

# SOMERSTON CORE EQUITY FUND

MONTHLY FACT SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2024

**Portfolio Objectives:** To grow capital over the medium term by investing in a concentrated portfolio of high quality companies and to outperform global equities over the economic cycle.

**Strategy:** We use a fundamental bottom-up approach to identify attractive investment opportunities. We have a 5-year investment horizon. We focus our investments in 15 to 25 high quality companies. We invest in companies that demonstrate strong governance, high profitability, low capital intensity, strong economic moats, and low business risk. We invest globally, without sector/geographic restrictions.

**Performance:** The Core Equity Fund (US1 class) rose by +0.3% in the month and rose by +6.5% over the last three months. The reference index fell by -0.4% during the month and rose by +9.5% over the last three months.

## Performance US1 (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>2017</b>				1.2	5.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	1.9	1.8	-1.8	2.1	<b>10.9</b>
<b>2018</b>	6.2	-4.6	-1.9	0.4	1.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	0.4	-8.5	2.7	-9.0	<b>-7.2</b>
<b>2019</b>	6.2	4.2	3.3	3.8	-4.0	5.7	0.6	0.8	-1.6	1.3	5.1	2.5	<b>31.1</b>
<b>2020</b>	0.9	-7.3	-14.3	12.5	5.8	2.6	4.4	5.5	-3.4	-3.8	9.7	2.9	<b>13.0</b>
<b>2021</b>	-0.6	1.7	3.3	5.0	0.2	3.4	3.1	2.2	-5.1	6.3	-1.6	2.9	<b>22.2</b>
<b>2022</b>	-8.3	-4.8	4.4	-9.4	-0.2	-8.8	10.4	-4.5	-8.6	6.6	4.7	-4.8	<b>-23.1</b>
<b>2023</b>	2.2	-3.8	5.3	1.8	-1.6	4.7	3.7	-1.1	-5.5	-2.8	8.9	4.6	<b>17.0</b>
<b>2024</b>	2.6	3.3	1.6	-4.2	4.0	2.1	0.3						<b>9.9</b>

Total return since 2017: 84.3%

## Geographical Allocation

Region	% Fund
North America	56.4%
Europe	37.5%
Cash and Equivalents	6.1%

## Sector Allocation

Sector	% Fund
Information Technology	24.0%
Health Care	17.1%
Communication Services	11.6%
Consumer Staples	11.4%
Financials	10.0%
Industrials	9.3%
Consumer Discretionary	9.2%
Cash and Equivalents	7.4%

## Top Ten Holdings

Name	% Fund
LVMH	8.4%
Mastercard Inc	7.4%
Alphabet Inc	6.3%
Assa Abloy AB-B	6.1%
Meta Platforms Inc	5.1%
SGS SA	4.4%
Microsoft Corp	4.2%
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	4.0%
Diageo PLC	4.0%
EssilorLuxottica SA	3.9%
<b>Total for Top Ten</b>	<b>53.9%</b>

This factsheet shows the performance of Somerson's "Core Equity Strategy" from 31 March 2017 to 30 September 2023 then the Somerston Core Equity Fund from its launch on 02 October 2023.

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