

# Cape Equity Fund

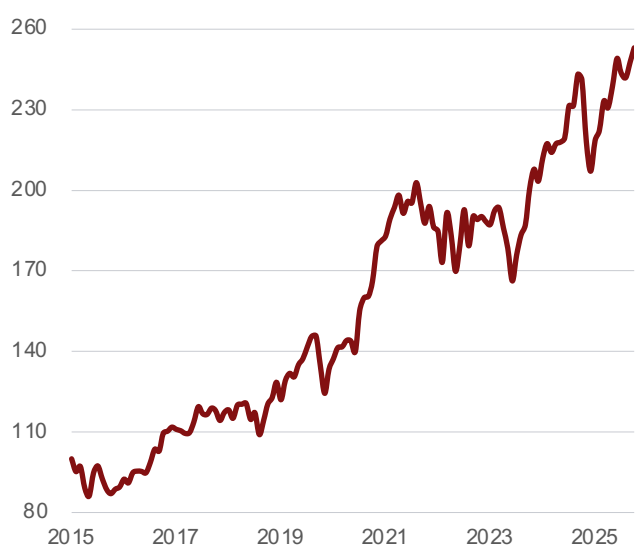
Cape Capital SICAV-UCITS

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## Fund strategy

The objective of the Cape Equity Fund is to create long-term capital appreciation by investing in a global portfolio of equity securities. The Fund holds 20-30 large-cap global quality firms which are leaders in their industries, hold strong franchises, have moderate debt, and generate solid cash flows that can be distributed through dividends or share buybacks on a sustainable basis. ESG considerations are integrated into the investment process.

## Performance (%)



Current month	YTD	1Y (p.a.)	3Y (p.a.)	5Y (p.a.)	Since inception
2.12	4.59	4.92	10.20	8.77	153.06

## Fund information

Date	28 February 2026
Current AUM	EUR 488m
Fund type	SICAV-UCITS
Fund inception <sup>2</sup>	01 June 2015
Minimum investment	EUR 5,000
Available currency	EUR, CHF, USD
Redemption	Daily by 3pm C.E.T
Management fee	0.50% p.a.
Share class	Internal A EUR Accumulating
Fund domicile	Luxembourg
Management company	MultiConcept Fund Management
Central administration	UBS Fund Administration Services Luxembourg S.A.
Auditor	PwC (Luxembourg)
Legal advisor	Arendt & Medernach
Depository bank	UBS Europe SE, Luxembourg Branch

## Fund statistics<sup>1</sup>

Return (% annualized since inception)	9.03
Volatility (% annualized) <sup>3</sup>	13.92
Max drawdown (% since inception)	-18.05
Sharpe ratio	0.60
Risk free rate <sup>4</sup>	0.70

Note: past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Please see page 2 for detailed share class information.

1. Fund performance is shown based on the NAV (net of fees) of the share class Internal A EUR, inception 01 June 2015.
2. Fund inception in June 2015 as Cape Capital SICAV-SIF. Converted to Cape Capital SICAV-UCITS in July 2017.
3. Annualized standard deviation using monthly return since inception.
4. Risk free return is calculated as the annualized return of EURIBOR 3 month since the inception of the Fund.

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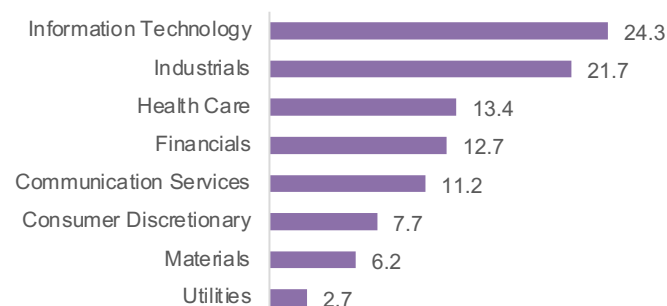
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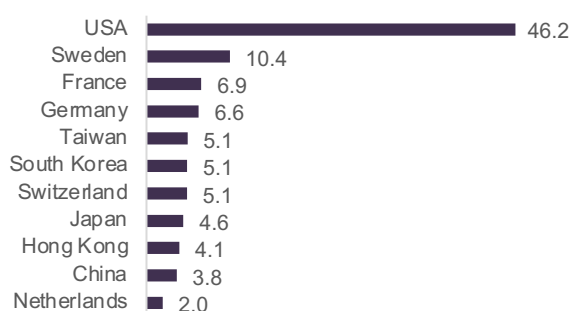
## Top holdings

