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#### **Key Risk Factors:**

Past Performance: The CROCI Strategies level may rise or fall. Any products linked to a CROCI Strategy may not be capital protected and investor capital may be at risk. The value of investment products linked to the CROCI Strategies may go down as well as up. Past performance, whether live or simulated, is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Membership and performance of CROCI Strategies prior to their going live is simulated. The simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

The CROCI Model: The Concentrated Value Strategies have been built on the CROCI premise that stocks with lower CROCI Economic P/E ratios may outperform stocks with higher CROCI Economic P/E ratios over time. This premise may not be correct and prospective investors should evaluate this assumption prior to investing in these Strategies. CROCI represents one of the many possible ways to analyze and value stocks. Potential investors must form their own view of the CROCI methodology and evaluate whether CROCI and investments associated with CROCI are appropriate for them.

Sustainable Dividends Assumption: The CROCI Dividend Strategies make the assumption that Dividend Yield, Cash Returns, Financial Leverage and Price Volatility can impact the ability for companies to maintain their dividend payments as well as provide performance. This premise may not be correct and prospective investors should evaluate this assumption prior to investing in the Strategy. There is no implied assurance that a stock in the CROCI Global Dividends Strategy and/or CROCI US Dividends Strategy will not cut its dividend while it is in the Strategy.

#### The CROCI Intellectual Capital Strategy has been built on the premises that

- 1) Both R&D and Brands are forms of intellectual capital and these are captured as capitalised intangibles in the CROCI model;
- 2) Companies with intellectual capital may outperform companies without intellectual capital;
- 3) Financial Leverage and Risk-Adjusted CROCI can impact the ability for companies to maintain or grow their intellectual capital as well as provide performance;
- 4) CROCI equity earnings are a suitable basis for the construction of portfolio weightings.

These premises may not be correct and prospective investors should evaluate these assumptions prior to investing in this Strategy. Note also that this Strategy excludes any companies without capitalised intangibles in the CROCI model (either in form of R&D or Brands), and therefore excludes large parts of entire sectors that have low exposure to intangible assets such as Financials and Utilities.

Important Notice: CROCI was part of DB Markets Research until 15 Oct. 2013, any content published after this date does not constitute independent investment research but should be deemed marketing material created by the CROCI team, which is now part of DWS.

Important Information: All CROCI Concentrated Strategies in this Report except CROCI Intellectual Capital underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014:

- 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly (with the exception of CROCI Global Dividends and CROCI US Dividends which were already reconstituted on a quarterly basis prior to this date);
- 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover.

What is a "selection buffer"? By way of example, consider a portfolio consisting of the 40 stocks with lowest Economic P/E, and a 5-stock selection buffer. Without the buffer, a stock moving from rank 40 to rank 41 would be replaced in the portfolio. With the buffer, an existing constituent is only replaced if it no longer ranks among the 45 cheapest stocks (by Economic P/E) on the selection date. A new constituent will only enter the portfolio if it is within the 40 cheapest stocks (by Economic P/E) on the selection date.

- 3) CROCI Sectors increased selection pool to Pan-Europe and full US coverage and introduced a sector buffer to reduce turnover.
- 4) Removal of "backfill rule" from CROCI Sectors Strategy (4th June 2014).

What is a "backfill rule"? The CROCI Sectors Strategy selects 30 stocks. Under the old "backfill rule", stocks chosen from a sector had to be below the median Economic P/E of their respective sector. Where not possible (i.e. when a sector has fewer than 20 stocks in the selection pool), the backfill rule required that the portfolio be filled up by selecting stocks with lowest Economic P/E from the remaining six sectors. This resulted occasionally in exposure to more than three sectors. Since the backfill rule was removed, the CROCI Sectors Strategy always selects 10 stocks from each of the three selected sectors.

The aim of these changes (quarterly reconstitution and introduction of buffers) is to reduce portfolio turnover and transaction costs. The CROCI Team believes that these revisions should reduce turnover while having little or no impact on the exposure to real value. Backtests simulating these changes suggest that they would have had no material negative impact on the performance of CROCI Strategies: assuming 50 bps transaction costs, backtests for the period 2 Feb. 2004 - 31 Mar. 2014 indicate that the annualised returns of CROCI US, CROCI Euro, CROCI Japan, CROCI World, CROCI Sectors, and CROCI Global Dividends would have been at least 70 bps higher with buffers and quarterly rebalancing than without these measures. The annualised return of CROCI US Dividends would have been 7 bps lower with buffers and quarterly rebalancing than without these measures.

All the Real Earnings Weighted Indices underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018:

- 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team:
- 2) Excludes any secondary share classes only one eligible share class per company will be included.

Also, prior to 13 Sep. 2016, the two indices CROCI REW US Large and CROCI REW US Mid defined large cap and mid cap US companies by reference to CROCI Economic Earnings. Effective from that date, large cap and mid cap US companies are defined by reference to market capitalization.

#### Implementation of ESG Characteristics in CROCI Concentrated Strategies:

Effective 1st Jan. 2022, all CROCI Concentrated Strategies in this report, except CROCI Intellectual Capital, incorporated environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics based on DWS Basic Exclusions, a DWS proprietary ESG assessment methodology, provided by DWS ESG Engine. These facets seek to attain environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database (DWS ESG Engine), which uses data from multiple ESG data providers (a list of data providers is available at www.dws.com/solutions/esg), public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores.

#### FSG

Environmental, social and governance - a collective term referring to all aspects considered conducive to sustainability

#### **DWS ESG Engine**

The DWS ESG Engine is a DWS proprietary software system that uses data from five leading ESG data providers (ISS-ESG, MSCI, ESG Book, Morningstar Sustainalytics and S&P Trucost), as well as ESG data from publicly available sources and proprietary DWS research.

#### **DWS ESG Assessment**

This sustainability indicator measures the weight of those companies in the fund or benchmark that are identified as ESG leaders or laggards. ESG leaders and laggards are identified in the DWS ESG Engine using a best-in-class ESG approach, which takes into account a wide range of environmental, social and corporate governance criteria (e. g. resource management, contribution to climate change, product responsibility, corporate ethics). Best-in-class means that issuers are rated relative to their reference group. The reference group is determined by the region (developed countries vs. emerging countries) and industry (not applicable to countries). The DWS ESG quality assessment ranks issuers on a scale of A-F, whereas a grade of A and B identifying ESG leaders and a grade of E and F ESG laggards.

#### **DWS Basic Exclusion Filter**

The implementation of DWS Basic Exclusions, seeks to eliminate securities from the investment universe if the issuer of the security does not meet the DWS Engine's DWS Basic Exclusions criteria. Hence the investor is not exposed to the financial return of the excluded securities. The impact of the exclusion on the investor's portfolio return cannot be guaranteed. Financial return considerations do, under no circumstance, influence the ESG exclusion process. It is possible that the information or data on which an exclusion is based is wrong, not available or not available in time. In the event of delayed information, the exclusion is not performed, but will be once the information is confirmed. Potential investors should confirm that the ESG rule framework that DWS applies is consistent with their expectations and views concerning ESG.

DWS Basic Exclusions

		[transparent pursuant to Article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088]
	DWS ESG Assessment methodology / exclusion criteria	Assessment <sup>1</sup> or revenue threshold <sup>2</sup>
Controversial	DWS exclusions for controversial weapons <sup>3</sup>	> 0%
weapons / weapons	Manufacturing of products and/or provision of services in the defense industry	≥ 10%
weapons / weapons	Manufacturing and/or distribution of civil handguns or ammunition	≥ 5%
	Manufacturing of tobacco products	≥ 5%
Exposure to other controversial sectors	Mining of oil sand	≥ 5%
and fossil fuels	Coal mining and power generation from coal <sup>4</sup>	≥ 25%
and rossii rueis	Coal expansion plans <sup>4</sup>	> 0%
Additional ESG	DWS Norm Assessment (corporates)	No F / M
criteria	DWS Climate and Transition Risk Assessment (corporates & sovereigns)	No F
criteria	Freedom House Status (sovereigns)	"Not free" → No E / F
MiFID II-related	Principle adverse impact indicators (PAII) <sup>5</sup>	PAII #4 / #10 / #14 / #168
ustainability	Share of sustainable investments (SFDR) <sup>6</sup>	Individual per fund
nformation	Share of sustainable investments (EU Tax) <sup>7</sup>	0%

#### For ESG filter terminologies

#### 1) DWS Assessment scheme

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is not considered eligible, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to the other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

#### 2) Revenue threshold

Shown is the %-revenue threshold which, when it is greater or equal to, triggers an exclusion. The focus is usually on manufacturing or production, for example, in the case of oil sands, the extraction of oil.

#### 3) Controversial weapons

Controversial weapons include cluster munition, anti-personnel mines as well as biological and chemical weapons, depleted uranium weapons and nuclear weapons. Controversial weapons are any ownership interest, regardless of revenue. An ownership is identified as a weapons manufacturer (F), component manufacturer (E) or a relevant ownership structure with an "E" or "F" graded company (D).

#### 4) Coal

The filter excludes companies with coal expansion plans, such as additional coal extraction, production or use, based on an internal identification methodology. The aforementioned coal-related exclusions refer exclusively to so-called thermal coal, i.e. coal used in power plants for power generation.

#### 5) Principles adverse impact indicators (PAIIs)

Depending on the asset class of the fund and its product strategy, actively managed Article 8 or 9 funds can consider different PAIIs. For example, PAII 16 is only taken into account by funds investing in sovereign issuers.

#### 6) Share of sustainable investments according to SFDR Art. 2(17)

The methodology for determining the share of sustainable investments follows four steps. In order to identify sustainable investments, the first step is to examine whether a company has a positive contribution to the UN SDGs through its business activities. The measurement of business activities is usually based on a company's revenues, partly also based on a company's capital expenses (capex) or operating expenses (opex). The second step is to proof that the company does not have a negative impact on any social or environmental objective when carrying out its business activities (DNSH assessment). If this is the case, the third step is to examine whether the company meets principles of good governance: It will exemplarily be considered whether the company has the worst norm assessment (so-called "minimum safeguards"). One example is the fight against corruption. If

this is also the case, the positive contribution of the company identified in the first step can ultimately be taken into account. Thus, the company's share of sustainable investments would contribute to the share of sustainable investments in the portfolio.

7) Share of sustainable investments according to EU Taxonomy

The EU taxonomy aims to provide clarity on which economic activities are to be considered environmentally sustainable. For this purpose, a list of criteria for companies is used to define which economic activities or revenues contribute to the one of the six EU environmental goals. Due to a lack of data availability, DWS currently does not set a minimum percentage for ecologically sustainable investments according to EU Taxonomy in its actively managed funds.

8) Investee countries subject to social violations (no. 16).



# Summary Performance - CROCI Concentrated Strategies

vs. MSCI World (EUR)

vs. MSCI World Value (EUR)

(as of 31 Oct. 2023)						•			
CROCI US Strategy								Live from	2 Feb. 2004
						Annı	ualised (if mo	ore than 1 Y	ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI US	-5.1%	-8.4%	-0.4%	5.6%	9.7%	16.4%	10.4%	9.4%	9.7%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.4%	1.1%	10.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	8.3%
S&P 500 Value	-1.8%	-9.0%	-1.5%	5.2%	7.0%	12.7%	8.4%	8.2%	7.0%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-3.0%	0.0%	-1.5%	-4.6%	0.2%	6.6%	0.0%	-1.1%	1.3%
vs. S&P 500 Value	-3.3%	0.6%	1.1%	0.4%	2.7%	3.7%	1.9%	1.3%	2.6%
CROCI US Dividends Strategy								Live from 1	3 Mar. 2012
						Annı	ualised (if mo	re than 1 Y	ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI US Dividends	-3.9%	-8.9%	-5.7%	-4.7%	-3.1%	11.3%	9.1%	10.0%	11.6%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.4%	1.1%	10.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	11.4%
S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	-2.7%	-11.3%	-9.5%	-9.2%	-7.1%	9.0%	6.0%	7.9%	9.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-1.8%	-0.6%	-6.9%	-15.0%	-12.7%	1.5%	-1.3%	-0.6%	0.2%
vs. S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	-1.2%	2.4%	3.8%	4.5%	4.0%	2.4%	3.1%	2.1%	2.4%
CROCI Euro Strategy								Live from	2 Feb. 2004
						Annı	ualised (if mo	re than 1 Y	ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Euro	-5.5%	-9.5%	-5.9%	5.3%	9.9%	7.4%	5.2%	7.0%	7.2%
ESTOXX 50	-2.6%	-9.0%	-5.5%	9.6%	15.1%	13.7%	7.4%	5.5%	4.7%
MSCI EMU Value	-3.8%	-6.6%	-3.0%	7.9%	13.6%	14.4%	4.4%	3.9%	4.0%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. ESTOXX 50	-2.8%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-4.3%	-5.2%	-6.3%	-2.1%	1.5%	2.6%
vs. MSCI EMU Value	-1.7%	-3.0%	-2.9%	-2.6%	-3.7%	-7.0%	0.8%	3.1%	3.2%
CROCI Japan Strategy									2 Feb. 2004
							ualised (if mo		
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Japan	-4.3%	-2.6%	14.1%	30.3%	30.0%	20.8%	13.3%	11.5%	8.3%
TOPIX 100	-3.1%	-2.4%	11.7%	23.1%	20.7%	17.0%	10.1%	9.2%	5.6%
MSCI Japan Value	-3.5%	2.1%	18.9%	28.8%	28.4%	23.5%	10.3%	8.8%	6.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark	4.20/	0.20/	2 40/	7.00/	0.20/	2.00/	2.20/	2 20/	2.50/
vs. TOPIX 100	-1.2%	-0.2%	2.4%	7.2%	9.3%	3.8%	3.2%	2.3%	2.6%
vs. MSCI Japan Value	-0.7%	-4.7%	-4.9%	1.4%	1.6%	-2.6%	3.0%	2.7%	1.5%
CROCI World EUR Strategy									9 Nov. 2010
							ualised (if mo		
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI World (EUR)	-4.8%	-6.2%	0.6%	2.8%	-0.6%	15.1%	11.0%	10.3%	11.0%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	10.5%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	-3.3%	-4.8%	0.1%	-0.5%	-3.6%	13.8%	6.3%	7.6%	8.5%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									

NB. CROCI Concentrated Strategies except CROCI Intellectual Capital underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. For Sectors, increased selection pool size in Europe and US and introduced sector buffer to reduce sector turnover.

