds. You can also request this information by contacting us at 877-734-6278.

# What were the Fund costs for the period?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund Name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment*	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
Vontobel International Equity Fund, Class A Shares	\$16	0.22%^

- ^ The ratio appears lower due to the relative net asset value of Class A. Prospectively, it is expected that the ratio of net expenses to average net assets would be approximately 1.00% (1.39% excluding waiver).
- \* Costs shown not annualized. If the Fund had been open for the full fiscal year, costs shown would have been higher for the period ended.

## How did the Fund perform in the period?

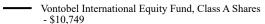
Class A Shares delivered 7.49% during the period and outpaced the MSCI ACWI Ex-USA Index, the benchmark index, which delivered 5.30%. International Equity markets delivered positive results for the period, as investors managed through a year of record global elections, AI exuberance and the implications of Trump Whitehouse on markets. Financials was the top performing sector benefiting from the higher for longer interest rate environment, whereas Energy was the weakest performer. Seven out of the eleven GICS sectors ended the period in positive territory.

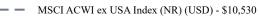
Relative outperformance during the period was driven by a combination of strong stock selection and positive sector allocation. The positioning within the Information Technology sector was most additive, with the overweight to the strongly performing sector and selection within the sector additive. The positions in SAP and TSMC were most additive. SAP continued to benefit from the transition to the cloud and TSMC has benefitted from AI related tailwinds. Stock selectin within Health Care was also positive for results, with the underweight to Novo Nordisk and the overweight to Galderma contributing the most.

In contrast, the underweight position in Financials detracted from results given the sector posted strong results in the higher for longer rate environment. Stock selection within Consumer Staples was also negative, with positions in AAK and Loreal detracting the most. We have since exited in our position in AAK in favor of more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Shares of Loreal sold off due to a softer consumer and lower demand in China, however the growth outlook is as retail trends have improved in both mainland China and globally.

## How did the Fund perform since inception?

### Total Return Based on \$10,000 Investment







# Average Annual Total Returns as of December 31, 2024

Fund/Index NameSinceFund/Index NameInceptionVontobel International Equity Fund, Class A Shares7.49%MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (NR) (USD)5.30%

Since its inception on April 22, 2024. The line graph represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the Fund since inception. Returns shown are total returns, which assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. The table and graph presented above do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Call 877-734-6278 or visit https://am.vontobel.com/en/strategies/mutual-funds for current month-end performance.

## Key Fund Statistics as of December 31, 2024

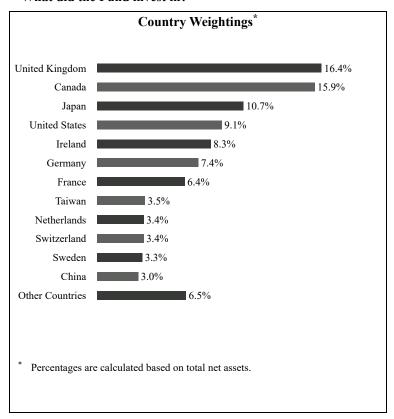
**Total Net Assets** \$144,051,648

Number of Holdings
43

Total Advisory Fees Paid \$173,180 Portfolio Turnover Rate

149%

### What did the Fund invest in?



Top Ten Holdings		
	Percentage of	
Holding Name	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	
Constellation Software	5.3%	
SAP	5.2%	
London Stock Exchange Group	4.8%	
RB Global	4.6%	
Mastercard, Cl A	4.5%	
Terumo	3.8%	
RELX	3.8%	
Halma	3.7%	
Aon, Cl A	3.6%	
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	3.5%	
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# **Material Fund Changes**

There were no material changes during the reporting period.

#### **Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants**

There were no changes in or disagreements with accountants during the reporting period.

### **Additional Information**

For additional information about the Fund, including its prospectus, financial information, holdings, and proxy voting information, call or visit:

- 877-734-6278
- https://am.vontobel.com/en/strategies/mutual-funds

# Householding

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