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## ClucasGray Global Fund

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

ALL DATA IN US DOLLARS (\$)

DECEMBER 2024 Review

## FUND OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long term capital appreciation and income growth through investment in a concentrated portfolio of assets. The fund is primarily exposed to a focused portfolio of developed market equities. The fund is managed on the basis of the long term ownership of assets and has a bias towards high quality ideas. Investors with a time horizon of three to five years are ideally suited to this fund.

### FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio Managers:
Inception Date:
Fund Domicile:
Fund Classification:
ISIN:
Bloomberg Code:
Base Currency:
Fund Size:
Unit Price:
Benchmark:
Min Transaction Size:
Issue Date:

Financial Year End:

Distributions:

ClucasGray (Pty) Ltd 15 June 2023 Ireland Global UCITS IE000R3P36G3 PGCGGFA ID USD \$57 million 13.91 Morningstar EAA Fund USD Aggressive Allocation \$2 500 16 January 2025 31 December Accumulation

# CUMULATIVE VALUE OF \$100 INVESTED AT INCEPTION VERSUS BENCHMARK (ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE)



The illustrative investment performance is shown for illustrative purposes only and is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown.

**RISK & FUND STATS (ANNUALISED SINCE INCEPTION)** 

## NET PERFORMANCE - USD - 31 DEC 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	Annualise Since Inc	ed Return eption		Fund	Bench- mark
Fund *	-2.7%	-0.2%	2.3%	13.1%	13.3%		Alpha	0.1%	
Class A**	-2.8%	-0.6%	1.5%	11.4%	9.5%		Sharpe Ratio	0.74	0.50
Class B***	-2.8%	-0.4%	1.8%	12.0%	13.9%		Standard Deviation	11.0%	8.8%
Class C****	-2.7%	-0.4%	1.9%	12.3%	13.2%		Max Drawdown	-7.0%	-6.7%
Benchmark	-1.8%	-1.2%	3.4%	10.2%	9.6%		% Positive Months	68.4%	63.2%

## **ROLLING ANNUAL RETURN**

	Highest	Average	Lowest
Class A**	21.8%	16.3%	11.4%
Class B***	22.4%	18.8%	12.0%
Class C****	22.7%	17.9%	12.3%

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

The Fund is an ideal wealth creation vehicle for investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

## **RISK INDICATOR**

The value of your investments can fall. You can receive back less than you invested. These funds typically exhibit more volatility given their higher exposure to equities and offshore markets where currency fluctuations may result in capital losses.

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\* Fund performance is the net weighted average fee return for the fund

\*\* Inception Date: 24 July 2023. Highest fee class.
\*\*\* Inception Date: 18 September 2023
\*\*\*\* Inception Date: 29 June 2023

### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The ClucasGray Global Fund fell -2,7% in December while the Morningstar Aggressive Allocation peer group declined -1.8%. In the final quarter, the Fund declined -0.2%, returning +13.1% for the full year 2024 and outperforming the peer group's -1.2% fourth quarter decline and +10.2% full year gain.

LOW

Global markets ended the year on the back foot with a dramatic repricing of interest rate expectations in December weighing on equity valuations and offsetting much of the post-election market surge enjoyed in November. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 25 basis points as expected at their December meeting but struck a hawkish tone on further policy easing in 2025, given robust economic data and inflation still above target levels. US manufacturing (PMI 49.3) improved for a second month in December, while the services sector (PMI 54.1) expanded at a faster pace. US payroll additions (+256 000) also came in significantly above expectations in December.

US markets (S&P500 +2.1%) led in the fourth quarter boosted by Donald Trump's resounding election victory, with US technology (Nasdaq +6.2%) performing particularly well. Outside of the US, global markets had a difficult final quarter with softer economic data, political turmoil in France and a jump in the US dollar weighing on the USD performances in Europe (Stoxx 50 -9.1%) and the UK (FTSE100 -7.3%). From a global sector perspective, Information Technology (+4.2%) and Communication Services (+4.7%), which have outperformed throughout the year, again led on the upside. Materials (-14.5%) fared worst in the final quarter driven by a sharp selloff in large mining companies and a decline in energy shares. Healthcare (-11.6%) also had a difficult end to the year on concerns of more punitive regulation under a Trump administration.