-2.1%

0.6%

-6.1%

3.3%

-3.9%

3.0%

3.4%

1.3%

4.7%

0.0%

0.5%

2.5%

-2.1%

-1.5%

-0.8%

-1.4%

The CROCI REW Indices underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018: 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team; 2) Excludes any secondary share classes – only one eligible share class per company will be included.

Returns include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged in currencies shown. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Where no currency is shown, returns are in respective region's local currency. Strategy performance prior to the live date is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Please refer to the disclosures for more information. Source: DWS, Bloomberg Finance LP

# Summary Performance - CROCI Concentrated Strategies

(as of 31 Oct. 2023)

vs. MSCI World (USD)

vs. MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)

(as of 31 Oct. 2023)									
CROCI World USD Strategy								Live from 2	9 Nov. 2010
						Annı	ualised (if mo	ore than 1 Y	ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI World (USD)	-5.0%	-10.0%	-3.6%	1.8%	6.3%	11.4%	9.5%	7.6%	9.2%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	7.9%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.5%	8.7%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-3.4%	-8.7%	-4.2%	-1.5%	3.1%	10.2%	4.8%	4.9%	6.7%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-2.1%	-0.7%	-2.1%	-6.1%	-4.2%	3.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.5%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	-1.5%	-1.3%	0.5%	3.3%	3.2%	1.2%	4.7%	2.6%	2.5%
CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy								Live from 1	8 Nov. 201
						Annı	ualised (if mo	ore than 1 Y	ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Sectors Plus (EUR)	-4.7%	-3.0%	4.8%	5.2%	3.7%	18.4%	16.0%	12.5%	13.0%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	8.4%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	-3.3%	-4.8%	0.1%	-0.5%	-3.6%	13.8%	6.3%	7.6%	5.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-2.0%	2.4%	2.0%	-3.7%	0.4%	6.7%	6.3%	2.3%	4.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (EUR)	-1.4%	1.8%	4.7%	5.7%	7.3%	4.6%	9.7%	4.9%	7.2%
CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy								Live from 1	
							ualised (if mo		<u> </u>
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Sectors Plus (USD)	-4.9%	-7.0%	0.3%	4.2%	10.9%	14.7%	14.4%	9.7%	12.9%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	7.9%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.5%	8.3%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-3.4%	-8.7%	-4.2%	-1.5%	3.1%	10.2%	4.8%	4.9%	5.7%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-2.0%	2.3%	1.9%	-3.7%	0.4%	6.5%	6.2%	2.2%	4.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	-1.4%	1.7%	4.5%	5.6%	7.8%	4.5%	9.6%	4.8%	7.2%
CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy								Live from 1	
							ualised (if mo		
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Global Dividends (EUR)	-5.2%	-4.8%	0.1%	4.2%	4.3%	13.5%	6.7%	8.2%	8.9%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	10.6%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	-3.5%	-4.6%	-0.9%	-0.8%	-2.2%	11.3%	6.5%	7.6%	8.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-2.4%	0.6%	-2.7%	-4.7%	1.0%	1.8%	-3.0%	-2.1%	-1.7%
vs. MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	-1.7%	-0.2%	0.9%	5.0%	6.5%	2.2%	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%
CROCI Global Dividends USD Strategy								Live from 1	
							ualised (if mo		
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Global Dividends (USD)	-5.3%	-8.7%	-4.2%	3.2%	11.6%	9.9%	5.3%	5.3%	6.9%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	7.9%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.5%	8.6%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	-3.7%	-8.5%	-5.1%	-1.7%	4.6%	7.7%	5.0%	4.9%	6.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
ve MCCLMorld (LICD)	2 40/	0.69/	2 60/	4 60/	1 10/	1 70/	2 00/	2 20/	1 70/

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-2.6%

0.9%

-4.6%

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7.0%

1.7%

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-2.2%

0.4%

-1.7%

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-2.4%

-1.7%

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-0.2%

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## Summary Performance - CROCI Concentrated Strategies

(as of 31 Oct. 2023)

CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy								Live from :	15 Apr. 2019
						Annı	ualised (if mo	ore than 1 \	/ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Intellectual Capital (EUR)	-3.1%	-6.0%	1.2%	10.7%	9.6%	9.0%	11.6%	13.0%	10.3%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	8.9%
MSCI AC World (EUR)	-2.8%	-5.7%	2.4%	7.8%	3.3%	10.2%	9.0%	9.5%	7.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-0.4%	-0.6%	-1.6%	1.8%	6.3%	-2.7%	1.8%	2.8%	1.4%
vs. MSCI AC World (EUR)	-0.3%	-0.3%	-1.2%	2.9%	6.3%	-1.2%	2.6%	3.5%	2.4%
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy								Live from :	15 Apr. 2019
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy						Annı	ualised (if mo		15 Apr. 2019 /ear)
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y -	Annı 3Y	ualised (if mo		/ear)
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy  CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD)	1M -3.3%	3M -9.9%	6M -3.1%	YTD 9.6%	1Y 17.2%			ore than 1 \	/ear)
					=:	3Y	5Y	ore than 1 \ 10Y	/ear) Since Live
CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD)	-3.3%	-9.9%	-3.1%	9.6%	17.2%	3Y 5.6%	5Y 10.0%	ore than 1 \ 10Y 10.2%	/ear) Since Live 8.7%
CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD) MSCI World (USD)	-3.3% -2.9%	-9.9% -9.3%	-3.1% -1.6%	9.6% 7.9%	17.2% 10.5%	3Y 5.6% 8.1%	5Y 10.0% 8.3%	10Y 10Y 10.2% 7.5%	Since Live 8.7% 7.3%
CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD) MSCI World (USD) MSCI AC World (USD)	-3.3% -2.9%	-9.9% -9.3%	-3.1% -1.6%	9.6% 7.9%	17.2% 10.5%	3Y 5.6% 8.1%	5Y 10.0% 8.3%	10Y 10Y 10.2% 7.5%	Since Live 8.7% 7.3%

NB. CROCI Concentrated Strategies except CROCI Intellectual Capital underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. For Sectors, increased selection pool size in Europe and US and introduced sector buffer to reduce sector turnover.

The CROCI REW Indices underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018: 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team; 2) Excludes any secondary share classes – only one eligible share class per company will be included.

Returns include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged in currencies shown. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Where no currency is shown, returns are in respective region's local currency. Strategy performance prior to the live date is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Please refer to the disclosures for more information. Source: DWS, Bloomberg Finance LP

#### Summary Performance - CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Indices (as of 31 Oct. 2023)

CROCI REW US Index								Live from 3	30 Sep. 2014
						Annı	ıalised (if mo	re than 1 Y	'ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW US	-3.5%	-9.3%	-1.7%	5.3%	6.5%	9.1%	8.9%	9.6%	9.1%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.4%	1.1%	10.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	10.1%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.7%	-8.7%	-0.9%	4.2%	4.3%	13.2%	9.3%	9.4%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-1.3%	-1.0%	-2.9%	-4.9%	-3.1%	-0.7%	-1.5%	-0.9%	-1.0%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	-0.8%	-0.7%	-0.8%	1.1%	2.1%	-4.0%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
CROCI REW US Mid Index								Live from 3	30 Sep. 2014
						Annı	ıalised (if mo	re than 1 Y	'ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW US Mid	-5.4%	-14.5%	-9.3%	-8.1%	-6.1%	9.2%	7.4%	8.6%	8.0%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.4%	1.1%	10.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	10.1%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.7%	-8.7%	-0.9%	4.2%	4.3%	13.2%	9.3%	9.4%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-3.3%	-6.1%	-10.5%	-18.4%	-15.7%	-0.6%	-3.0%	-1.9%	-2.0%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.7%	-5.8%	-8.4%	-12.3%	-10.4%	-3.9%	-1.9%	-0.7%	-0.8%
CROCI REW Europe Index								Live from 3	30 Sep. 2014
						Annı	ıalised (if mo		
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y -	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW Europe	-4.0%	-6.2%	-3.6%	5.6%	9.0%	13.2%	6.6%	6.3%	5.7%
MSCI Europe	-3.6%	-7.4%	-5.7%	4.9%	8.2%	11.5%	6.3%	5.6%	5.2%
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	-4.3%	-6.3%	-3.2%	6.8%	11.0%	18.3%	6.6%	5.4%	5.0%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark	1.570	0.570	3.270	0.070	11.070	10.570	0.070	3.170	3.070
vs. MSCI Europe	-0.4%	1.2%	2.1%	0.7%	0.8%	1.7%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%
vs. MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	0.3%	0.2%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-2.0%	-5.1%	-0.1%	0.8%	0.7%
	0.570	0.270	0.570	1.270	2.070	3.170	0.170		
CROCI REW Japan Index									30 Sep. 2014
							ıalised (if mo		'ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW Japan	-4.3%	-3.2%	12.3%	25.1%	24.8%	19.5%	11.1%	10.4%	9.5%
TOPIX 100	-3.1%	-2.4%	11.7%	23.1%	20.7%	17.0%	10.1%	9.2%	8.8%
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	-3.1%	0.7%	17.9%	28.9%	29.8%	24.2%	11.1%	9.4%	9.0%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. TOPIX 100	-1.2%	-0.9%	0.6%	2.0%	4.2%	2.5%	0.9%	1.2%	0.8%
vs. MSCI Japan Value Weighted	-1.2%	-3.9%	-5.7%	-3.8%	-4.9%	-4.7%	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%
CROCI REW International Index								Live from 3	30 Sep. 2014
							ıalised (if mo	ore than 1 Y	'ear)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW International (USD)	-4.6%	-10.0%	-5.9%	4.7%	16.7%	8.3%	4.9%	4.0%	4.0%
MSCI EAFE (USD)	-4.1%	-10.9%	-7.9%	2.7%	14.4%	5.7%	4.1%	3.1%	3.3%
MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	-4.5%	-9.1%	-4.1%	5.9%	19.2%	12.4%	5.0%	3.3%	3.6%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI EAFE (USD)	-0.5%	0.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%
	-0.1%		-1.8%	-1.2%					

NB. The CROCI REW Indices underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018: 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team; 2) Excludes any secondary share classes - only one eligible share class per company will be included. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

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# Summary Performance - CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Indices

(as of 31 Oct. 2023)

CROCI REW World EUR Index								Live from	30 Sep. 2014
						Annı	ıalised (if mo	ore than 1 \	Year)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW World (EUR)	-3.8%	-5.9%	0.3%	5.4%	2.3%	12.3%	8.7%	10.0%	9.1%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	9.5%
MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	-3.4%	-5.1%	1.8%	5.7%	2.6%	16.5%	8.6%	9.0%	8.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-1.1%	-0.5%	-2.5%	-3.5%	-1.0%	0.6%	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	-0.4%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-4.2%	0.1%	1.0%	0.8%
CROCI REW World USD Index								Live from	30 Sep. 201
						Annı	ialised (if mo	ore than 1 \	Year)
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y .	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW World (USD)	-4.0%	-9.8%	-4.0%	4.4%	9.4%	8.8%	7.2%	7.3%	7.0%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	7.9%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.5%	7.4%
MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	-3.6%	-9.0%	-2.5%	4.7%	9.8%	12.8%	7.1%	6.3%	6.2%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-1.1%	-0.5%	-2.4%	-3.5%	-1.0%	0.6%	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	-0.4%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-4.0%	0.1%	1.0%	0.8%

NB. The CROCI REW Indices underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018: 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team; 2) Excludes any secondary share classes – only one eligible share class per company will be included.

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Source: DWS, Bloomberg Finance LP. Please refer to Appendix for an explanation of Real Earnings Weighted.