Company	Country	Weight (%)
Epiroc	Sweden	6.03
TSMC	Taiwan	5.13
Samsung	South Korea	5.11
Novartis	Switzerland	5.07
Hitachi	Japan	4.64
No. of positions		26

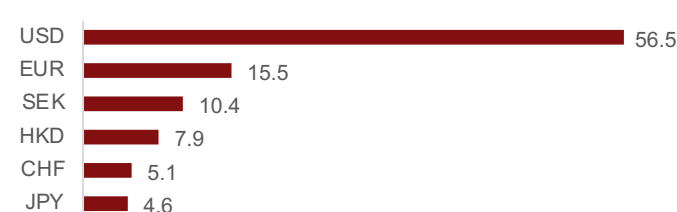
## Sector allocation (%)



## Geographic distribution (%)



## Currency exposure (%)



All allocations are calculated based on notional exposure (excl. cash).

FX exposure refers to the currency denomination of the security.

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) presented in this document reflects final TER for the previous year.

## Share class information

Share class	Bloomberg	ISIN	Inception	Fee p.a. (%)	TER (bp)	Current NAV
Internal A EUR Acc.	CSCVEII LX Equity	LU1200255203	01/06/2015	0.50	69.0	253.06
Institutional B EUR Acc.	CACEIBE LX Equity	LU1200254495	31/01/2020	1.00	115.0	168.82
Internal A CHF Acc.	CCSCEAC LX Equity	LU1200255385	08/07/2023	0.50	68.0	127.82
Internal A USD Acc.	CSCVIAU LX Equity	LU1200255625	22/07/2024	0.50	72.0	120.42

## Investment returns<sup>1</sup>

in %	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2015						-4.74	1.96	-8.31	-3.31	10.07	2.71	-4.91	-7.43
2016	-4.36	-1.69	1.91	0.94	3.26	-1.53	4.17	0.62	-0.12	-0.52	4.00	5.05	11.89
2017	-0.65	6.37	0.76	1.36	-0.75	-0.44	-0.91	0.26	3.61	4.99	-2.14	-0.27	12.50
2018	2.01	-0.74	-3.14	2.55	0.87	-2.65	4.28	0.26	0.27	-4.94	2.16	-6.96	-6.46
2019	5.06	5.11	2.06	4.62	-5.08	5.80	2.15	-1.01	3.43	1.71	3.09	2.84	33.53
2020	0.10	-7.38	-7.83	7.20	2.96	2.97	0.25	1.67	-0.17	-2.70	10.83	3.15	9.91
2021	0.38	3.52	7.73	1.15	1.05	3.44	2.27	2.35	-3.41	2.31	-0.27	3.85	26.81
2022	-4.03	-3.58	3.35	-3.97	-0.84	-6.25	10.58	-4.35	-7.29	5.79	7.31	-7.00	-11.61
2023	6.13	-0.63	0.59	-0.98	-0.57	2.76	0.51	-3.92	-4.03	-6.79	5.71	4.32	2.24
2024	2.13	7.08	3.68	-2.14	4.23	2.52	-1.51	1.50	0.27	0.72	5.45	0.01	26.26
2025	5.07	-0.83	-9.57	-5.05	5.15	1.73	4.92	-1.07	3.54	4.27	-2.11	-0.77	4.53
2026	2.42	2.12											4.59

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## From bits to bricks

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### Market update

Global equities delivered mixed returns. The MSCI World Index rose modestly, but U.S. indices lagged. In contrast, Europe and parts of Asia outperformed, supported by cyclical exposure and a rotation into "old economy" sectors. This performance unfolded during a month defined less by macroeconomic data and more by narrative volatility, as investors rapidly repriced the implications of artificial intelligence across sectors. While headline index performance appeared relatively benign, beneath the surface, markets experienced significant rotation, dispersion, and sentiment-driven selling, with leadership expanding beyond the narrow group of mega-cap technology stocks that had dominated in previous periods.