The Fund's largest positive performance in the fourth quarter came from Booking Holdings (+18.0%), which sustained momentum after reporting strong earnings early in the quarter. Similarly, Amazon (+17.7%) moved higher throughout the quarter after the company reported strong cloud computing growth and improving retail margins. On the negative side, Elevance (-29.1%) fell sharply as a spike in medical costs weighed on the company's financial outlook. Novo Nordisk (-27.8%) also sold off sharply in December as trial data for its next generation weight loss drug disappointed relative to the company's own expectations.

During the quarter the Fund sold its position in Heineken, where aggressive pricing has resulted in consumers trading down from the company's products. The Fund also exited PayPal after a strong share price recovery and sold the remaining holding in Starwood Real Estate Credit. The Fund initiated a position in Intuit, a company with dominant positions in US tax filing and US small business accounting software. Towards the end of December, the Fund increased cash levels through selective reductions across large cap technology companies, which had become expensive. We believe entering 2025 with higher cash levels will allow the Fund to take advantage of potential market disruptions.

At the end of December the Fund had an underlying exposure to equities of 93.1%, and 6.9% cash.

The Fund has adhered to its investment policy. The number of participatory units at 31 December 2024 was 470 511. The current asset allocation versus the previous quarter is as follows:

Fund Asset Allocation	Q4 2024	Q3 2024
Foreign Equity	93%	93%
Foreign Cash	7%	4%
Foreign Property	0%	3%

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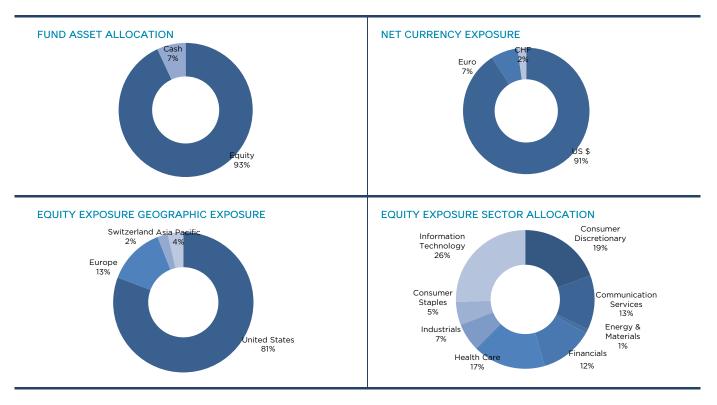
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## FEE STRUCTURE

TER	Class A
Annual Management Fee (excl. VAT)	1.50%
Other Cost	0.21%
VAT	0.00%
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.71%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.05%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.76%

## **TOP 10 EXPOSURES**

Name	Sector	Percent	Name	Sector	Percent
Visa	Financials	5.2%	Adobe	Information Technology	4.0%
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	4.7%	Emerson Electric	Industrials	3.9%
Booking Holdings	Consumer Discretionary	4.1%	McKesson	Health Care	3.8%
Microsoft	Information Technology	4.0%	Thermo Fisher	Health Care	3.7%
United Health	Health Care	4.0%	AutoZone	Consumer Discretionary	3.7%



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The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. During the phase in period TER's do not include information gathered over a full year.

Transaction Costs(TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

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Alpha: Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is used ot indicate the excess return the porfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

 $\operatorname{Max}\nolimits$  Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

% Positive Months: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive returns.

Equity investment risk: Value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. bankruptcy), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

Foreign Investment risk: Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations.

Interest rate risk: The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.

Property risk: Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

Currency exchange risk: Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

Liquidity risk: If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected.

Default risk: The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality it vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

Developing Market (excluding SA) risk: Some of the countries invested in may have less developed legal, political, economic and/or other systems. These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed.

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#### GLOSSARY SUMMARY Annualised Performance:

Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest & Lowest Returns: NAV:

The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

### % Positive Months:

The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

Net Performance:

Unit trust performance is net (after) management fees have been deducted.

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