Total Assets Following CROC	I Strategies (EUR 6,878 m	illion) *	
Strategies	Assets(€ mn)¹	Strategies	Assets(€ mn)¹
CROCI US	1,206	CROCI Global Dividends	898
CROCI Euro	405	CROCI US Dividends	1,152
CROCI Japan	193	CROCI International	458
CROCI World	651	CROCI REW	169
CROCI Sectors	1,574	CROCI Asia-Pacific	145
CROCI Intellectual Capital	27		

<sup>\*</sup>Include assets for CROCI UK Index not shown in above table <sup>1</sup> Total assets following the CROCI strategies

Source: DWS, 30 September 2023

# Attribution Table October 2023 – CROCI Concentrated Strategies

Currency (0.03%)

Allocation (0.21%)

Selection (-1.70%)

Currency (-0.48%)

Allocation (-0.75%)

Selection (-1.41%)

Currency (-0.27%)

Allocation (0.24%)

Selection (-0.69%)

Currency (0.04%)

Return Attribu	eturn Attribution Summary ( 25 Sep. 2025 - 51 Oct. 2025 )							
					Sector Allocation <sup>3</sup>		Stock Sele	ection <sup>4</sup>
Strategy	Benchmark	Net Total Returns <sup>1</sup>	Active Returns <sup>1</sup>	Sources of Active Returns <sup>2</sup>	Positive Contributors	Negative Contributors	Positive Contributors	Negative Contributors
CROCI US	S&P 500	-5.09%	-2.96%	Allocation (-1.59%) Selection (-1.37%) Currency (0.00%)	Financials (0.05%) UW Real Estate (0.02%) UW Industrials (0.01%) UW	Energy (-1.03%) OW IT (-0.30%) UW Consumer Disc. (-0.09%) OW	Exxon Mobil (0.62%) OW Tesla (0.52%) UW Chevron (0.41%) OW	Albemarle (-0.52%) OW United Airlines (-0.34%) OW HP Enterprise (-0.29%) OW
CROCI US Dividends	S&P 500	-3.88%	-1.75%	Allocation (-0.87%) Selection (-0.85%) Currency (0.00%)	Consumer Disc. (0.08%) UW Consumer Staples (0.08%) OW Financials (0.05%) UW	Energy (-0.66%) OW IT (-0.26%) UW Utilities (-0.08%) UW	Exxon Mobil (0.38%) OW Tesla (0.27%) UW Chevron (0.20%) OW	Skyworks (-0.32%) OW HP Enterprise (-0.30%) OW Molson Coors (-0.24%) OW
CROCI Euro	Euro STOXX 50	-5.48%	-2.83%	Allocation (0.60%) Selection (-3.45%) Currency (0.00%)	Materials (0.32%) OW Energy (0.30%) OW Consumer Staples (0.28%) OW	Health Care (-0.38%) OW Communication Svcs (-0.13%) UW IT (-0.09%) UW	Sanofi (0.53%) UW Siemens (0.36%) UW Schneider Electric (0.31%) UW	STM (-0.43%) OW Arcelormittal (-0.41%) OW Repsol (-0.41%) OW
CROCI Japan	TOPIX 100	-4.26%	-1.19%	Allocation (-0.39%) Selection (-0.79%) Currency (0.00%)	IT (0.13%) OW Industrials (0.12%) UW Materials (0.10%) OW	Financials (-0.39%) UW Health Care (-0.27%) OW Communication Svcs (-0.12%) UW	Toyota Motor (0.23%) UW Murata Mfg (0.21%) UW Panasonic (0.20%) UW	Omron (-0.54%) OW Rohm (-0.51%) OW Isuzu Motors (-0.39%) OW
CROCI World	MSCI World USD	-4.96%	-2.06%	Allocation (-0.36%) Selection (-1.72%)	Financials (0.06%) UW	Energy (-0.19%) OW IT (-0.08%) UW	Tesla (0.28%) UW Exxon Mobil (0.26%) OW	Albemarle (-0.23%) OW Whirlpool (-0.22%) OW

Real Estate (0.01%) UW

Health Care (0.17%) UW

Financials (0.06%) UW

Real Estate (0.01%) UW

Industrials (0.06%) UW

Consumer Disc. (0.20%) UW

IT (0.23%) OW

IT (0.20%) OW

Energy (0.07%) UW

Health Care (-0.06%) OW

Consumer Staples (-0.08%) UW

Energy (-0.33%) OW

Utilities (-0.09%) UW

Energy (-0.18%) OW

Health Care (-0.16%) OW

Health Care (-0.18%) OW

Utilities (-0.09%) UW

IT (-0.22%) UW

Chevron (0.18%) OW

Chevron (0.52%) UW

Equinor (0.19%) OW

Tesla (0.38%) UW

Tesla (0.19%) UW

Netflix (0.18%) OW

Mediatek (0.11%) OW

Exxon Mobil (0.59%) UW

Exxon Mobil (0.14%) OW

Shionogi (0.09%) OW

Microsoft (-0.21%) UW

Skyworks (-0.42%) OW

Whirlpool (-0.44%) OW

Komatsu (-0.28%) OW

Microsoft (-0.23%) UW

Tencent (-0.16%) OW

Omron (-0.15%) OW

Sanofi (-0.26%) OW

Rohm (-0.51%) OW

STM (-0.41%) OW

Source: DWS, Bloomberg, MSCI Barra. 31 Oct. 2023

MSCI World USD

MSCI World USD

MSCI World USD

-4.86%

-5.33%

-3.31%

-1.96%

-2.43%

-0.41%

**CROCI Sectors Plus** 

**CROCI Intellectual** 

CROCI Global

Dividends

Capital

Return Attribution Summary (29 Sep. 2023 - 31 Oct. 2023

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Net Total Return' is the total return of the CROCI Strategy gross of product fees but including reinvested dividends net of withholding tax. 'Active Return' shows excess return of the CROCI Strategy relative to its benchmark

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sources of Active Return' shows contributions to 'Active Return' resulting from Sector Allocation, Stock Selections within a sector, and/or difference in Currency exposures relative to benchmark. The calculations are performed using the MSCI Barra Model and may vary from actual strategy active return due to differences in computational methodology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 'Sector Allocation' shows the top three positive/negative sectors' contribution to Active return in Local currency (shown in parenthesis), due to difference in Sector exposures (Overweight-OW / Underweight-UW) relative to benchmark.

<sup>4&#</sup>x27;Stock Selection' shows the top and bottom three companies' contribution to Active return in Local currency (shown in parenthesis), due to Overweight-OW / Underweight-UW positions of the stocks that out / underperform within a sector in the respective benchmark.

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CROCI Concentrated Strategies	

### **CROCI US Strategy**

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 40 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap US stocks (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio constituents are selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.



The CROCI US Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 2 Feb. 2004 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc. Data as of 31 Oct. 2023.

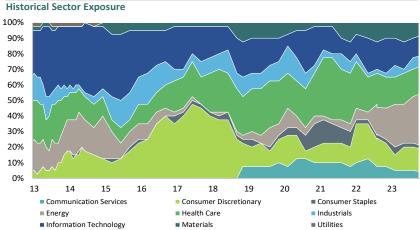
### **CROCI US Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1	
CROCI US	
Economic P/E	17.7
Accounting P/E	11.3
EV / NCI	1.8
Price / Book Value	2.4
CROCI (%)	10.0
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.8
Financial Leverage (%)	20.4

Leading Contri	butors	Lagging Co	ontributors
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Gilead Sciences	0.12%	Albemarle Corp	-0.57%
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.10%	Chevron	-0.37%
ONEOK	0.10%	United Airlines	-0.34%
Robert Half	0.05%	Valero Energy	-0.29%
Coterra Energy	0.04%	HP Enterprise	-0.29%

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)				
	CROCI US	S&P 500	S&P 500 Value	
Volatility (monthly)	19.3%	14.8%	14.9%	
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.25	0.31	0.14	
Dividend Yield	1.9%	1.3%	1.6%	
Correlation		0.84	0.86	
Beta (Daily returns)		0.96	1.05	
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-53.1%	-55.7%	-61.9%	
Max Drawdown Date	20 Nov. 2008	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	
Time to recovery (m)	29	43	51	
Turnover (one-way)	70.7%			





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Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 5001				
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE		
Communication Services	-4.5%	-6.0%		
Consumer Discretionary	4.4%	2.5%		
Consumer Staples	-4.2%	-5.4%		
Energy	27.9%	27.1%		
Financials	-12.6%	-		
Health Care	4.4%	2.1%		
Industrials	-1.3%	-2.8%		
Information Technology	-15.5%	-20.5%		
Materials	6.3%	5.9%		
Real Estate	-2.4%	-		
Utilities	-2.5%	-2.9%		

The CROCI US Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

<sup>1</sup>As of 31 Oct. 2023. Based on constituents selected on 7 Aug. 2023. <sup>2</sup>Max drawdown was calculated since Feb. 2004.

Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc.

#### **CROCI US Dividends Strategy**

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 40 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap US stocks (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team and which have above-median dividend yields while focusing on sustainable dividends. Sustainable dividend screens exclude stocks by low Cash Returns, high Financial Leverage and high Price Volatility. Those stocks that pass the sustainable dividends screens are then selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.



The CROCI US Dividends Strategy underwent minor implementation change on 2 Jun. 2014 by introducing selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 13 Mar. 2012 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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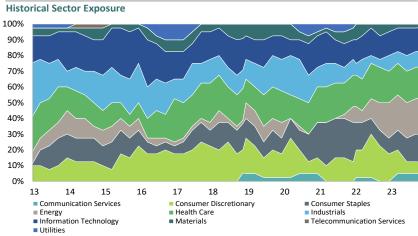
### **CROCI US Dividends Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1	
CROCI US Dividends	
Economic P/E	19.6
Accounting P/E	12.5
EV / NCI	2.3
Price / Book Value	2.9
CROCI (%)	11.6
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	6.9
Financial Leverage (%)	19.4

Monthly Contributors				
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Gilead Sciences	0.12%	Chevron	-0.35%	
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.10%	Skyworks	-0.31%	
ONEOK	0.09%	HP Enterprise	-0.30%	
НР	0.06%	Bristol-My. Sq.	-0.27%	
Williams	0.05%	ExxonMobil	-0.26%	

Portfolio Characteristics	(Trailing 12 Mo	nths)	
		·	S&P High Yield
	CROCI US		Dividend
	Dividends	S&P 500	Aristocrats
Volatility (monthly)	14.5%	14.8%	15.0%
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	-0.56	0.31	-0.80
Dividend Yield	2.3%	1.3%	2.0%
Correlation		0.82	0.88
Beta (Daily returns)		0.76	0.86
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-48.5%	-55.7%	-55.8%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	12	43	37
Turnover (one-way)	57.3%		





Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 500 <sup>1</sup>				
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE		
Communication Services	-3.8%	-5.3%		
Consumer Discretionary	-3.1%	-4.9%		
Consumer Staples	10.8%	9.7%		
Energy	18.4%	17.6%		
Financials	-12.6%	-		
Health Care	6.8%	4.5%		
Industrials	1.8%	0.4%		
Information Technology	-13.5%	-18.5%		
Materials	0.0%	-0.4%		
Real Estate	-2.4%	-		
Utilities	-2.5%	-2.9%		

The CROCI US Dividends Strategy underwent minor implementation change on 2 Jun. 2014 by introducing selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

<sup>1</sup>As of 31 Oct. 2023. Based on constituents selected on 13 Sep. 2023. <sup>2</sup>Max drawdown was calculated since Feb. 2004.

Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc.

#### **CROCI Euro Strategy**

CROCI Euro

ESTOXX 50

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in the Euro region (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio constituents are selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.



The CROCI Euro Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

MSCI EMU Value

Returns in EUR, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 2 Feb. 2004 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc. Data as of 31 Oct. 2023.

Relative to ESTOXX 50

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Relative to MSCI EMU Value

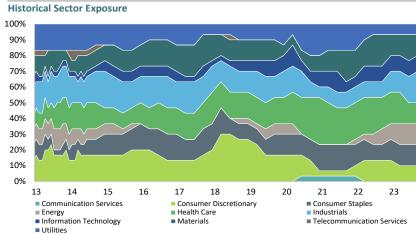
### **CROCI Euro Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1	
CROCI Euro	
Economic P/E	16.8
Accounting P/E	8.9
EV / NCI	1.1
Price / Book Value	1.3
CROCI (%)	6.8
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	6.8
Financial Leverage (%)	36.3

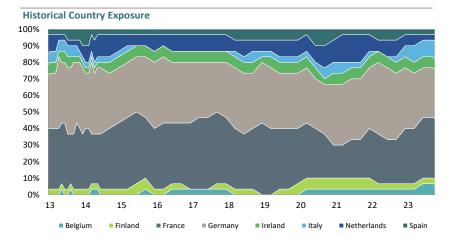
Monthly Contributors				
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Danone	0.25%	Sanofi	-0.53%	
Engie	0.11%	STM	-0.42%	
Beiersdorf	0.05%	Infineon Tech.	-0.41%	
TotalEnergies	0.05%	ArcMittal	-0.41%	
ENI	0.04%	Repsol YPF	-0.40%	

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI Euro	ESTOXX 50	MSCI EMU Value
Volatility (monthly)	15.5%	16.7%	14.4%
Sharpe Ratio (2.96%)	0.45	0.73	0.74
Dividend Yield	2.8%	2.9%	3.9%
Correlation		0.92	0.93
Beta (Daily returns)		0.83	0.94
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-53.8%	-58.6%	-65.5%
Max Drawdown Date	6 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	57	73	149
Turnover (one-way)	30.4%		





Active Sector Exposure vs. ESTOXX 501				
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE		
Communication Services	-2.5%	-3.1%		
Consumer Discretionary	-9.3%	-14.0%		
Consumer Staples	6.0%	4.0%		
Energy	7.8%	6.2%		
Financials	-19.6%	-		
Health Care	5.5%	3.9%		
Industrials	4.9%	1.2%		
Information Technology	-4.9%	-8.3%		
Materials	8.7%	7.7%		
Utilities	3.4%	2.5%		



Active Country Exposure vs. ESTOXX 501		
Country	Active Weight	
Belgium	4.7%	
Finland	2.5%	
France	-6.1%	
Germany	4.3%	
Ireland	5.5%	
Italy	2.8%	
Netherlands	-8.9%	
Spain	-3.5%	
Sweden	-1.2%	

The CROCI Euro Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

<sup>1</sup>As of 31 Oct. 2023. Based on constituents selected on 8 Sep. 2023. <sup>2</sup>Max drawdown was calculated since Feb. 2004.

Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc.

#### **CROCI Japan Strategy**

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CROCI Japan

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TOPIX 100 (TR)

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap Japanese stocks (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio constituents are selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.



The CROCI Japan Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

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MSCI Japan Value

Returns in JPY, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 2 Feb. 2004 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc. Data as of 31 Oct. 2023.