The dominant theme was the rapid escalation of fears regarding AI disruption. Incremental product enhancements from leading AI developers triggered concerns about the durability of software, professional services, and data-driven business models, leading to a sharp de-rating across large parts of the technology sector. Hyperscaler announcements of substantial AI capex further unsettled investors, shifting the focus from long-term growth potential toward questions of capital intensity, payback periods and return on investment. As the month progressed, the debate broadened from software into adjacent industries, with investors increasingly questioning which business models could be structurally challenged by more capable and accessible AI tools. Importantly, much of the selling pressure was driven by speculative narratives and social-media-amplified scenarios rather than observable deterioration in earnings or demand. While the long-term transformative potential of AI remains compelling, the near-term market reaction suggests investors are demanding clearer evidence of monetisation and competitive durability before re-engaging. In that sense, positioning has shifted from enthusiasm to scrutiny, with sentiment toward the technology sector becoming markedly more cautious.

Against this backdrop, capital rotated decisively into what has become known as the "HALO trade", heavy assets with low obsolescence risk. Industrials, materials, utilities and consumer staples outperformed, reflecting a renewed preference for tangible, capital-intensive businesses with visible cash flows and pricing power. This rotation was particularly evident in Europe, where sector composition naturally tilts toward these areas and where improving macro indicators, earnings momentum and strong investor inflows reinforced the trend. Banks and telecoms also benefited from stable balance sheets and capital return visibility, while basic resources were supported by firmer commodity prices and expectations of continued infrastructure and electrification demand.

Geopolitics re-entered the investment landscape late in the month, with US–Israel military action against Iran introducing a new risk factor. While markets have historically tended to look through geopolitical events, a more prolonged or escalatory conflict, particularly one that disrupts energy supply routes, could place renewed upward pressure on inflation and complicate the policy outlook. For now, markets are monitoring developments closely, but the episode serves as a reminder that geopolitical risk remains an important and unpredictable driver of market sentiment.

### Fund performance

The portfolio delivered a positive return in February, rising +2.12% and modestly outperforming global equity markets, supported by strong stock selection in industrials, semiconductors and real assets which more than offset weakness in US growth and platform names.

Performance was led by our exposure to real assets and capital-intensive industrials, which benefited from the rotation toward tangible cash-flow businesses. Strong contributors included Corning (+46.3%), Samsung Electronics (+36.6%),

Taiwan Semiconductor (+14.1%), Infineon (+10.3%), Volvo (+7.4%) and Epiroc (+7.7%), alongside infrastructure and environmental names such as Veolia (+13.7%) and Air Liquide (+12.9%). These holdings are positioned at the intersection of electrification, data infrastructure and industrial capex, which remained well supported despite broader market volatility.

Our defensive and healthcare exposure provided stability in a more narrative-driven market. Novartis (+14.8%) and Pfizer (+5.1%) delivered positive performance, supported by resilient earnings profiles and continued demand for non-cyclical healthcare services, while offering downside protection as volatility increased and bond yields eased.

US growth and platform companies were the main detractors as AI disruption fears triggered a broad de-rating across the application layer of the technology stack. Weakness was seen in Amazon (-11.8%), Alphabet (-7.3%), Microsoft (-8.3%) and Nvidia (-6.9%), while data and financial infrastructure names such as MSCI (-5.7%) and Intercontinental Exchange (-5.1%) also declined. KKR (-22.9%) was notably weak, reflecting its exposure to private equity and software valuations and the market's reassessment of exit multiples and capital intensity.

Our China internet exposure also detracted, with Alibaba (-14.6%) and Tencent (-14.3%) underperforming during the month amid a combination of regulatory overhang, softer domestic demand and rising concerns around AI competition. This contrasted with stronger performance across North Asian hardware names, highlighting the growing dispersion within the broader Asia technology complex.

Performance among industrial automation and engineering names was more mixed. Siemens (-3.7%), Hitachi (-3.1%) and Rockwell Automation (-2.9%) modestly detracted as markets differentiated between industrial software and automation exposure versus heavy equipment and infrastructure beneficiaries. Elsewhere, Netflix (+15.8%) was a notable positive contributor on continued subscriber momentum, while positions such as Akzo Nobel (+0.5%) were broadly flat and Thermo Fisher (-9.5%) modestly weaker.

