

# **SOMERSTON CORE EQUITY FUND**

# MONTHLY FACT SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 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) fell by -3.5% in the month and rose by +0.5% over the last three months. The reference index fell by -3.0% during the month and rose by +1.1% over the last three months.

Performance US1 (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2017				1.2	5.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	1.9	1.8	-1.8	2.1	10.9
2018	6.2	-4.6	-1.9	0.4	1.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	0.4	-8.5	2.7	-9.0	-7.2
2019	6.2	4.2	3.3	3.8	-4.0	5.7	0.6	0.8	-1.6	1.3	5.1	2.5	31.1
2020	0.9	-7.3	-14.3	12.5	5.8	2.6	4.4	5.5	-3.4	-3.8	9.7	2.9	13.0
2021	-0.6	1.7	3.3	5.0	0.2	3.4	3.1	2.2	-5.1	6.3	-1.6	2.9	22.2
2022	-8.3	-4.8	4.4	-9.4	-0.2	-8.8	10.4	-4.5	-8.6	6.6	4.7	-4.8	-23.1
2023	2.2	-3.8	5.3	1.8	-1.6	4.7	3.7	-1.1	-5.5	-2.8	8.9	4.6	17.0
2024	2.6	3.3	1.6	-4.2	4.0	2.1	0.3	3.3	0.8	-3.5			10.4

Total return since March 2017: 84.9%

Geographical Allocation					
Region	% Fund				
North America	62.5%				
Europe	32.0%				
Cash and Equivalents	5.5%				

Sector Allocation					
Sector	% Fund				
Information Technology	24.5%				
Health Care	16.7%				
Communication Services	12.7%				
Consumer Staples	11.8%				
Financials	11.5%				
Industrials	10.4%				
Consumer Discretionary	10.2%				
Cash and Equivalents	2.3%				

Top Ten Holdings					
Name	% Fund				
Alphabet Inc	6.7%				
Meta Platforms Inc	6.5%				
LVMH	6.2%				
Mastercard Inc	6.0%				
Assa Abloy AB-B	5.4%				
Microsoft Corp	4.7%				
Visa	4.4%				
Diageo PLC	4.3%				
ASML Holding NV-NY Reg SHS	4.0%				
EssilorLuxottica SA	3.8%				
Total for Top Ten	52.1%				

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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