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Relative to TOPIX 100 (TR)

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Relative to MSCI Japan Value

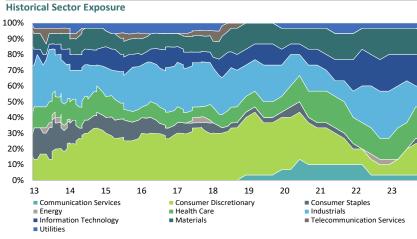
### **CROCI Japan Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1	
CROCI Japan	
Economic P/E	20.8
Accounting P/E	15.1
EV / NCI	1.4
Price / Book Value	1.6
CROCI (%)	6.5
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	5.0
Financial Leverage (%)	8.3

Monthly Contributors					
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors			
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution		
Fujitsu	0.33%	Omron	-0.65%		
Shionogi & Co	0.15%	Rohm	-0.50%		
Secom	0.10%	Komatsu	-0.45%		
Shin-Etsu Chem.	0.09%	Takeda Pharma	-0.42%		
SMC	0.08%	Subaru Corp	-0.40%		

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)				
	CROCI Japan	TOPIX 100 (TR)	MSCI Japan Value	
Volatility (monthly)	14.9%	12.3%	12.2%	
Sharpe Ratio (-0.04%)	2.01	1.68	2.33	
Dividend Yield	3.2%	3.0%	3.6%	
Correlation		0.95	0.89	
Beta (Daily returns)		0.98	0.90	
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-61.2%	-62.8%	-57.8%	
Max Drawdown Date	27 Oct. 2008	12 Mar. 2009	12 Mar. 2009	
Time to recovery (m)	72	76	73	
Turnover (one-way)	51.2%			





Active Sector Exposure vs. TOPIX 100 (TR) <sup>1</sup>				
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE		
Communication Services	-5.8%	-7.7%		
Consumer Discretionary	-0.8%	-5.0%		
Consumer Staples	-2.6%	-3.8%		
Energy	-0.4%	-0.5%		
Financials	-14.7%	-		
Health Care	10.4%	8.5%		
Industrials	-8.8%	-13.3%		
Information Technology	7.9%	5.4%		
Materials	13.5%	12.8%		
Real Estate	-2.1%	-		
Utilities	3.6%	3.6%		

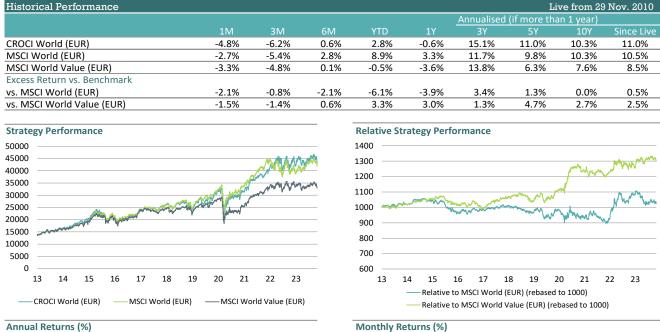
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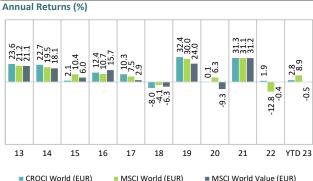
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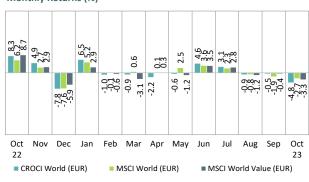
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#### **CROCI World EUR Strategy**

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 100 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in Developed countries (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio constituents are selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology. In addition, the selected stocks aim to have a regional exposure which is materially the same as the benchmark index and a sector exposure of no more than 25 stocks per global sector.











The CROCI World EUR Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

Returns in EUR, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 29 Nov. 2010 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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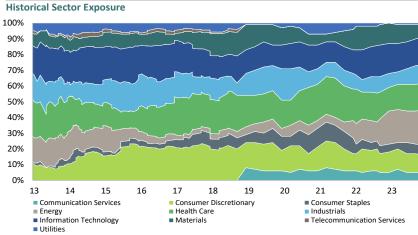
### **CROCI World EUR Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
CROCI World		
Economic P/E	18.6	
Accounting P/E	11.7	
EV / NCI	1.8	
Price / Book Value	2.5	
CROCI (%)	9.7	
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.1	
Financial Leverage (%)	19.2	

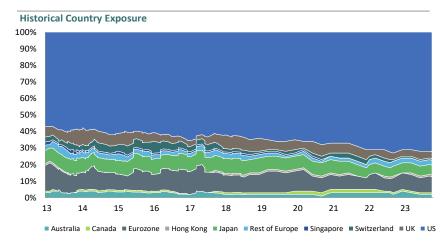
Monthly Contributors				
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Dollar General	0.12%	Albemarle Corp	-0.25%	
Gilead Sciences	0.05%	Whirlpool	-0.22%	
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.04%	United Airlines	-0.16%	
Vertex Pharma	0.04%	NXP Semiconductors	-0.14%	
ONEOK	0.04%	Chevron	-0.14%	

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI World (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI World Value (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	14.4%	11.8%	10.1%
Sharpe Ratio (2.96%)	-0.25	0.03	-0.65
Dividend Yield	2.3%	1.7%	2.4%
Correlation		0.89	0.93
Beta (Daily returns)		0.97	1.11
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-47.1%	-53.4%	-58.3%
Max Drawdown Date	20 Nov. 2008	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	16	48	51
Turnover (one-way)	53.5%		





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>				
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE		
<b>Communication Services</b>	-2.2%	-3.7%		
Consumer Discretionary	0.9%	-1.3%		
Consumer Staples	-1.2%	-2.7%		
Energy	16.5%	15.4%		
Financials	-14.7%	-		
Health Care	4.6%	2.0%		
Industrials	1.0%	-1.2%		
Information Technology	-5.4%	-10.0%		
Materials	4.6%	3.8%		
Real Estate	-2.3%	-		
Utilities	-1.7%	-2.2%		



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>			
Country	Active Weight		
Australia	0.1%		
Canada	-2.1%		
Eurozone	0.8%		
Hong Kong	0.4%		
Israel	-0.2%		
Japan	-0.2%		
New Zealand	-0.1%		
Rest of Europe	1.1%		
Singapore	-0.4%		
Switzerland	-1.7%		
UK	0.1%		
US	2.1%		

The CROCI World EUR Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

<sup>1</sup>As of 31 Oct. 2023. Based on constituents selected on 15 Sep. 2023. <sup>2</sup>Max drawdown was calculated since Feb. 2004.

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#### **CROCI World USD Strategy**

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The CROCI World USD Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 29 Nov. 2010 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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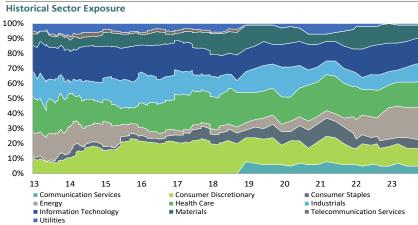
#### **CROCI World USD Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY	′1
CROCI World	
Economic P/E	18.6
Accounting P/E	11.7
EV / NCI	1.8
Price / Book Value	2.5
CROCI (%)	9.7
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.1
Financial Leverage (%)	19.2

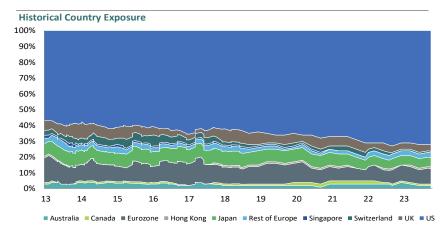
Monthly Contributors				
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Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
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Vertex Pharma	0.04%	NXP Semiconductors	-0.14%	
ONEOK	0.04%	Chevron	-0.14%	

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)				
	CROCI World	MSCI World	MSCI World	
	(USD)	(USD)	Value (USD)	
Volatility (monthly)	18.3%	15.0%	14.4%	
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.07	0.37	-0.13	
Dividend Yield	2.5%	1.8%	2.6%	
Correlation		0.91	0.95	
Beta (Daily returns)		0.97	1.17	
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-52.7%	-57.8%	-61.2%	
Max Drawdown Date	20 Nov. 2008	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	
Time to recovery (m)	17	51	56	
Turnover (one-way)	53.5%			





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>			
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE	
Communication Services	-2.2%	-3.7%	
Consumer Discretionary	0.9%	-1.3%	
Consumer Staples	-1.2%	-2.7%	
Energy	16.5%	15.4%	
Financials	-14.7%	-	
Health Care	4.6%	2.0%	
Industrials	1.0%	-1.2%	
Information Technology	-5.4%	-10.0%	
Materials	4.6%	3.8%	
Real Estate	-2.3%	-	
Utilities	-1.7%	-2.2%	



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>				
Country	Active Weight			
Australia	0.1%			
Canada	-2.1%			
Eurozone	0.8%			
Hong Kong	0.4%			
Israel	-0.2%			
Japan	-0.2%			
New Zealand	-0.1%			
Rest of Europe	1.1%			
Singapore	-0.4%			
Switzerland	-1.7%			
UK	0.1%			
US	2.1%			

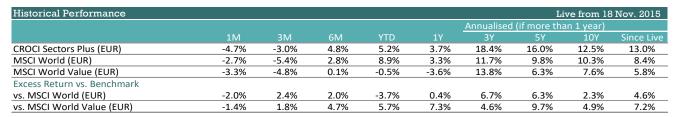
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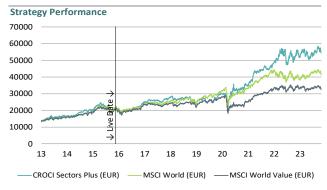
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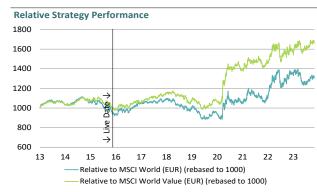
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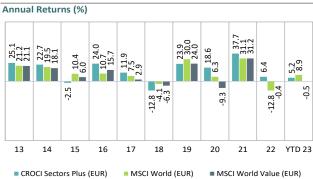
#### **CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy**

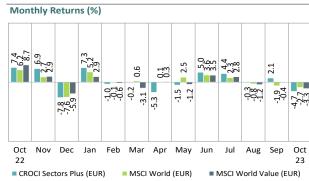
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in US, Europe and Japan (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. Three sectors (out of nine, globally) are selected, based on low sector median economic P/E. Then, 10 companies are selected from each of these three sectors on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E).















The CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy was inherited from CROCI Sectors EUR Strategy on 18 Nov. 2015. The simulated performance shown prior to this date reflects the performance of CROCI Sectors EUR Strategy, which was run on live basis since 31 Mar. 2005. The CROCI Sectors EUR Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover; 3) Increased selection pool size in Europe and US; 4) Introduction of sector buffers to reduce sector turnover; 5) removal of "backfill rule". Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

Returns in EUR, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date for CROCI Sectors EUR Strategy (31 Mar. 2005) is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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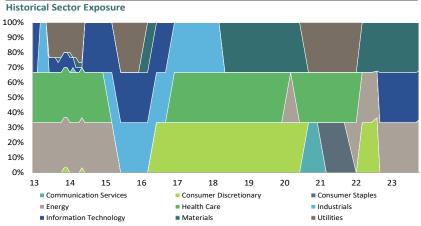
#### **CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY	/1
CROCI Sectors Plus	
Economic P/E	18.4
Accounting P/E	9.8
EV / NCI	1.1
Price / Book Value	1.6
CROCI (%)	5.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.8
Financial Leverage (%)	19.9

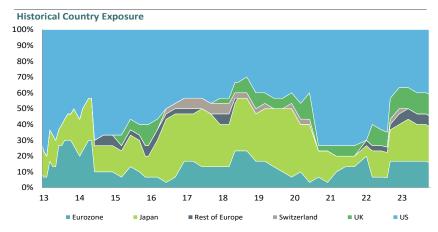
Monthly Contributor	·s			
Leading Contri	butors	Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.14%	Rohm	-0.55%	
Coterra Energy	0.06%	STM	-0.42%	
Equinor	0.06%	ArcMittal	-0.41%	
Shin-Etsu Chem.	0.05%	Skyworks	-0.41%	
TotalEnergies	0.05%	HP Enterprise	-0.39%	

Portfolio Characteristic	s (Trailing 12 Moi	nths)	
	CROCI Sectors Plus (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI World Value (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	16.9%	11.8%	10.1%
Sharpe Ratio (2.96%)	0.04	0.03	-0.65
Dividend Yield	2.6%	1.7%	2.4%
Correlation		0.67	0.72
Beta (Daily returns)		0.83	0.99
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-42.0%	-53.4%	-58.3%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	18	48	51
Turnover (one-way)	33.5%		





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>				
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE		
Communication Services	-7.2%	-8.7%		
Consumer Discretionary	-10.7%	-12.9%		
Consumer Staples	-7.3%	-8.8%		
Energy	29.9%	28.8%		
Financials	-14.7%	-		
Health Care	-12.6%	-15.2%		
Industrials	-10.7%	-12.9%		
Information Technology	10.1%	5.5%		
Materials	28.3%	27.5%		
Real Estate	-2.3%	-		
Utilities	-2.7%	-3.3%		



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>					
Country	Active Weight				
Australia	-1.9%				
Canada	-3.1%				
Eurozone	7.2%				
Hong Kong	-0.6%				
Israel	-0.2%				
Japan	16.6%				
New Zealand	-0.1%				
Rest of Europe	4.9%				
Singapore	-0.4%				
Switzerland	-2.7%				
UK	9.6%				
US	-29.3%				

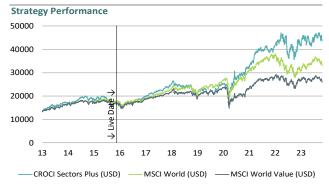
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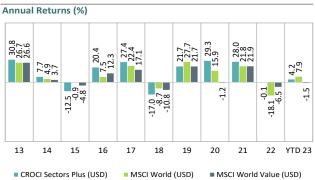
#### **CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy**

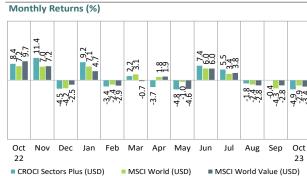
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in US, Europe and Japan (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. Three sectors (out of nine, globally) are selected, based on low sector median economic P/E. Then, 10 companies are selected from each of these three sectors on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E).