## Portfolio activity

The Cape Equity Fund implemented several portfolio adjustments during the month, exiting positions in LVMH, Uber, Salesforce and EssilorLuxottica, while increasing exposure to Air Liquide, Pfizer and Veolia and initiating a position in Akzo Nobel, reflecting a deliberate shift toward a more defensive and cash-flow resilient portfolio profile.

We exited Uber ahead of earnings as the Autonomous Vehicle (AV) debate continues to dominate the investment case. The key question remains whether autonomous driving disintermediates Uber or strengthens its role as the operating system for global mobility. At present, markets are leaning toward the former, with concerns that AV adoption could bypass the two-sided marketplace, erode Uber's take rate and compress its competitive moat. While near-term fundamentals—cash flow, bookings and margins—remain solid, valuation is increasingly driven by long-term AV outcomes rather than near-term earnings visibility. Until fundamentals are once again the primary driver of the share price, we prefer to remain on the sidelines.

We also exited LVMH following results. While the Group again demonstrated strong cost discipline and margin resilience, the anticipated top-line inflection failed to materialise, particularly within Fashion & Leather Goods where growth remains fragile and visibility limited. Demand remains soft, especially among Chinese consumers, where domestic spending is weak and offshore recovery is only modest, while U.S. consumer demand is normalizing after strong comparables. Volumes continue to decline, with growth primarily driven by higher prices rather than a genuine recovery in demand, which raises concerns about sustainability. With management guiding for a challenging 2026, limited scope for earnings upgrades, and the shares trading at elevated multiples, we see a higher probability of sideways or downward price action in the near term.

We sold Salesforce amid the ongoing repricing of software equities as fears of AI disruption intensified. The core concern is the potential erosion of value perception for incumbent software vendors, as increasingly capable, lower-cost AI tools encroach on historically protected profit pools. Investors are questioning whether established software companies can continue to command premium pricing in an environment where barriers to entry are falling. Although valuations have compressed compared to recent years, they remain broadly in line with long-term averages. Given the speed and intensity of the current narrative, and positioning data indicating significant hedge fund selling across the sector, we prefer to allocate capital away from crowded and structurally uncertain areas toward steadier compounders such as Air Liquide. We also exited EssilorLuxottica, where we see rising valuation risk and an increasingly fragile growth narrative around smart glasses. The shares were trading on elevated multiples largely justified by optimism around AI-enabled

eyewear and the “smartphone replacement” thesis. However, the competitive landscape is intensifying rapidly, with low-cost entrants such as Alibaba, Xiaomi and Huawei scaling affordable AI glasses, while Apple’s expected entry later this decade introduces a vertically integrated premium competitor. As the market shifts from scarcity to competition, we see a clear risk that growth expectations moderate and valuation multiples revert toward historical levels.

Proceeds were redeployed into Akzo Nobel, a global leader in paints and coatings with strong positions across Decorative Paints and Performance Coatings. The company benefits from structural growth drivers including urbanisation, infrastructure investment, electrification and sustainability-led product innovation. Management is executing portfolio optimization and efficiency programs aimed at delivering meaningful cost savings and margin expansion, while maintaining strong positions in high-value segments such as marine, powder coatings, and protective coatings.

Cyclically, while volumes have been under pressure due to weak construction and industrial activity, leading indicators suggest a gradual recovery from the second half of 2026 as interest rates ease and infrastructure spending improves. In addition, the pending merger of equals with Axalta represents a significant catalyst, creating a global coatings leader with enhanced scale, diversified end-markets and meaningful cost synergies. This combination has the potential to materially improve profitability, free cash flow generation and capital returns over time.

From a valuation perspective, Akzo Nobel trades at a meaningful discount to global peers, reflecting lower current profitability and cyclical headwinds. However, successful execution on cost savings and merger synergies, combined with a normalisation in end-market demand, provides a clear pathway for margin expansion and multiple re-rating, offering an attractive risk-reward profile for long-term investors.

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