Historical Performance							Liv	ve from 18	Nov. 2015
						Annualised	(if more tha	n 1 year)	
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Sectors Plus (USD)	-4.9%	-7.0%	0.3%	4.2%	10.9%	14.7%	14.4%	9.7%	12.9%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	7.9%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.5%	8.3%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-3.4%	-8.7%	-4.2%	-1.5%	3.1%	10.2%	4.8%	4.9%	5.7%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-2.0%	2.3%	1.9%	-3.7%	0.4%	6.5%	6.2%	2.2%	4.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	-1.4%	1.7%	4.5%	5.6%	7.8%	4.5%	9.6%	4.8%	7.2%













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Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date for CROCI Sectors USD Strategy (31 Mar. 2005) is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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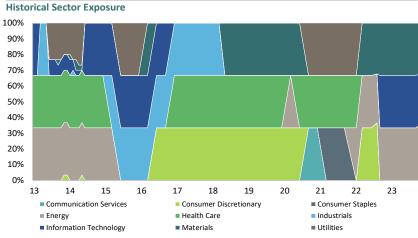
#### **CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1	
CROCI Sectors Plus	
Economic P/E	18.4
Accounting P/E	9.8
EV / NCI	1.1
Price / Book Value	1.6
CROCI (%)	5.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.8
Financial Leverage (%)	19.9

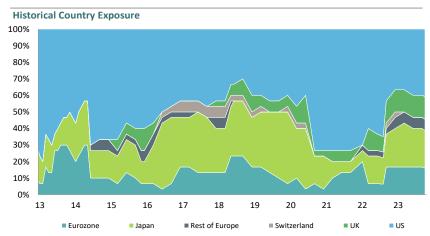
Monthly Contributor  Leading Contri		Lagging	Contributors	
Leading Contin	butors	Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.14%	Rohm	-0.56%	
Coterra Energy	0.06%	STM	-0.42%	
Equinor	0.05%	ArcMittal	-0.42%	
Shin-Etsu Chem.	0.04%	Skyworks	-0.41%	
TotalEnergies	0.04%	HP Enterprise	-0.40%	

Portfolio Characteristics	s (Trailing 12 Moi	nths)	
	CROCI Sectors Plus (USD)	MSCI World (USD)	MSCI World Value (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	20.6%	15.0%	14.4%
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.29	0.37	-0.13
Dividend Yield	2.7%	1.8%	2.6%
Correlation		0.75	0.81
Beta (Daily returns)		0.97	1.21
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-46.8%	-57.8%	-61.2%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	20	51	56
Turnover (one-way)	33.5%		





Active Sector Exposure	vs. MSCI Worl	ld <sup>1</sup>
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
<b>Communication Services</b>	-7.2%	-8.7%
Consumer Discretionary	-10.7%	-12.9%
Consumer Staples	-7.3%	-8.8%
Energy	29.9%	28.8%
Financials	-14.7%	-
Health Care	-12.6%	-15.2%
Industrials	-10.7%	-12.9%
Information Technology	10.1%	5.5%
Materials	28.3%	27.5%
Real Estate	-2.3%	-
Utilities	-2.7%	-3.3%
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Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>				
Country	Active Weight			
Australia	-1.9%			
Canada	-3.1%			
Eurozone	7.2%			
Hong Kong	-0.6%			
Israel	-0.2%			
Japan	16.6%			
New Zealand	-0.1%			
Rest of Europe	4.9%			
Singapore	-0.4%			
Switzerland	-2.7%			
UK	9.6%			
US	-29.3%			

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### **CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy**

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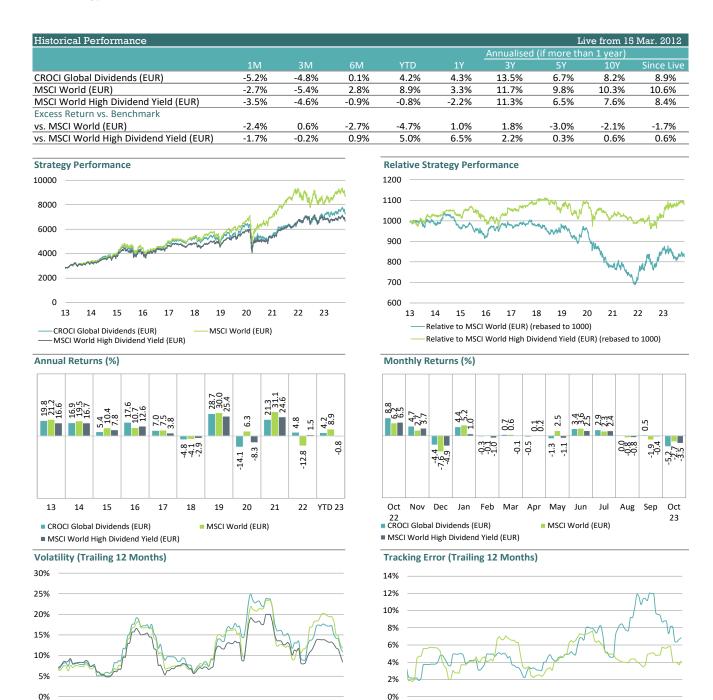
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- CROCI Global Dividends (EUR) - MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)

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MSCI World (EUR)

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 50 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in Developed countries (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team and which have above-median dividend yields while focusing on sustainable dividends. Sustainable dividend screens exclude stocks by low Cash Returns, high Financial Leverage and high Price Volatility. Those stocks that pass the sustainable dividends screens are then selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.



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Relative to MSCI World (EUR)

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Relative to MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)

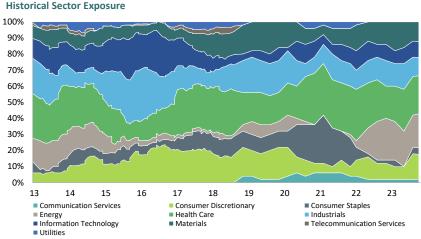
### **CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1					
CROCI Global Dividends					
Economic P/E	17.7				
Accounting P/E	10.5				
EV / NCI	1.5				
Price / Book Value	2.0				
CROCI (%)	8.2				
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.4				
Financial Leverage (%)	20.0				

Leading Contri	butors	Lagging C	ontributors
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Gilead Sciences	0.10%	Whirlpool	-0.44%
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.08%	Komatsu	-0.32%
ONEOK	0.08%	Sanofi	-0.32%
Shionogi & Co	0.07%	Subaru Corp	-0.29%
HP	0.04%	Takeda Pharma	-0.29%

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)							
			MSCI World				
	CROCI Global	MSCI World	High Dividend				
	Dividends (EUR)	(EUR)	Yield (EUR)				
Volatility (monthly)	10.9%	11.8%	8.4%				
Sharpe Ratio (2.96%)	0.13	0.03	-0.61				
Dividend Yield	3.2%	1.7%	2.7%				
Correlation		0.70	0.77				
Beta (Daily returns)		0.58	0.82				
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-44.3%	-53.4%	-59.9%				
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009				
Time to recovery (m)	14	48	49				
Turnover (one-way)	70.4%						





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>							
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE					
Communication Services	-5.1%	-6.6%					
Consumer Discretionary	4.8%	2.6%					
Consumer Staples	-3.4%	-4.9%					
Energy	16.0%	15.0%					
Financials	-14.7%	-					
Health Care	11.1%	8.5%					
Industrials	0.7%	-1.5%					
Information Technology	-12.7%	-17.3%					
Materials	8.2%	7.4%					
Real Estate	-2.3%	-					
Utilities	-2.7%	-3.3%					

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Active Country Exposure	
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Australia	2.2%
Canada	-3.1%
Eurozone	10.3%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	14.2%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.1%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	3.2%
UK	4.9%
US	-30.5%

The CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy underwent a minor implementation change on 2 Jun. 2014 by introducing selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

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Relative to MSCI World (USD)

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Relative to MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)

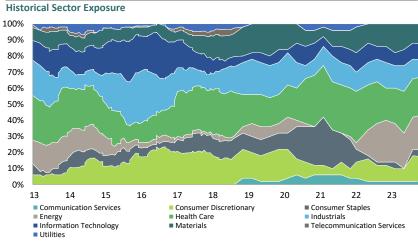
### **CROCI Global Dividends USD Strategy**

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1					
CROCI Global Dividends					
Economic P/E	17.7				
Accounting P/E	10.5				
EV / NCI	1.5				
Price / Book Value	2.0				
CROCI (%)	8.2				
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.4				
Financial Leverage (%)	20.0				

Monthly Contributors						
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Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)								
			MSCI World					
	CROCI Global	MSCI World	High Dividend					
	Dividends (USD)	(USD)	Yield (USD)					
Volatility (monthly)	16.0%	15.0%	13.8%					
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.41	0.37	-0.03					
Dividend Yield	3.5%	1.8%	2.9%					
Correlation		0.76	0.84					
Beta (Daily returns)		0.71	1.04					
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-49.1%	-57.8%	-63.4%					
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009					
Time to recovery (m)	20	51	55					
Turnover (one-way)	70.4%							





Active Sector Exposure	vs. MSCI Worl	ld¹
Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-5.1%	-6.6%
Consumer Discretionary	4.8%	2.6%
Consumer Staples	-3.4%	-4.9%
Energy	16.0%	15.0%
Financials	-14.7%	-
Health Care	11.1%	8.5%
Industrials	0.7%	-1.5%
Information Technology	-12.7%	-17.3%
Materials	8.2%	7.4%
Real Estate	-2.3%	-
Utilities	-2.7%	-3.3%
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Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>					
Country	Active Weight				
Australia	2.2%				
Canada	-3.1%				
Eurozone	10.3%				
Hong Kong	-0.6%				
Israel	-0.2%				
Japan	14.2%				
New Zealand	-0.1%				
Rest of Europe	0.1%				
Singapore	-0.4%				
Switzerland	3.2%				
UK	4.9%				
US	-30.5%				

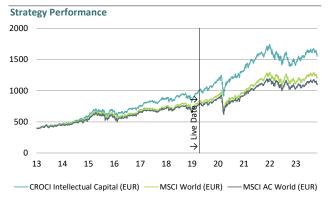
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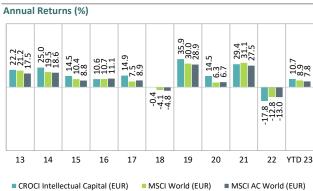
#### **CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy**

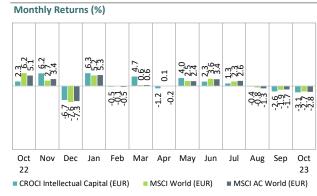
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 100 stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of stocks which are identified by the CROCI Team as having 'Intellectual Capital' as per the CROCI Methodology but excluding stocks with low growth potential and high financial risk. Portfolio optimization is used to determine final constituents and weights based on CROCI Equity Earnings while targeting a risk profile similar to that of the entire list of eligible shares.

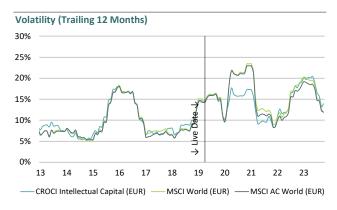
Historical Performance Live from 15 Apr. 2019									
						Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	<b>1</b> Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Intellectual Capital (EUR)	-3.1%	-6.0%	1.2%	10.7%	9.6%	9.0%	11.6%	13.0%	10.3%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	8.9%
MSCI AC World (EUR)	-2.8%	-5.7%	2.4%	7.8%	3.3%	10.2%	9.0%	9.5%	7.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-0.4%	-0.6%	-1.6%	1.8%	6.3%	-2.7%	1.8%	2.8%	1.4%
vs. MSCI AC World (EUR)	-0.3%	-0.3%	-1.2%	2.9%	6.3%	-1.2%	2.6%	3.5%	2.4%













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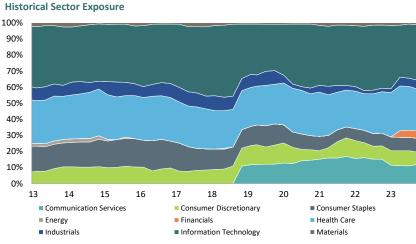
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1			
CROCI Intellectual Capital	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials	
Economic P/E	FILIALICIAIS	31.8	
Accounting P/E		24.6	
EV / NCI	-	7.3	
Price / Book Value	-	7.1	
CROCI (%)	=	23.1	
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.0	
Financial Leverage (%)	-	1.1	

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Netflix	0.23%	Alphabet	-0.21%	
Microsoft	0.19%	Omron	-0.17%	
Mediatek	0.11%	On Semiconductor	-0.16%	
Eli Lilly	0.09%	Sanofi	-0.15%	
Novo-Nordisk	0.09%	Tencent Hld.	-0.15%	

* 'Including Financials' shows selected fundamental characteris'	tics, which are comparable with non-financial stocks

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)				
	CROCI			
	Intellectual	MSCI World	MSCI AC World	
	Capital (EUR)	(EUR)	(EUR)	
Volatility (monthly)	13.9%	11.8%	11.9%	
Sharpe Ratio (2.96%)	0.48	0.03	0.03	
Dividend Yield	1.4%	1.7%	1.8%	
Correlation		0.93	0.94	
Beta (Daily returns)		0.88	0.96	
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-39.4%	-53.4%	-53.1%	
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	
Time to recovery (m)	21	48	48	
Turnover (one-way)	50.6%			





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>			
Sector	Active Weight		
Communication Services	4.7%		
Consumer Discretionary	-2.9%		
Consumer Staples	1.8%		
Energy	-5.1%		
Financials	-10.2%		
Health Care	13.3%		
Industrials	-5.4%		
Information Technology	11.8%		
Materials	-2.9%		
Real Estate	-2.3%		
Utilities	-2.7%		

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Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World <sup>1</sup>			
Country	Active Weight		
Australia	-1.2%		
Canada	-3.1%		
Emerging Market	8.5%		
Eurozone	2.3%		
Hong Kong	-0.6%		
Israel	-0.2%		
Japan	3.8%		
New Zealand	-0.1%		
Rest of Europe	0.3%		
Singapore	-0.4%		
Switzerland	2.6%		
UK	-1.8%		
US	-10.3%		

<sup>1</sup>As of 31 Oct. 2023. Based on constituents selected on 12 Oct. 2023. <sup>2</sup>Max drawdown was calculated since Feb. 2004. Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc

#### **CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy**

Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 100 stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of stocks which are identified by the CROCI Team as having 'Intellectual Capital' as per the CROCI Methodology but excluding stocks with low growth potential and high financial risk. Portfolio optimization is used to determine final constituents and weights based on CROCI Equity Earnings while targeting a risk profile similar to that of the entire list of eligible shares.



Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 15 Apr. 2019 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Please refer to page 3 for the key risk factors relating to the strategy.

Relative to MSCI World (USD)

Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc. Data as of 31 Oct. 2023.

- MSCLAC World (USD)

MSCI World (USD) -

- CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD) -

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Relative to MSCI AC World (USD)

## **CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy**

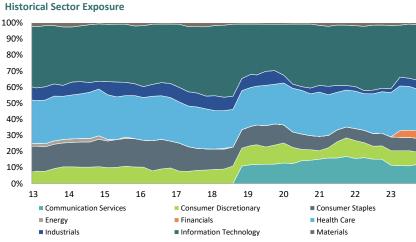
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1				
	Including	Excluding		
CROCI Intellectual Capital	Financials*	Financials		
Economic P/E	-	31.8		
Accounting P/E	-	24.6		
EV / NCI	-	7.3		
Price / Book Value	-	7.1		
CROCI (%)	-	23.1		
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.0		
Financial Leverage (%)	-	1.1		
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Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Netflix	0.23%	Alphabet	-0.22%	
Microsoft	0.19%	Omron	-0.17%	
Mediatek	0.11%	On Semiconductor	-0.16%	
Eli Lilly	0.09%	Sanofi	-0.15%	
Novo-Nordisk	0.08%	Tencent Hld.	-0.15%	

* 'Including Financials' shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-f	

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)					
	Intellectual	MSCI World	MSCI AC World		
	Capital (USD)	(USD)	(USD)		
Volatility (monthly)	17.9%	15.0%	15.4%		
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.69	0.37	0.36		
Dividend Yield	1.5%	1.8%	1.9%		
Correlation		0.94	0.96		
Beta (Daily returns)		0.91	0.98		
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-46.3%	-57.8%	-58.4%		
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009		
Time to recovery (m)	23	51	51		
Turnover (one-way)	50.6%				





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI	World <sup>1</sup>
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	4.7%
Consumer Discretionary	-2.9%
Consumer Staples	1.8%
Energy	-5.1%
Financials	-10.2%
Health Care	13.3%
Industrials	-5.4%
Information Technology	11.8%
Materials	-2.9%
Real Estate	-2.3%
Utilities	-2.7%

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Active Country Exposure vs. MSC	l World¹
Country	Active Weight
Australia	-1.2%
Canada	-3.1%
Emerging Market	8.5%
Eurozone	2.3%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	3.8%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.3%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	2.6%
UK	-1.8%
US	-10.3%

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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Indices
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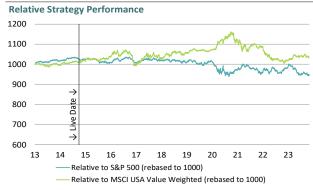
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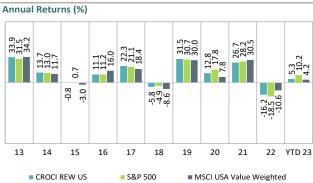
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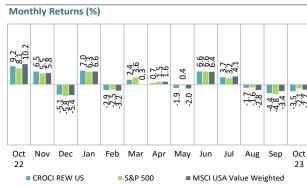
CROCI REW US is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of large-cap US stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings.

Historical Performance Live from 30 Sep. 2014									
						Annualised	(if more tha	an 1 year)	
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW US	-3.5%	-9.3%	-1.7%	5.3%	6.5%	9.1%	8.9%	9.6%	9.1%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.4%	1.1%	10.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	10.1%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.7%	-8.7%	-0.9%	4.2%	4.3%	13.2%	9.3%	9.4%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-1.3%	-1.0%	-2.9%	-4.9%	-3.1%	-0.7%	-1.5%	-0.9%	-1.0%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	-0.8%	-0.7%	-0.8%	1.1%	2.1%	-4.0%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.2%













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Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 30 Sep. 2014 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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## **CROCI Real Earnings Weighted US Index**

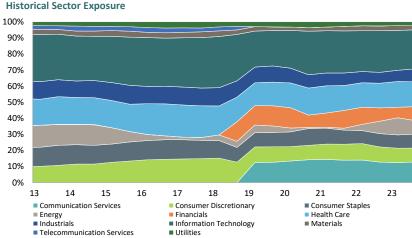
	Including	Excluding	
CROCI REW US	Financials*	Financials	
Economic P/E	31.3	32.2	
Accounting P/E	22.3	23.3	
EV / NCI	4.8	5.3	
Price / Book Value	5.8	6.6	
CROCI (%)	-	16.3	
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.1	
Financial Leverage (%)	-	4.8	

Leading Cor	ntributors	Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Microsoft	0.15%	Alphabet	-0.15%	
Verizon Comms	0.07%	Chevron	-0.12%	
Netflix	0.06%	On Semiconductor	-0.12%	
Arista Networks	0.03%	ExxonMobil	-0.12%	
Amazon	0.03%	Tesla Motors	-0.09%	

* 'Including Financials' shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-f	

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)								
	CROCI REW US	S&P 500	MSCI USA Value Weighted					
Volatility (monthly)	15.6%	14.8%	15.0%					
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.09	0.31	-0.04					
Dividend Yield	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%					
Correlation		0.98	0.99					
Beta (Daily returns)		0.97	1.02					
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-47.1%	-55.7%	-61.3%					
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009					
Time to recovery (m)	22	43	47					
Turnover (one-way)	17.4%							





Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 500 <sup>1</sup>					
Sector	Active Weight				
Communication Services	4.4%				
Consumer Discretionary	-2.2%				
Consumer Staples	2.0%				
Energy	4.0%				
Financials	-4.1%				
Health Care	2.0%				
Industrials	-0.3%				
Information Technology	-3.5%				
Materials	0.1%				
Real Estate	-2.4%				
Utilities	-0.1%				

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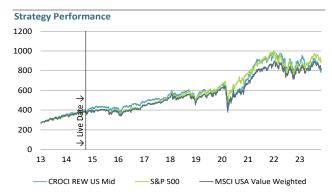
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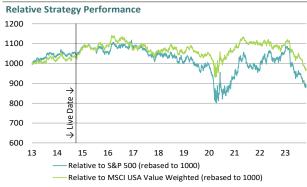
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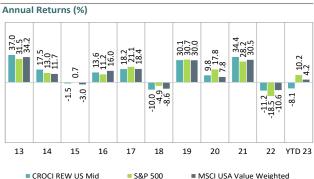
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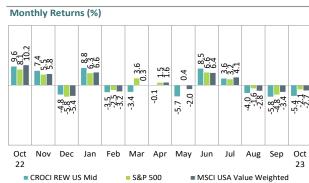
CROCI REW US Mid is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of US stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings and retaining the companies smaller than the 175 largest companies (according to market capitalization).

Historical Performance Live from 30 Sep. 2014									
						Annualised	(if more tha	an 1 year)	
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW US Mid	-5.4%	-14.5%	-9.3%	-8.1%	-6.1%	9.2%	7.4%	8.6%	8.0%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.4%	1.1%	10.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	10.1%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.7%	-8.7%	-0.9%	4.2%	4.3%	13.2%	9.3%	9.4%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-3.3%	-6.1%	-10.5%	-18.4%	-15.7%	-0.6%	-3.0%	-1.9%	-2.0%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.7%	-5.8%	-8.4%	-12.3%	-10.4%	-3.9%	-1.9%	-0.7%	-0.8%













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Prior to 13 Sep. 2016, the index CROCI REW US Mid defined mid cap US companies by reference to CROCI Economic Earnings. Effective from that date, mid cap US companies are defined by reference to market capitalization.

Returns in USD, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 30 Sep. 2014 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc. Data as of 31 Oct. 2023. Please refer to Appendix for an explanation of Real Earnings Weighted.

### **CROCI Real Earnings Weighted US Mid Index**

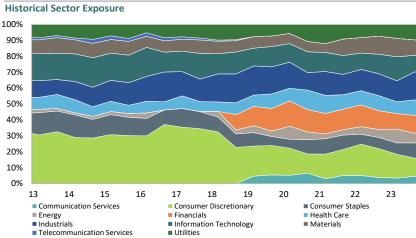
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1						
	Including	Excluding				
CROCI REW US Mid	Financials*	Financials				
Economic P/E	23.6	25.0				
Accounting P/E	13.2	14.2				
EV / NCI	1.8	1.8				
Price / Book Value	2.1	2.3				
CROCI (%)	-	7.4				
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.3				
Financial Leverage (%)	-	49.0				

Monthly Contributors							
Leading Co	ntributors	Lagging Contributors					
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution				
Dollar General	0.11%	Albemarle Corp	-0.26%				
Pub. Srv. Ent.	0.05%	Align Tech.	-0.19%				
Fastenal	0.05%	Regions Financial	-0.17%				
Grainger W W	0.05%	Fidelity Nat. Info. Serv	-0.14%				
ONEOK	0.04%	Revvity	-0.13%				

* 'Including Financials' shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-financial s	tocks

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)							
	CROCI REW US		MSCI USA Value				
	Mid	S&P 500	Weighted				
Volatility (monthly)	20.2%	14.8%	15.0%				
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	-0.55	0.31	-0.04				
Dividend Yield	1.5%	1.3%	1.7%				
Correlation		0.88	0.96				
Beta (Daily returns)		1.01	1.14				
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-53.5%	-55.7%	-61.3%				
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009				
Time to recovery (m)	7	43	47				
Turnover (one-way)	34.3%						





Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 5001						
Sector	Active Weight					
Communication Services	-4.2%					
Consumer Discretionary	0.5%					
Consumer Staples	3.0%					
Energy	1.9%					
Financials	-1.9%					
Health Care	-3.7%					
Industrials	9.5%					
Information Technology	-17.6%					
Materials	7.3%					
Real Estate	-2.4%					
Utilities	7.5%					

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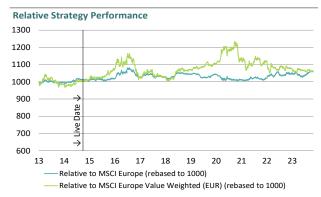
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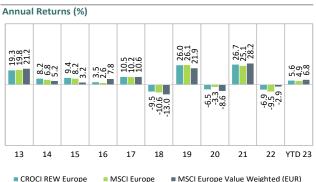
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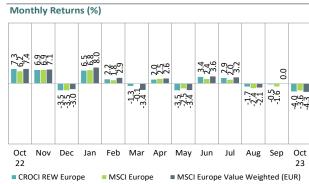
CROCI REW Europe is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of large-cap European stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings.

Historical Performance Live from 30 Sep. 2014									
	Annualised (if more than 1 year)								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW Europe	-4.0%	-6.2%	-3.6%	5.6%	9.0%	13.2%	6.6%	6.3%	5.7%
MSCI Europe	-3.6%	-7.4%	-5.7%	4.9%	8.2%	11.5%	6.3%	5.6%	5.2%
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	-4.3%	-6.3%	-3.2%	6.8%	11.0%	18.3%	6.6%	5.4%	5.0%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI Europe	-0.4%	1.2%	2.1%	0.7%	0.8%	1.7%	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%
vs. MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	0.3%	0.2%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-2.0%	-5.1%	-0.1%	0.8%	0.7%













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Returns in EUR, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 30 Sep. 2014 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Source for all data and charts: DWS; Bloomberg Finance LP; Factset Research Systems Inc. Data as of 31 Oct. 2023.

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### **CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Europe Index**

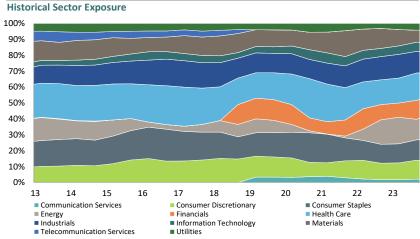
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1						
CROCI REW Europe	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials				
Economic P/E	21.8	23.3				
Accounting P/E	12.3	13.5				
EV / NCI	1.6	1.7				
Price / Book Value	2.0	2.4				
CROCI (%)	-	7.3				
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	5.6				
Financial Leverage (%)	-	22.5				

Monthly Contributors							
Leading Co	ntributors	Lagging Contributors					
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution				
Novo-Nordisk	0.08%	Sanofi	-0.24%				
Dassault Sys.	0.05%	NatWest Group	-0.19%				
UniCredit	0.04%	Barclays	-0.14%				
BAE Systems	0.04%	HSBC	-0.14%				
Danone	0.04%	AstraZeneca	-0.13%				

* 'Including Financials'	shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-financial	stocks

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)							
			IVISCI Europe				
	CROCI REW		Value Weighted				
	Europe	MSCI Europe	(EUR)				
Volatility (monthly)	13.1%	12.6%	14.7%				
Sharpe Ratio (2.96%)	0.46	0.42	0.55				
Dividend Yield	3.2%	2.9%	3.9%				
Correlation		0.97	0.98				
Beta (Daily returns)		1.01	0.94				
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-47.3%	-58.5%	-64.2%				
Max Drawdown Date	3 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009				
Time to recovery (m)	42	59	72				
Turnover (one-way)	18.3%						





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI Europe <sup>1</sup>						
Sector	Active Weight					
Communication Services	-1.1%					
Consumer Discretionary	1.1%					
Consumer Staples	0.7%					
Energy	7.2%					
Financials	-5.9%					
Health Care	0.7%					
Industrials	-1.4%					
Information Technology	-1.0%					
Materials	0.6%					
Real Estate	-0.8%					
Utilities	0.0%					

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Active Country Exposure vs. MS	CI Europe <sup>1</sup>
Country	Active Weight
Austria	0.9%
Belgium	0.1%
Denmark	-0.9%
Finland	-0.1%
France	2.0%
Germany	-1.1%
Ireland	-0.4%
Italy	2.6%
Netherlands	-2.6%
Norway	1.1%
Portugal	0.2%
Spain	1.1%
Sweden	-2.0%
Switzerland	-4.4%
UK	3.5%

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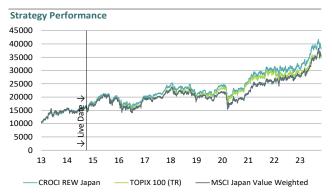
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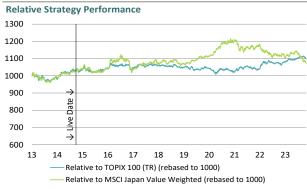
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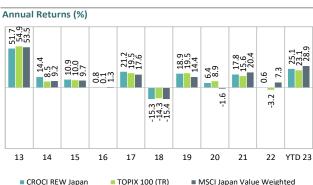
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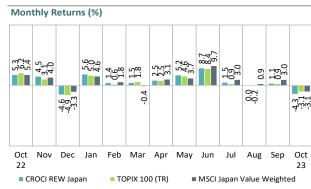
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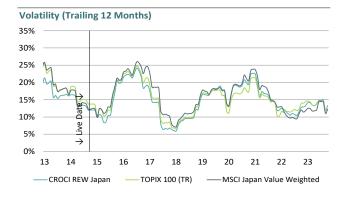
Historical Performance Live from 30 Sep. 20								Sep. 2014	
						Annualised	(if more tha	an 1 year)	
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW Japan	-4.3%	-3.2%	12.3%	25.1%	24.8%	19.5%	11.1%	10.4%	9.5%
TOPIX 100 (TR)	-3.1%	-2.4%	11.7%	23.1%	20.7%	17.0%	10.1%	9.2%	8.8%
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	-3.1%	0.7%	17.9%	28.9%	29.8%	24.2%	11.1%	9.4%	9.0%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. TOPIX 100 (TR)	-1.2%	-0.9%	0.6%	2.0%	4.2%	2.5%	0.9%	1.2%	0.8%
vs. MSCI Japan Value Weighted	-1.2%	-3.9%	-5.7%	-3.8%	-4.9%	-4.7%	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%













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## CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Japan Index

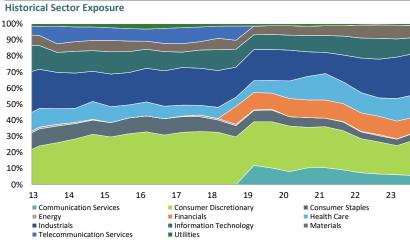
Including	
Financials*	Excluding Financials
27.8	28.4
13.0	13.5
1.1	1.2
1.3	1.4
-	4.1
-	2.9
-	28.7
	13.0 1.1

Leading Cor	ntributors	Lagging Contributors			
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution		
Fujitsu	0.11%	Panasonic	-0.27%		
Shin-Etsu Chem.	0.07%	Takeda Pharma	-0.25%		
Shionogi & Co	0.06%	Honda Motor	-0.20%		
Sony	0.05%	Komatsu	-0.19%		
Osaka Gas	0.04%	Nidec	-0.17%		

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Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)									
	CROCI REW	TODW 100 (TD)	MSCI Japan						
	Japan	. ,	Value Weighted						
Volatility (monthly)	13.3%	12.3%	12.2%						
Sharpe Ratio (-0.04%)	1.87	1.68	2.44						
Dividend Yield	3.1%	3.0%	3.3%						
Correlation		0.99	0.97						
Beta (Daily returns)		1.01	0.97						
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-59.2%	-62.8%	-60.1%						
Max Drawdown Date	10 Mar. 2009	12 Mar. 2009	12 Mar. 2009						
Time to recovery (m)	69	76	72						
Turnover (one-way)	18.1%								





Active Sector Exposure vs. TOPIX 100 (TR) <sup>1</sup>						
Sector	Active Weight					
Communication Services	-3.5%					
Consumer Discretionary	0.9%					
Consumer Staples	-1.4%					
Energy	-0.3%					
Financials	-4.4%					
Health Care	4.6%					
Industrials	3.1%					
Information Technology	-2.2%					
Materials	4.2%					
Real Estate	-2.1%					
Utilities	1.1%					

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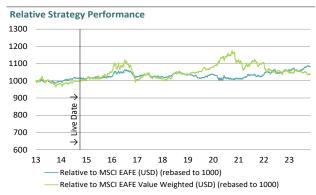
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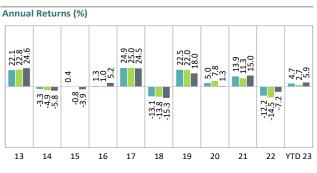
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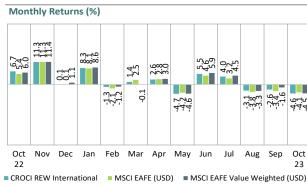
Historical Performance Live from 30 Sep. 20									Sep. 2014
						Annualised			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW International	-4.6%	-10.0%	-5.9%	4.7%	16.7%	8.3%	4.9%	4.0%	4.0%
MSCI EAFE (USD)	-4.1%	-10.9%	-7.9%	2.7%	14.4%	5.7%	4.1%	3.1%	3.3%
MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	-4.5%	-9.1%	-4.1%	5.9%	19.2%	12.4%	5.0%	3.3%	3.6%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark	Excess Return vs. Benchmark								
vs. MSCI EAFE (USD)	-0.5%	0.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%
vs. MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	-0.1%	-0.8%	-1.8%	-1.2%	-2.5%	-4.1%	-0.1%	0.6%	0.4%







■ CROCI REW International ■ MSCI EAFE (USD) ■ MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)







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## **CROCI Real Earnings Weighted International Index**

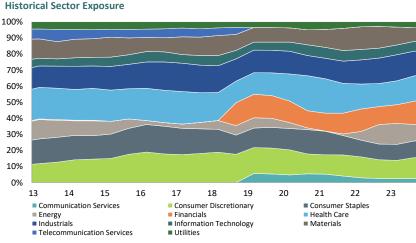
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1							
	Including	Excluding					
CROCI REW International	Financials*	Financials					
Economic P/E	21.7	23.2					
Accounting P/E	11.9	13.1					
EV / NCI	1.5	1.6					
Price / Book Value	1.8	2.2					
CROCI (%)	-	6.8					
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	5.5					
Financial Leverage (%)	-	23.8					
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Leading Co	ontributors	Lagging Contributors				
Stocks	Contribution	n Stocks Contribut				
Novo-Nordisk	0.05%	Sanofi	-0.15%			
UniCredit	0.03%	NatWest Group	-0.13%			
Dassault Sys.	0.03%	Barclays	-0.10%			
BAE Systems	0.03%	HSBC	-0.10%			
Danone	0.02%	BP	-0.09%			

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Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)								
			MSCLEAFE					
	CROCI REW	MSCI EAFE	Value Weighted					
	International	(USD)	(USD)					
Volatility (monthly)	17.8%	17.6%	17.9%					
Sharpe Ratio (4.97%)	0.66	0.54	0.79					
Dividend Yield	3.5%	3.1%	4.1%					
Correlation		0.99	0.99					
Beta (Daily returns)		1.03	1.02					
Maximum Drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-52.0%	-60.4%	-63.2%					
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009					
Time to recovery (m)	50	64	100					
Turnover (one-way)	19.2%							





Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI EAFE <sup>1</sup>					
Sector	Active Weight				
Communication Services	-1.6%				
Consumer Discretionary	0.8%				
Consumer Staples	0.7%				
Energy	5.7%				
Financials	-4.4%				
Health Care	2.2%				
Industrials	-0.7%				
Information Technology	-1.9%				
Materials	1.2%				
Real Estate	-2.3%				
Utilities	0.2%				

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Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI EAFE <sup>1</sup>				
Country	Active Weight			
Australia	-0.2%			
Eurozone	3.3%			
Hong Kong	-1.3%			
Israel	-0.4%			
Japan	-2.0%			
New Zealand	0.2%			
Rest of Europe	-1.0%			
Singapore	0.8%			
Switzerland	-2.8%			
UK	3.2%			

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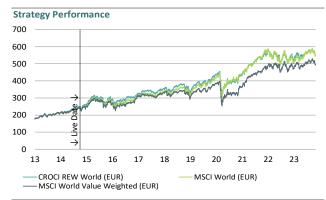
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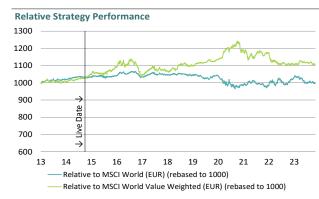
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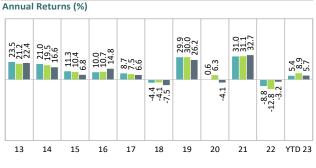
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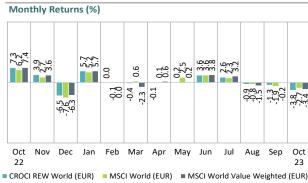
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Historical Performance							Li	ve from 30	Sep. 2014
						Annualised	(if more tha	n 1 year)	
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW World (EUR)	-3.8%	-5.9%	0.3%	5.4%	2.3%	12.3%	8.7%	10.0%	9.1%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.7%	-5.4%	2.8%	8.9%	3.3%	11.7%	9.8%	10.3%	9.5%
MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	-3.4%	-5.1%	1.8%	5.7%	2.6%	16.5%	8.6%	9.0%	8.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-1.1%	-0.5%	-2.5%	-3.5%	-1.0%	0.6%	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	-0.4%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-4.2%	0.1%	1.0%	0.8%













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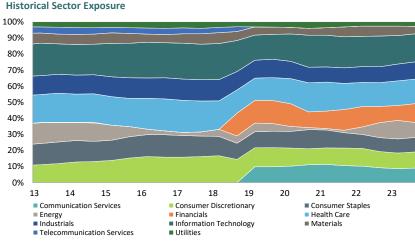
Portfolio's Fundamental Charae	cteristics FY1	
CROCI REW World	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
Economic P/E	29.3	30.8
Accounting P/E	19.9	21.4
EV / NCI	3.6	4.0
Price / Book Value	4.4	5.3
CROCI (%)	-	12.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.3
Financial Leverage (%)	-	7.5
* 'Including Cinencials' change colocted fundamental charge	storictics, which are comparable with non-fi	in ancial stocks

Leading Co	ntributors	Lagging Contributors		
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution	
Microsoft	0.08%	Chevron	-0.08%	
Verizon Comms	0.03%	ExxonMobil	-0.07%	
Netflix	0.03%	Alphabet	-0.07%	
Novo-Nordisk	0.02%	On Semiconductor	-0.06%	
Amazon	0.02%	Sanofi	-0.06%	

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Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI	World <sup>1</sup>
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	2.1%
Consumer Discretionary	-1.0%
Consumer Staples	1.8%
Energy	4.2%
Financials	-3.0%
Health Care	2.3%
Industrials	-0.1%
Information Technology	-4.6%
Materials	0.5%
Real Estate	-2.3%
Utilities	0.1%

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Australia         0.6%           Canada         -1.2%           Eurozone         6.0%           Hong Kong         -0.2%           Israel         -0.1%           Japan         2.8%           New Zealand         0.1%           Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Active Country Exposure vs. MS	CI World <sup>1</sup>
Canada         -1.2%           Eurozone         6.0%           Hong Kong         -0.2%           Israel         -0.1%           Japan         2.8%           New Zealand         0.1%           Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Country	Active Weight
Eurozone         6.0%           Hong Kong         -0.2%           Israel         -0.1%           Japan         2.8%           New Zealand         0.1%           Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Australia	0.6%
Hong Kong         -0.2%           Israel         -0.1%           Japan         2.8%           New Zealand         0.1%           Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Canada	-1.2%
Sample   -0.1%   Japan   2.8%   New Zealand   0.1%   Rest of Europe   0.5%   Singapore   0.5%   Switzerland   0.2%	Eurozone	6.0%
Japan         2.8%           New Zealand         0.1%           Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Hong Kong	-0.2%
New Zealand         0.1%           Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Israel	-0.1%
Rest of Europe         0.5%           Singapore         0.5%           Switzerland         0.2%	Japan	2.8%
Singapore 0.5% Switzerland 0.2%	New Zealand	0.1%
Switzerland 0.2%	Rest of Europe	0.5%
	Singapore	0.5%
UK 2.8%	Switzerland	0.2%
2.070	UK	2.8%
US -11.9%	US	-11.9%

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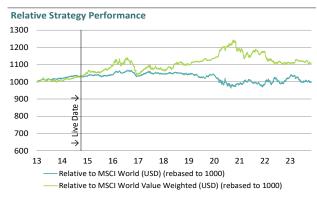
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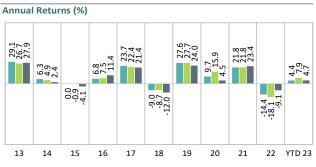
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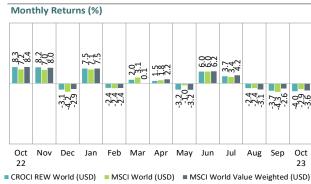
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Historical Performance							Li	ve from 30	Sep. 2014
						Annualised	(if more tha	n 1 year)	
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW World (USD)	-4.0%	-9.8%	-4.0%	4.4%	9.4%	8.8%	7.2%	7.3%	7.0%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	7.9%	10.5%	8.1%	8.3%	7.5%	7.4%
MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	-3.6%	-9.0%	-2.5%	4.7%	9.8%	12.8%	7.1%	6.3%	6.2%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-1.1%	-0.5%	-2.4%	-3.5%	-1.0%	0.6%	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	-0.4%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-4.0%	0.1%	1.0%	0.8%













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## CROCI Real Earnings Weighted World USD Index

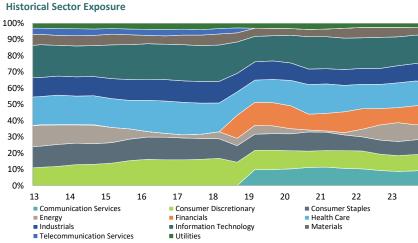
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1					
	Including	Excluding			
CROCI REW World	Financials*	Financials			
Economic P/E	29.3	30.8			
Accounting P/E	19.9	21.4			
EV / NCI	3.6	4.0			
Price / Book Value	4.4	5.3			
CROCI (%)	-	12.9			
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.3			
Financial Leverage (%)	-	7.5			

Leading Co	ntributors	Lagging Contributors			
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution		
Microsoft	0.08%	Chevron	-0.08%		
Verizon Comms	0.03%	ExxonMobil	-0.07%		
Netflix	0.03%	Alphabet	-0.07%		
Novo-Nordisk	0.02%	On Semiconductor	-0.06%		
Amazon	0.02%	Sanofi	-0.06%		

Including Financials' shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-financial stocks

CROCI REW		IVISCI World
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01.001.1.211	MSCI World	Value Weighted
World (USD)	(USD)	(USD)
16.0%	15.0%	15.7%
0.28	0.37	0.30
2.2%	1.8%	2.6%
	0.97	0.99
	0.93	1.02
-49.8%	-57.8%	-61.9%
9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
24	51	55
21.2%		
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Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI	World <sup>1</sup>
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	2.1%
Consumer Discretionary	-1.0%
Consumer Staples	1.8%
Energy	4.2%
Financials	-3.0%
Health Care	2.3%
Industrials	-0.1%
Information Technology	-4.6%
Materials	0.5%
Real Estate	-2.3%
Utilities	0.1%

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Active Country Exposure vs. M	ISCI World¹
Country	Active Weight
Australia	0.6%
Canada	-1.2%
Eurozone	6.0%
Hong Kong	-0.2%
Israel	-0.1%
Japan	2.8%
New Zealand	0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.5%
Singapore	0.5%
Switzerland	0.2%
UK	2.8%
US	-11.9%

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Please refer to Appendix for an explanation of Real Earnings Weighted.

#### **ROLLING 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2023**

Name	Curre ncy	Live Date	10/22 - 10/23	10/21 - 10/22	10/20 - 10/21	10/19 - 10/20	10/18 - 10/19	10/17 - 10/18	10/16 - 10/17	10/15 - 10/16	10/14 - 10/15	10/13 - 10/14
CROCI US Strategy	USD	2 Feb. 2004	9.7%	-3.2%	48.6%	-9.1%	14.3%	2.9%	26.2%	5.0%	-4.3%	15.4%
CROCI US Dividends Strategy	USD	13 Mar. 2012	-3.1%	7.3%	32.8%	-1.6%	13.9%	8.4%	20.9%	12.2%	2.7%	10.8%
CROCI Euro Strategy	EUR	2 Feb. 2004	9.9%	-14.3%	31.7%	-7.0%	11.9%	-9.7%	27.1%	4.9%	18.0%	7.2%
CROCI Japan Strategy	JPY	2 Feb. 2004	30.0%	1.9%	33.3%	-3.5%	9.6%	-3.3%	30.9%	-1.4%	12.6%	13.1%
CROCI World EUR Strategy	EUR	29 Nov. 2010	-0.6%	13.0%	35.7%	-3.5%	14.8%	0.3%	18.8%	1.7%	8.2%	20.7%
CROCI World USD Strategy	USD	29 Nov. 2010	6.3%	-3.5%	34.8%	0.7%	13.0%	-2.4%	26.2%	0.9%	-4.6%	11.2%
CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy	EUR	18 Nov. 2015	3.7%	16.2%	37.9%	14.6%	10.5%	-3.3%	17.8%	9.9%	2.8%	20.3%
CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy	USD	18 Nov. 2015	10.9%	-0.7%	37.0%	19.6%	8.8%	-5.9%	25.1%	9.0%	-9.4%	10.8%
CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy	EUR	15 Mar. 2012	4.3%	12.1%	25.0%	-17.9%	15.4%	0.5%	16.3%	5.1%	11.3%	16.2%
CROCI Global Dividends USD Strategy	USD	15 Mar. 2012	11.6%	-4.2%	24.2%	-14.3%	13.6%	-2.3%	23.6%	4.3%	-1.9%	5.1%
CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy	EUR	15 Apr. 2019	9.6%	-11.7%	33.9%	10.3%	21.0%	3.5%	22.6%	5.9%	19.5%	22.7%
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy	USD	15 Apr. 2019	17.2%	-24.6%	33.0%	15.2%	19.1%	0.7%	30.3%	5.0%	5.4%	13.1%
CROCI REW US Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	6.5%	-13.7%	41.5%	4.2%	13.2%	5.9%	21.9%	5.5%	3.2%	16.5%
CROCI REW US Mid Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	-6.1%	-9.7%	53.7%	0.0%	9.7%	6.1%	15.2%	6.0%	5.5%	17.1%
CROCI REW Europe Index	EUR	30 Sep. 2014	9.0%	-6.5%	42.5%	-15.2%	11.6%	-4.6%	18.6%	-4.9%	14.1%	8.7%
CROCI REW Japan Index	JPY	30 Sep. 2014	24.8%	2.0%	34.2%	-4.9%	4.0%	-3.7%	28.0%	-7.4%	18.5%	18.3%
CROCI REW World EUR Index	EUR	30 Sep. 2014	2.3%	-1.7%	41.0%	-5.7%	13.7%	3.7%	15.1%	3.2%	16.6%	19.2%
CROCI REW World USD Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	9.4%	-16.1%	40.1%	-1.5%	11.9%	0.8%	22.3%	2.4%	2.8%	9.8%
CROCI REW International Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	16.7%	-20.5%	36.9%	-9.1%	9.9%	-5.4%	22.1%	-2.0%	1.3%	1.4%
ESTOXX 50	EUR	-	15.1%	-12.8%	46.4%	-16.2%	15.9%	-10.6%	23.3%	-8.0%	12.6%	4.3%
MSCI AC World (EUR)	EUR	-	3.3%	-6.3%	38.2%	0.5%	14.3%	2.3%	15.9%	2.8%	13.4%	16.9%
MSCI AC World (USD)	USD	-	10.5%	-20.0%	37.3%	4.9%	12.6%	-0.5%	23.2%	2.0%	0.0%	7.8%
MSCI EAFE (USD)	USD	-	14.4%	-23.0%	34.2%	-6.9%	11.0%	-6.9%	23.4%	-3.2%	-0.1%	-0.6%
MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	USD	-	19.2%	-17.9%	44.9%	-16.1%	7.0%	-7.5%	25.1%	-2.4%	-2.5%	-1.2%
MSCI EMU Value	EUR	-	13.5%	-9.3%	45.4%	-23.1%	7.8%	-11.1%	23.1%	-5.4%	9.0%	4.3%
MSCI Europe	EUR	-	8.2%	-9.7%	41.9%	-13.1%	12.6%	-5.8%	19.5%	-6.8%	13.2%	7.2%
MSCI Europe Value	EUR	-	10.3%	-2.6%	44.8%	-25.1%	6.5%	-6.2%	19.8%	-6.0%	5.6%	7.4%
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	EUR	-	11.0%	-4.7%	56.6%	-23.3%	8.5%	-7.5%	22.1%	-5.3%	8.3%	6.4%
MSCI Japan Value	JPY	-	28.4%	7.5%	36.3%	-13.5%	0.5%	-3.6%	26.2%	-12.1%	19.4%	11.0%
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	JPY	-	29.8%	6.3%	38.9%	-12.1%	0.3%	-3.3%	28.6%	-12.1%	18.5%	12.5%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	USD	-	4.3%	-7.7%	50.6%	-3.5%	11.3%	4.9%	22.8%	4.2%	1.4%	15.7%
MSCI World (EUR)	EUR	-	3.3%	-4.5%	41.3%	0.0%	14.5%	4.0%	15.5%	2.0%	15.4%	17.9%
MSCI World (USD)	USD	-	10.5%	-18.5%	40.4%	4.4%	12.7%	1.2%	22.8%	1.2%	1.8%	8.7%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	EUR		-2.2%	9.0%	29.2%	-13.2%	14.3%	2.7%	10.8%	3.8%	11.9%	15.1%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	USD		4.6%	-6.6%	28.0%	-9.4%	12.7%	-0.3%	17.7%	3.3%	-1.6%	6.0%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	EUR		-3.6%	7.0%	43.0%	-16.5%	10.1%	1.5%	13.2%	3.2%	10.9%	16.9%
MSCI World Value (USD)	USD		3.1%	-8.4%	41.6%	-12.7%	8.5%	-1.4%	20.2%	2.7%	-2.5%	7.8%
MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	EUR	_	2.6%	2.8%	49.9%	-13.8%	10.8%	1.6%	16.6%	2.0%	12.4%	15.6%
MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	USD	_	9.8%	-12.0%	48.5%	-10.0%	9.2%	-1.4%	23.9%	1.5%	-1.2%	6.5%
S&P 500	USD	_	9.6%	-15.0%	42.3%	9.1%	13.6%	6.7%	22.9%	3.8%	4.5%	16.5%
S&P 500 Value	USD	_	7.0%	-4.3%	40.0%	-7.9%	13.6%	2.2%	18.7%	5.6%	0.0%	14.1%
S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	USD	_	-7.1%	1.8%	36.8%	-9.3%	14.1%	5.5%	16.9%	10.8%	3.4%	12.6%
TOPIX 100	JPY		20.7%	-0.1%	33.1%	-3.4%	4.5%	-2.9%	28.0%	-9.9%	17.2%	13.6%

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#### **Appendix**

#### **CROCI**

Cash Return on Capital Invested (CROCI) is a cash-flow-based analysis which, by making a series of economic adjustments to traditional accounting data, aims to make non-financial companies comparable - regardless of industry or domicile. The main areas where the "economic data" differ from the accounting data are as follows:

Net Capital Invested (NCI), the economic equivalent of book value, is derived from the reported numbers as follows:

CROCI aims to eliminate the effects of revaluations and inflation so that the CROCI asset base is shown in current cost terms.

Intangible assets (brands and R&D) are capitalised systematically by treating these expenses as investments in fixed assets. Operating leases are brought back on balance sheet and treated as capital invested as well.

Accounting schedules for depreciation are normalised and a measure of economic life is used.

CROCI, the economic equivalent of return on equity, is a real (inflation-adjusted) economic cash return. It is the internal rate of return of gross cash flows (taxed, adjusted EBDIT) over the average asset life of the company's assets against the gross capital invested.

Enterprise Value (EV) is the sum of all the holders having a claim on the company's cash flows. The EV consists of market value of equity, debt and other liabilities with probable claims on future cash flows, including warranties, some provisions, pension underfunding and leases.

EV/NCI is thus the CROCI equivalent of the price-to-book ratio. In the absence of growth, the EV/NCI should be directly proportional to the CROCI. Furthermore, if CROCI=The Cost of Capital (COC), then EV/NCI should be equal to one. Economic P/E is the CROCI version of the P/E ratio. Conventionally, the P/E ratio can be derived from price-to-book value (P/BV) divided by return on equity (E/BV or RoE). Thus:

Economic P/E = EV/NCI / CROCI

### **Definitions**

Enterprise Value (EV): Market value of equity (market cap), debt, and other liabilities, such as pension underfunding, warranties, leases.

Net Capital Invested (NCI): Estimated replacement value of the economic asset base, comprising the inflation-adjusted tangible assets, capitalised intangible assets (e.g. brands, R&D), leases and net working capital

Cash Return on Capital Invested (CROCI): Real (inflation adjusted) economic cash return on the adjusted asset base, calculated as an internal rate of return over the company's estimated asset life

Economic P/E: EV/ (CROCI \* NCI) or (EV/NCI)/CROCI

EV/NCI: EV/NCI (Economic Asset multiple)

Dividend Yield: Trailing 12months Total Return – Price Return

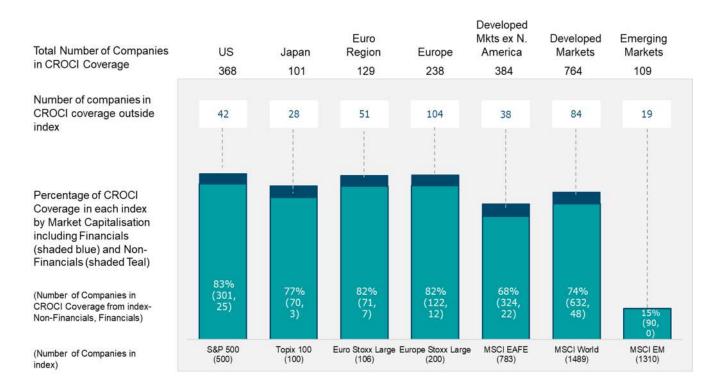
Free Cash Flow Yield: Free Cash Flow / EV

Leverage: Current Net Financial Liabilities / Current Market Cap

CROCI Real Earnings Weighted (CREW): CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Strategies seek to hold stocks where the companies weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings. CROCI Real Earnings is a measure of the Economic Earning power of each stock according to the CROCI methodology and is calculated as CROCI \* Net Capital Invested. This is then systematically adjusted to reflect the economic earnings attributable to equity. The construction methodology systematically manages sector exposure and seeks to moderate exposure to the largest companies. The methodology takes a position in each of the eligible CROCI covered companies in the stated selection universe.

 $Trailing \ numbers \ calculated \ as \ (No. \ of \ completed \ months \ in \ FY1)*FY1+(12-No. \ of \ completed \ months \ in \ FY1)*FY0.$ 

## **CROCI Company Coverage Across Major Markets**



Source: DWS, FactSet. Data as of 31 Dec. 2022

# Benchmark Bloomberg Tickers

S&P 500			
	SPTR500N Index	MSCI World High Dividend (USD)	M1WDHDVD Index
S&P 500 Value	SPNRSVX Index	MSCI World High Dividend (EUR)	M1WDHDVD (EUR)*
S&P HY Dividend Aristocrats	SPHYDAN Index	MSCI World (USD)	NDDUWI Index
MSCI USA Value Weighted	M1USVWGT Index	MSCI World (EUR)	MSDEWIN Index
EURO STOXX 50	SX5T Index	MSCI World Value (USD)	NDUVWI Index
MSCI EMU Value	NDLVEMU Index	MSCI World Value (EUR)	NDUVWI (EUR)*
MSCI Europe	M7EU Index	MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	M1WOVWGT Index
MSCI Europe Value	MSVEUNTR Index	MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	M1WOVWGT (EUR)*
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	M7EUVWG Index	MSCI EAFE (USD)	M1EA Index
TOPIX 100 (TR)	TPXD100 Index	MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	M1EAVWGT Index
MSCI Japan Value	NAVLJN Index		
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	M4JPVWGT Index		

<sup>\*</sup>The EUR version of the benchmark is not an actual Index and has been calculated by DWS by converting the respective USD version of the Index into Euros

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